

# British Horseback Archery Association



## Syllabus D

**Syllabus D** contains the main part of course material associated with risk assessment and safe practises on the range for both ground archery and horseback archery.

The ***BHAA Range Safety Officer (RSO)*** qualifications are a prerequisite for running an active club. That they are held should be an indication to prospective members as to a club's likely reliability for operating with good safety standards.

**BHAA Syllabus D contains 2 sections:**

- Ground range safety officer – RSO (ground)
- Mounted range safety officer – RSO (mounted)

**Summary of qualifications requiring RSO (g) and RSO (m):**

		RSO (g)	RSO (m)
Practical	Intermediate horseback archer	✓	
	Advanced horseback archer	✓	✓
Coaching	BHAA club coach	✓	✓
	BHAA advanced coach	✓	✓
Organiser	BHAA Range safety officer (RSO)	✓	✓

The BHAA assessors will be drawn from the BHAA coaches: Advanced Coaches in most cases, with the Club Coaches also assessing some levels. In order ensure that each examiner is assessing to the same standard all coaches must take the Assessment Skills module (available on request). Other requirements for those wishing to assess are current BHAA membership and confirmation that assessors are keeping up to date.

For an up to date and comprehensive list of requirements contact the BHAA.

## Ground Range Safety Officer RSO(g)

- For**
- **Intermediate Horseback Archer**
  - **Advanced Horseback Archer**
  - **Club Coach**
  - **Advanced Coach**
  - **BHAA Range Safety Officer**

**It may also be taken as a freestanding RSO(g) qualification by those wishing to help run the archery range at club sessions**

### Unit purpose and aims

As a Ground range safety officer RSO(g), learners will be responsible for the safe conduct of ground archery sessions, whether practice or competition. Therefore learners must be able to carry out a risk assessment of any potential archery range, set it up, brief shooters on range safety and any potential hazards or risks. Learners will be able to conduct a shoot and score it too, if necessary.

- The RSO(g) is responsible for the safe conduct of ground archery sessions, whether practice or competition. Whenever two or more people shoot together, one of them must be the Range Captain.
- A person must hold the RSO(g) qualification in order to:
  - Attain their Intermediate or Advanced Horseback archery practical qualification.
  - Become a BHAA coach (club or advanced coach).
  - Gain their BHAA RSO qualification
- The qualification may be taken separately from other modules.
  - It is not necessary to hold or be working toward any other qualification to take the RSO(g) module. An RSO(g) need not even be an archer.

<b>Learner Outcomes</b> The learner will	<b>Assessment Criteria</b> The learner can
1. Be able to complete a mental or written risk assessment (as required by a given situation)	1.1 Carry out a risk assessment of a potential site for shooting. This should include risk of overshooting; wind deflection; arrows bouncing off targets; people or animals entering the range; trip hazards; safe waiting area etc.
	1.2 Brief others on the hazards of a particular range, as well as on range safety in general.
2. Be able to set up an archery range	2.1 Correctly set up targets, shooting line and waiting area.
	2.2 Set up safe entry and exit points.
	2.3 Recognise when warning signs and/or flags are needed to warn people not to enter.
3. Be able to conduct a shoot	3.1 Recognise unsafe techniques. In particular, an RSO(g) must be able to recognise when an archer is drawing their bow without pointing it in the correct direction.
	3.2 Recognise when safety issues are most likely to arise (e.g. when performing forwards and backwards shots; people going forwards to collect arrows before everybody has finished; people starting to shoot when others are not yet back behind the shooting line).
	3.3 Know the correct verbal commands for controlling a range.

	<p>3.4 Assess whether an applicant should pass BHAA Syllabus-A Archery Units:</p> <p>4.1 <i>“Demonstrate, on the ground or on a wooden horse, a method of nocking the arrow to the string that would be safe on a horse. Speed is not essential. Arrows must be drawn from the belt or quiver.”</i></p> <p>4.2 <i>“Demonstrate, on the ground or on a wooden horse, a safe shot sequence using either Mediterranean or thumb draw.”</i></p> <p>4.5 <i>“Discuss the main considerations for safe use of the bow and arrows regards shooting from a horse (compared with shooting on the ground)”</i></p>
	<p>3.5 Advise shooters on archery etiquette where guidance is required [see BHAA Archery Etiquette guidance]</p>
<p>4. Have an understanding of scoring on different target faces and the correct decision in potentially contentious situations.</p>	<p>4.1 Know how to score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Korean event scoring on FITA targets</li> <li>• Scoring on Korean faces (IHAA rules)</li> <li>• Scoring on Hungarian targets (IHAA rules, zones and zoneless)</li> </ul> <p>4.2 Know the IHAA / BHAA rules regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linecutters</li> <li>• Pass throughs and bouncers</li> <li>• “Robin hoods”</li> </ul>

#### **CANDIDATE GUIDANCE – skills and knowledge**

Candidates should be familiar with, and should follow, archery etiquette and BHAA range commands as set out in the BHAA manual. Read the sections on risk assessment and scoring in the BHAA manual.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSMENT**

Discussion and practical assessment conducted by a person holding the BHAA Advanced Assessor.

Section 1: The candidate will be required to carry out a risk assessment of an area and give a briefing to a group (real or imagined) about to shoot there.

Section 2: The candidate may be required physically to set up (or direct the setting up of) a range or this section may be assessed by requiring the candidate to describe the steps he would take to set up a range.

Sections 3-5: These sections are assessed by a mixture of discussion and demonstration. Photos and/or video may be used as aids, with the candidate required to assess the techniques and situations shown.

## Mounted Range Safety Officer RSO(m)

- For**
- **Advanced Horseback Archer**
  - **Club Coach**
  - **Advanced Coach**
  - **BHAA Range Safety Officer**

### Unit purpose and aims

As an RSO(m), learners will be responsible for the safe conduct of horseback archery sessions, whether training or competition. Therefore learners must be able to carry out a risk assessment of any potential horseback archery range, set it up, brief shooters on range safety and any potential hazards or risks. Learners will be able to conduct a session and score targets too, if necessary.

<b>Learner Outcomes</b> The learner will	<b>Assessment Criteria</b> The learner can
1. Be able to complete a mental or written risk assessment (as required by a given situation)	1.1 Carry out a risk assessment of a potential site for shooting. This should include risk of overshooting; wind deflection; arrows bouncing off targets; people or animals entering the range; trip hazards; safe waiting area etc.
	1.2 Brief others on the hazards of a particular range, as well as on range safety in general.
2. Be able to set up an area for horseback archery practise	2.1 Correctly set up targets, track and waiting area.
	2.2 Set up safe entry and exit points.
	2.3 Recognise when warning signs and/or flags are needed to warn people not to enter.
3. Be able to conduct a shoot	3.1 Recognise unsafe techniques.
	3.2 Recognise when safety issues are most likely to arise
	3.3 Discuss the options available (visual and auditory) for running a horseback archery range
	3.4 Discuss how best to manage where horses wait during a horseback archery session, considering the range set up, the number of horses, the event being run and consideration of the behaviour of horses as a herd animal and the potential risks of being in close proximity to each other
	3.5 Advise horsearchers on etiquette where guidance is required [see BHAA Archery Etiquette guidance and logically extend these rules to the horseback archery range, considering the type of event – training or competition]
4. Have an understanding of scoring on different target faces and the correct decision in potentially contentious situations.	4.1 Know how to score: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoring for horseback archery on FITA80 targets</li> <li>• Scoring on Korean faces (IHAA rules)</li> <li>• Scoring on Hungarian targets (IHAA rules, zones and zoneless)</li> </ul>
	4.2 Know the IHAA / BHAA rules regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linecutters</li> <li>• Pass throughs and bouncers</li> <li>• “Robin hoods”</li> </ul>

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**CANDIDATE GUIDANCE – skills and knowledge**

Read the sections on risk assessing and running the horseback archery range, and on scoring and range etiquette in the BHAA manual.

**PROCEDURE FOR ASSESSMENT**

Discussion and practical assessment conducted by a person holding the BHAA Advanced Assessor.