

Application Advice for the Youth Compound National and Development Squads in 2023/24

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Purpose

The Youth Compound National Squad is for those athletes that are performing at an international standard during the 2023 season or are displaying the potential to reach that standard for the 2024 season. The Youth Compound Development Squad is for those athletes that are showing the potential to reach an international standard 2 or more years into the future.

Selection

The National squad will select at most 4 archers in each category (U21M, U21W, U18M, U18W) apart from in exceptional circumstances, but may not select as many as 4 archers in any category that does not have enough archers performing at the necessary standard. The National squad training days will focus on performance optimisation under the assumption that these archers will imminently be attending international events.

The Development squad will select archers, up to the maximum capacity of the training space (yet to be determined), showing future potential. As this is a difficult measure to accurately assess many factors are considered including, but not limited to, current performance, trajectory, and attitude. The Development squad training days focus on nurturing potential through athlete behaviours, technical coaching, and upskilling.

Application

One application should be made for the Youth Compound Pathway, and the selection panel will determine which squad, if either, the athlete is most suited for. To apply please complete the form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/2zstpWBQD8>

The application asks for your 3 best WA50m Qualification rounds and 3 best 50m 15-arrow matches shot at WRS events in 2023. If you have not completed this many of these rounds in 2023 you may put the score of any other WRS Outdoor Metric event from 2023, noting what round was shot. You will also be asked to indicate what you want to get out of the squads and what your archery goals are. These questions are used to give the selection panel context of what support athletes need, and some insight into the archer's mindset and attitude. The panel may choose to invite athletes to an assessment day on October 7th 2023 at Lilleshall NSCC to clarify this context further. **Therefore the closing date for applications in September 30th 2023.**

The following scores are suggested to give a sense of what “international standard” means. They are not definitive requirements for selection to squads and are not indicative of the scores required for international selection.

Scores at an International Standard (based on recent European and World events)				
	U21M	U21W	U18M	U18W
Top 4 Qual	699	686	698	680
Top half Qual	682	672	682	666
Top 4 matches	146	144	144	140
Top half matches	145	139	141	137

Squad Dates

All squads will be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, which precise venue will be confirmed in the information pack sent prior to each squad day. Each squad has a fee that must be paid before attendance. Currently the dates are as follows:

Assessment Day: October 7th 2023

Development Squads: October 28th 2023, November 25th 2023, December 9th 2023, February 10th 2024, February 24th 2024

National Squads: October 8th 2023, October 29th 2023, November 26th 2023, December 10th 2023, February 11th 2023

Residential Squad: March 29th – March 31st

The residential squad weekend will be held for select archers from National and Development squads in March 2024, also hosted at Lilleshall NSC, selection for which will be determined in early 2024.