

## Reducing risk of COVID-19 transmission and infection within Branch A Archery Clubs

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ABA suspended all Branch Grading Shoots until 30.04.2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It up to local clubs if they like to continue shoot activities in line with government recommendation of social distancing and group gatherings (as of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020).

Currently, the NT has only 1 confirmed case of COVID-19 in Darwin (traveller in hospital isolation) and no cases in Alice Springs. Also archery is an outdoor activity which poses a low risk of potential transmission.

In my line as a professional Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner, currently working at Alice Springs Hospital in this capacity, I would give following recommendations to FPPA and DCBH in regards to continuing shoot activities (based on the Communicable Diseases Network Guidelines Australia as of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020):

- Outdoor activity poses lower transmission risk of respiratory pathogens in general
- All participants to adhere to social distancing of 1.5metres
- Observe cough etiquette  
[https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/440ce9004ff8e4298458bf4826472d56/WWC\\_CoughEtiquette+FS.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE-440ce9004ff8e4298458bf4826472d56-n3eY27a](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/440ce9004ff8e4298458bf4826472d56/WWC_CoughEtiquette+FS.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE-440ce9004ff8e4298458bf4826472d56-n3eY27a)
- Regular hand washing (e.g. before and after eating, toilet, sneezing, ...)
- Keep shoot groups small (max. 4 people) to enable social distancing
- Nobody to attend archery club and/or shoot activity if suffering any respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, mild temperature or fever, runny nose, etc.)
- Don't share any food

Continuing shoot activity needs to be decided on club level. Branch A is only acting in advisory capacity.