Archery risk assessment - Girlguiding Edinburgh

Activity	Hazard	Level	Likelihood	Action taken to control
Shooting	Sore fingers (string hand)	Slight	Moderate	Finger tabs provided if required
	String catches arm on firing	Moderate	Moderate	Arm guards &/or long sleeves compulsory
	Arrow injures shooter's hand	Moderate	Low	Measure arrows against shooter to ensure even when overdrawn the arrow will not fall behind the rest
	Hair, jewellery or clothing caught in bow	Slight	Moderate	All long hair to be tied back; no dangling clothing etc. (eg. Neckerchieves)
	Participants injured by flying arrows	Moderate	Low	Range discipline - nobody goes forward of shooting line until Instructor allows. Bows only loaded when facing down range. Non-shooting participants (and observers) remain behind safety line.
	Other people injured by flying arrows	Moderate	Low	Only participants allowed on range. Ensure backdrop (overshoot) area is clear.
	Injury from using equipment too heavy for the participant	Moderate	Low	Instructor to ensure participants use suitable weight of bow.
Collecting arrows	Injury (particularly to eyes) when removing arrows from target	Moderate	Moderate	Range discipline - instructor to ensure participants are aware not to stand in front of target, and to check behind them before removing arrows.
	Injury from walking into arrow (in ground or on target)	Moderate	High	Always walk up the side of the range, not in path of arrows.
	Injury from fall while carrying arrows	Moderate	Low	Never run. Instructors to ensure participants carry arrows safely.
	Boss falls as arrows are pulled	Moderate	Moderate	Instruction in proper way to remove arrows (one hand against boss)
Setting up / taking down	Heavy lifting	Moderate	Low	Sufficient people to carry heavy equipment; provide instruction if required.