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Earlier in 2015 we were advised that Archery was being added to the adventurous activities requiring an activity permit. At that time Robin Corti (ACC Activities) advised that under the permitted transitional arrangements that we would carry on with the previous arrangements until the end of 2015, by which time we would seek to find suitably qualified assessors to assess permit applications.

At that time we had John Bowman as the County Archery Advisor, a role John still holds.

Robin is pleased to advise that nearly three months before the end of the transitional arrangement that we now have 3 County appointed Archery Assessors, with a 4th on the way (John Bowman). Two Assessors have been inducted into their new roles and third will follow shortly.

The currently approved Assessors with the Archery GB Instructor Award are:

Louise Preedy, contact louise.preedy@glswscouts.org.uk

Mark Roberts, contact rocky12947@hotmail.com

Mike Pain, contact makpain@gmail.com

Robin is aware that archery, without compound bows takes place across the County but what is not known is how many adults are qualified and leading and how many, if any, are not.

The fact sheet for archery is FS120406

The fact sheet for assessment is AC120953

There are two types of archery without compound bow permits, a leadership and a supervisory. The leadership can allow up to 4 shooters in a line and the supervisory up to 3 groups of shooters.

From this you will note, along with all other activity permits that there are several routes to obtain a permit, depending on whether the applicant has an acceptable NGB qualification or not.

Fact sheet AC120953 states that if the applicant has an Archery GB Instructor Award or equivalent or higher qualification then a practical assessment may not be required.

The determination of this will remain with the Assessor concerned who will examine the logged history that should accompany the application form.

If the Assessor is satisfied with the qualification and the logged history then they may deem that a practical assessment is not required and sign off the technical assessment part of the process giving the DC, who checks suitability etc. the remainder of the checks before he or she signs off the assessment and issues the permit.

If the assessor is happy with the NGB qualification but is uncertain about the logged history, possibly because it is thin in content or the activity has not been practiced for some years then they may require the applicant to carry out a practical assessment against the assessment criteria.

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If the applicant has good leadership skills, demonstrated by the log, but does not hold the NGB qualification then almost certainly the Assessor will require a practical assessment before issuing a recommendation to the DC.

We do not know how many permits will be required as this activity information is not logged and so in order not to overload Assessors we would ask Districts to phase in applications to Assessors, bearing in mind that they all have other roles in Scouting, starting with those applications for leadership permits that have the NGB qualification and when the backlog is dealt with then any that wish to pursue a supervisory permit and then progress to the remainder. That way the easiest permits to issue can be sorted quickly, allowing the sport to continue.

Finally, just to remove any confusion, particularly regarding the alternative qualifications, the following is of note:

Archery FAQ's

Why have the requirements for Archery qualifications changed?

As of November 2014, the previously referenced Archery Leader Award will cease to be offered. After consultation with the membership it was decided that the shorter Archery Instructor Award would provide a satisfactory level of skill.

What about those who hold the GNAS Community Sport's Leader award?

Both Archery GB and The Scout Association consider the GNAS Community Sports Archery Leader Award to be 'equivalent or higher' to the Archery GB Instructor Award. Where our guidance references one qualification it can be read to also reference the other.

How do I arrange a course with Archery GB?

You can either contact Archery GB directly, or you can look for a Scout-based course. These can be found on the [events pages of the website](#), or by contacting activities@scouts.org.uk.

Why do I need a further qualification to instruct compound bows?

Because of the increased risk, and the lack of coverage in the Archery Instructor qualification, you must hold a Level 2 Coach award or higher, where compound bow instruction is specifically covered.

How old do I have to be to be in charge of a compound bows activity?

There is no minimum or maximum age on this qualification. We have been advised that someone wanting to learn to instruct in compound bow use, without previous archery experience, should wait until they are 18 so that they have gained the necessary skills and experience.

Can I now shoot at human and animal shaped targets?

No, the ban on shooting at human and animal shaped targets is still in place.

What about zombie motifs? Can I use targets which shoot red liquid out when they are shot?

Any target that looks like a human, skeletal or otherwise, cannot be shot at as part of a Scout activity or on Scout owned property. The Scout Association advises extreme sensitivity when using targets with liquid inside, especially taking into consideration the risk of a young person fainting or becoming distressed at the sight of 'blood' whilst still holding a bow.

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