

Recurve and Compound Selection Criteria

National Squad and National Development Squad

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The primary purpose of this policy is to detail the process established by Archery Australia for the selection of archers into the National Recurve and National Compound Squads who will be eligible to represent Australia at International events across the year. The aim is to select a National Squad and National Development Squad each year. The policy also outlines the process to be eligible for the National Squad and National Development Squad of both Recurve and Compound.

This document will be the same process each year allowing athletes to be better prepared to know what they need to do to be selected into the National Squad for that year ahead. The policy will be reviewed every two years, but the aim is to have a consistent policy across the High-Performance program to best prepare athletes for selection into the National Squads.

The principal objectives when selecting the National Squad for the year are:

- i) To support the athletes who are selected into the squad and prepare them for international competition.
- ii) Offer training environments to support High Performance
- iii) To prepare and send teams away to compete in World Cups, Asia Cups and other tournaments that suit the overall athlete and squad development and High-Performance Objectives
- iv) To best represent Australia on the international stage

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION INTO THE SQUAD

Ranking points across the year determined by the below:

- i) The Athletes best 3 QRE's scores in the specified period will be combined. International World Archery Registered Tournaments where representing Australia can qualify for QRE's.
- ii) The Athlete must* attend National Target Championships, the score from the ranking round of the 720 at the National Championships will be used. A ranking round defined by world archery is currently for the Recurve Division a WA70/720 Round, and for the Compound Division a WA50/720 Compound Round.
- iii) First scoring round at National Target Championships Matchplay, equal amount sets taken into account.
- iv) The scores from part 2i, 2ii & 2iii will be added to determine ranking, if scores are equal, then overall standing in Matchplay to determine tie break. If they are still equal accumulated X count from all scores will be used to determine tie break.
- v) To nominate for the squad, you will be asked at the point of registration for the National Target Championships if you would like to be considered and confirm that all



your scores have been lodged into Archers Diary. From there scores will be checked by the selection committee and squad will be announced once this process is complete.

*Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the selection committee if an individual cannot attend the National Championships. The individual must write to Archery Australia at nationalteams@archery.org.au to provide the reason for not being able to attend and show proof of performance across the year in line with the above criteria.

3. PROCESS FOR SELECTION

a. Key Dates:

2026 Selection Period to gain qualifying scores at QREs

July 1st 2025 – First arrow at the National Target Championships, 2025

Further Selection Period to gain qualifying scores at QREs

March 1st of that year – First Arrow at the National Target Championships

b. Stages of Selection

By entering the selection process the archer acknowledges that:

- i) They have read the selection policy
- ii) They have read the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct available on the Archery Australia website
- iii) They have had reasonable opportunity to understand or seek advice in relation to the selection policy and process and;
- iv) Archers agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this policy and the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct.
- v) As soon as possible following the completion of the Nationals at the end of each year, the National Squad and Development Squad will be submitted by the Selection Committee to the CEO for ratification and then released to the public.

4. GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFYING SCORES REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL SQUADS

The selection will be a competitive process based on the above Criteria. There is no minimum score to be considered for National Squad and National Development Squad. The QRE Scores for each division are provided here as a guide of the expected level of performance at the 2025 Nationals, these scores will be reviewed yearly.

Recurve Men: 636

Recurve Women: 582

Compound Men: 687

Compound Women: 650

Categorisation of athletes will take place once the squad is selected. This will be in line with Australia Sports Commission requirements for funding.

5. ALLOCATED PLACES

Archery Australia have up to eight places in its National Squad for both Recurve and Compound, 16 in total with an even split across male and female. A further eight and up to ten per discipline in its National Development Squad, again an even split across male and female.

- i) For the Recurve program all eight National Squad members will be offered a position at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) at the AIS in Canberra or will be supported in their own Daily Performance Environment (DPE) as discussed with the Head Coach and the General Manager of High Performance. Further places at the CoE maybe be offered to those in the National Development Squad if suitable and in discussion with head coach, GM of High Performance and athlete.
- ii) For the Compound program, the eight named athletes in the squad will be supported in their own Daily Performance Environment (DPE) as discussed with the Head Coach and the General Manager of High Performance.
- iii) From the National Squad, National Teams will be selected to attend various international World Archery events across the year as well as other events in line with High Performance planning with each athlete in the National Team Squad and Development Squad.
- iv) The National ranking lists as well as individual athlete plans will be taken into consideration for individual team selection.
- v) There is no guarantee that Archery Australia will send a National Team to all events, each event will be considered by Archery Australia and subject to a rigorous risk management process.
- vi) Trials will only be held for the purpose of selecting or ranking athletes for major Tournaments such as **World Archery Championships** or **Olympic Games**.

6. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection into the National Squad an athlete must:

- i) Satisfy all eligibility requirements under World Archery rules as may be adopted by World Archery time to time;
- ii) Be in “Good Standing” with Archery Australia; be registered and a current financial member
- iii) Meet the Selection Criteria requirements detailed in this policy;
- iv) Have completed and returned by the required dates all the relevant paperwork including Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct and
- v) Have shot and registered the required QRE scores, with at least one QRE score being shot in Australia.

7. THE NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

The National Team Selection Committee will select the squad according to the terms of this National Squad Selection Criteria Document and present to the CEO for ratification.

a. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the Selection Committee must declare a conflict of interest if it impacts their ability to make a fair and equal decision around squad selection.

8. APPEALS

Where an archer reasonably considered all the circumstances and believes that his/her non-selection into the squad has occurred because of failure to follow this squad selection criteria, the athlete may lodge an appeal, the Appeals policy can be found on the website.

9. BREACH OF SELECTION POLICY

Any team member may be removed from the squad in the event of a breach of this selection policy, non-compliance with training requirements or a violation of the Archery Australia Athlete Agreement and/or code of conduct.

Additionally, from time to time matters or behaviours involving squad members may come to notice that are either unforeseeable, unique, novel or “one off” in nature. Such matters or behaviours may not be covered by relevant Archery Australia policies. Should the National Squad Selection Committee or Archery Australia CEO deem such matters or behaviours unacceptable, then Archery Australia reserves the right to remove member from the squad.

Prior to the removal of the squad member, they must be presented with the opportunity to participate in a removal interview with the National Squad Selection Committee Chair and Archery Australia CEO and where possible an independent person nominated by Archery Australia Board who has not participated in the selection process.

Written justification will be provided for all removals from the Squad. Decisions to remove a member on the basis of these matters are final and may not be appealed.

Any incident or act related to athlete doping in breach of the relevant policies or any incident that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in immediate withdrawal from the squad. Any future suspension will be subject to investigation and appeal through the appeal mechanism in place under Archery Australia. Any decision made to investigate or suspend the athlete that deals with or touches upon doping matters or conduct that in the sole opinion of the selection committee might bring the sport into disrepute will be undertaken by the Archery Australia CEO.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Selected Squad Members agree not to make any announcements to the media or public in any form (including social media or personnel websites) regarding selection until after Archery Australia has announced the Squad. Further details around communication are outlined in the team agreement.