

‘ScotSoft Archery Club’ Definitions

‘ScotSoft Archery’ is a generic term for archery activities within a managed and controlled environment where:

- The bows used are of either ‘flat’ or ‘recurve’ design with draw weights no greater than 20lbs (measured at 28”).
- The arrows used will be of fibreglass or carbon fibre construction (shaft), fitted with a nock and fletches and with the front of the arrow fully enclosed within foam or rubber sucker tips (or equivalent).
- Targets will be of a suitable material (eg: plastic or MDF construction or equivalent) that will enable the archer to identify where the arrow has impacted on the target for scoring purposes.
- The distances to be shot will be appropriate to the size of venue being used and taking account of individual participants, age, development and ability. It is recommended that the targets be placed at least 5 metres in front of the shooting line

‘Club’

From a ‘ScotSoft Archery’ perspective a ‘Club’ is defined as:

- A group of 2 or more participants under the age of 18 who are under the supervision of an appropriate adult or a certified Soft Archery Leader (over the age of 16) who meet as a club on a regular basis. Such supervisor or leader **must** be a member of the PVG Scheme.
- The Club must have a Constitution that includes the relevant Equality Act 2010 clause and defines the purpose and membership of the ‘ScotSoft Archery’ club except under the following circumstances:
 - The Club is part of a defined School Activity Programme as recognised by Active Schools.
 - The Club is part of a recognised Uniformed Organisation (eg: Scout Troops affiliated to Scouts Scotland, Boys Brigade Scotland, Girls Guides, Cadet Forces)
 - Where the ScotSoft Club is integrated into an Archery Club affiliated to both Archery GB and Scottish Archery
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Governance

In order for any equipment or grant funding to be provide to the ‘ScotSoft Archery’ Club there must be in place a bank account in the name of the Club. (This will necessitate a Constitution being in place).

Similarly in order for any equipment or grant funding to be provided a formal committee structure, as defined by the Club Constitution will have to be in place.

Equipment

- Scottish Archery has a partnership agreement in place with Decathlon for supply of Soft Archery equipment, we recommend [you consider](#) the use of this equipment.
- We have a risk assessment for the use of Decathlon equipment

- Clubs are welcome to source other equipment but would be responsible for carrying out their own risk assessment.
- Any non Decathlon equipment must conform to the 'Scotsoft' conditions above

Insurance

- All participants in a registered 'Scotsoft' Archery club are insured through Scottish Archery for public liability – as long as the equipment is used appropriately and safely.
- All Leaders that have completed the 'Scottish Archery Leaders' certificate or a recognised coaching qualification and have a valid PVG will be insured to lead on the activity through Scottish Archery.
- For School and uniformed organisations, participants and Leaders could also be insured through the school or uniformed organisation. It is the responsibility of the Leader to check this with their organisation.

Glossary of Terms:

- 'flat' / 'recurve' bows
- Nock
- Fletches
- Arm guards
- Finger guards
- Shooting line