



## Outdoor Shooting Guidance April 2023

When booking to shoot outdoors or attending the outdoor range you are agreeing that you will abide by ALL the measures within the Risk Assessment and will follow the guidance the club committee has put in place below.

A maximum of 6 archers per boss – with a maximum of 3 on a single detail.

All archers who wish to shoot on the same boss must agree the distance they wish to shoot.  
Use the options on the booking form to select how many archers you'd like to share the boss with.

Access to the everyday container key is via the key-safe box. **Do not open the fire-door! This is only for archers shooting indoors.** Outdoor archers may access through the floodgate and walk around the perimeter of the pavilion. The pavilion front door & office keys are in the box on the table in the everyday container. It is the responsibility of each member to manage the hygiene and cleanliness of facilities. Cleaning materials are provided.

### Booking

#### **Club nights:**

It is highly recommended that you book a session to ensure that there will be at least 2 archers (over 18) at the range to allow shooting and that there are not more than 9 bosses or 54 archers. However, booking for outdoor club nights is not mandatory.

<https://bronte-archers.co.uk/booking-form/>

#### **Non-club nights:**

You MUST book onto a session, there is no turn-up and shoot. The booking form is available online here:

<https://bronte-archers.co.uk/booking-form/>

Please complete **ONE FORM PER PERSON**. You must select how many people you'd like to share with as you book. This determines the maximum number of people allowed for the session. **You must not attend the club without a booking.**

The use of all carbon arrows are allowed.

#### On arrival at the range for your session

If you are the 1<sup>st</sup> to arrive **do not start setting up alone**, wait for another archer to arrive.

#### **Just a few points to remember:**

**Important:** If you have not used the online booking system you **MUST** sign in completing the following; time of arrival, your name and time of leaving. Outdoor signing in/out sheets will be placed on the table in the container.

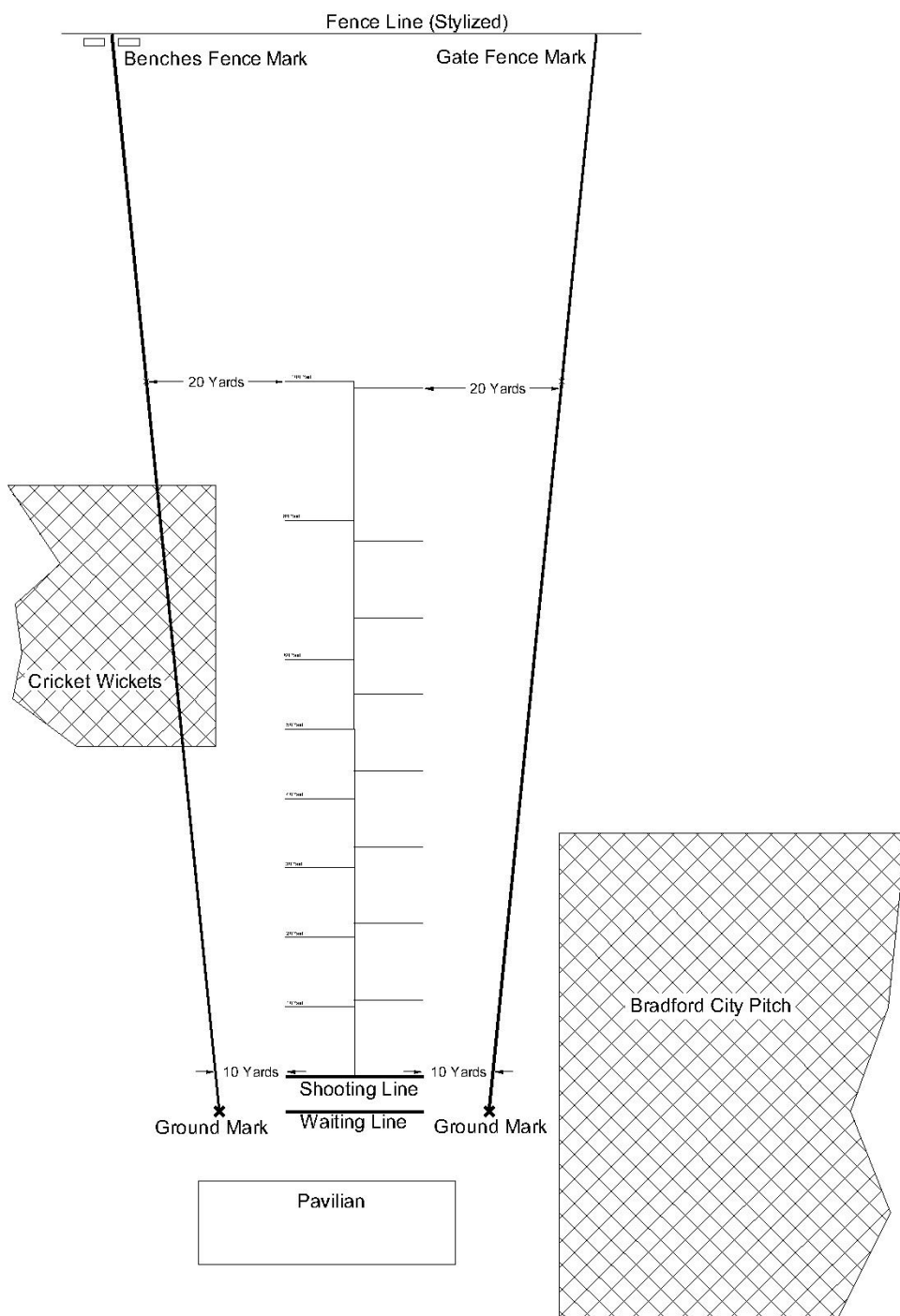
Maximum of 9 bosses placed 2.5 metres apart, ensuring the entirety of the boss fits within the lines. This is to ensure we remain on our agreed range and not encroach on other parts of the field.

#### **Rope out the side safety areas correctly.**

The illustration below shows the correct measurements to use:

From the outer edge of bosses the distance from the shooting line is 10-yards increasing to 20-yard at the 100-yard distance. Then follow that angle all the way to the fence.

**There is a white cross near the waiting line and a white marking on the fence for the pre-measured start and end points of the side safety areas for the full 9 boss range.**



Please start shooting at a short distance to minimise chances of missing the target.

If there is another sport on the field but it is outside of the boundaries of the overshoot, position your targets to give as much space as possible to avoid balls hitting the archers. If you cannot do so within the boundary of the range and overshoot **do not shoot**.

Ensure you correctly use tie-downs. For straw bosses this requires you to pick up a tiedown, push the smaller spikes into the edge of the straw at 2 and 10 o'clock, then the ground spike firmly into the ground. For the 10-Zone bosses the tie downs remain clipped to the boss. You must first put in the ground spike on the centre of the front cross bar into the ground, then the back tie down (which is clipped to the top of the boss at each corner) ground spike into the ground.

On completion of setting the required number of bosses onto the range follow the rules of shooting, nominate a field captain, and enjoy your session. Anticipate that even with ropes and signs up members of the public may trespass into the range, if that happens call FAST and wait until they have cleared the overshoot before continuing.

### **Lost Arrows**

You must count the number of arrows you will be using and ensure you count the same number when you finish.

If you lose an arrow, please alert your fellow archers who will assist in search if able. Metal detectors and rakes are available in the container. Search until you find the arrow.

If the arrow/s isn't found before you leave (if either another booking is on the field, or it goes dark) inform a committee member immediately and complete the "Lost Arrow" book in the office or container.

### **Pass-throughs**

If your arrows are beginning to pass through the boss (i.e. they are penetrating a long way into or through the boss) immediately stop shooting and place a target back-stop (nappy) behind your boss, if they are still passing through hang a second back-stop or move to a firmer boss. This is common in rain and allowing your arrows to pass all the way through the boss causes significant reduction in the life of the target.

### **Arrows stuck in the target stand**

If your arrow becomes stuck in the stand or wood surrounding the boss and you cannot pull it by hand please ensure you use the Arojac to remove it. Do not dig out with a knife or wriggle the arrow free as that causes more damage to the wood and potentially your arrow. [Here is a video demonstration of how to use the Arojac.](#)

If you are repeatedly getting arrows in the wood surrounding the target you may prefer to use a straw boss as there is less visible wood for the arrow to get caught in.

### **Taking down the range**

If using the layered foam targets please ensure you store them with the target side towards the wall. Leave the tie-downs attached.

If you are using the straw bosses please replace them back against the wall – and hang the tie-downs on the hook on the wall.

Leave the Arojac in clear sight hung on one of the hooks on the right-hand wall of the container.

Once all equipment is back in the container, check the office and pavilion doors are locked, return the pavilion keys into the box in the container, sign out (if applicable), close and padlock the door. Place the container key back in the key box and scramble the code.