



Dogs at Competitions and Events

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Being an inclusive sport, Archery GB wishes to encourage everyone to take part in archery and therefore we acknowledge that some participants may require an assistance dog (as currently defined in UK legislation) - or support dog, whilst participating in an archery competition.

- 1) Assistance dogs should be welcomed at Archery GB competitions and events, unless prohibited by the landowner for a specific reason and not in breach of discrimination legislation.
- 2) Dogs which are not considered to be assistance dogs may be allowed at competitions or events at the discretion of the event organiser, unless prohibited by the landowner for a specific reason and not in breach of discrimination legislation.
- 3) If dogs are permitted at a competition or event, the dog owner has overall responsibility.
- 4) The presence of a dog should not have any impact on others and their shooting ability, nor the overall safety or enjoyment of the event.
- 5) Dog owners should be aware that not all people are comfortable being around dogs and therefore it is the obligation of the dog owner to:
 - a) Contact the organiser prior to the event seeking clearance to attend with a dog;
 - b) Where applicable, confirm that all members of the archer's group are happy with a dog being present;
 - c) Always maintain the dog on a short (non-extendable) lead;
 - d) Clear up their own dog's mess.
- 6) If any dog causes issues, displays inappropriate or disruptive behaviour at a competition or event, then organisers and/or judges are within their capacity to ask the owner to remove the dog from the event and/or the facility/course and/or leave the competition or event.
- 7) If any other attendee at an archery competition or event has concerns about the presence or activities of a dog or its owner, then they should raise this with the event organiser.

In addition, the following applies to the following disciplines:

Target, Flight, Clout Archery

- 8) In line with the Archery GB Rules of Shooting (Disabled and Visually Impaired Archers) assistance dogs are allowed on the field of play.
- 9) Formally classified archers should be aware that World Archery Rule 21.12.10 states that for all international tournaments and/or those tournaments registered with World Archery (World Record Status Tournaments), no assistance or support dogs will be permitted on the field of play.
- 10) Support and non-assistance dogs should not enter the field of play nor be within 10m of the shooting line.

Field/3D Archery

- 11) Where permitted on the course, all dogs must be securely tethered at least 5 metres behind the shooting peg so as not to cause a disturbance to archers shooting.
- 12) If dogs are not permitted on the course, then they could be securely left in an area as directed by the organiser, and that someone is designated as taking responsibility for the dog and not left unattended.