

1. Championship competition format/s

- Individual
- Team
- Mixed Team

Maximum anticipated places per category as follows:

World Championships

3 x compound women

3 x compound men

2. General points of eligibility

Archers are eligible for consideration provided:

- They are an Archery GB member in good standing
- Have satisfied all eligibility under the rules of World Archery (WA) and subject to any changes it may introduce after the publication of this policy
- Are eligible to compete for Great Britain
- They hold a valid passport
- Are available for selection of the stated event
- Are fit and healthy to compete
- Have met the required selection scores identified in section 5 or have met the required criteria to be considered for a wildcard as identified in section 10 of this policy

3. Context and purpose of milestone events

The World Archery Championships is the pinnacle event for compound athletes.

4. Selection windows

The window for obtaining and submitting scores is:

Event	Period opens	Period closes
World Championships	01/06/2024	29/06/2025

Scores need to be submitted to Archery GB through the Submission link, this should include the official competition results or a link to them.

5. Selection

World Championships selection

Funded event

Stage 1 of selection

The six men and six women with the four best 50m scores plus x 3 head-to-head scores cumulative total within the selection period will be invited to take part in the final selection stages.

Criteria for scores:

- Must be shot at WRS events within the selection period.
- Only one score can be used from a double round on the same day
 - Only one of the 4 x 50m scores can come from a 2nd round of a double.
- One score must be from a National Tour stage or World Ranking event
- Head-to-head scores must come from the National Tour stages / Finals within the selection period.
- 2 x 50m and 1 x head-to-head scores, must come from 2025 competitions
- Scores must be submitted no later than 10pm on 1 July 2025
- Athletes must gain the band C qualification criteria listed in the World Cup Policy, to be in selection.

The top six ranked men/women athletes in selection will start with the score from their best four scores, for any band A qualification scores within their best four scores they will get a 1% bonus on those scores (band A qualification scores are listed in the World Cup document).

If less than 6 athletes meet the selection criteria the Compound program staff working together can elect to invite wildcards to make stage 2 of selection 6 people.

Stage 2 of Selection

Athletes in the final six will be required to attend a final selection competition, this will be on July 19/20, 2025, format and venue will be announced no later than March 2025, or once the 2025 calendar is finalised.

The total score from selection stage 1 and stage 2 will be added together, and this will form the final ranking.

Selection will come from the final rankings.

6. Wildcards

Medical wildcard

- Can be awarded in exceptional circumstances, for long-term injury/illness/medical conditions, based on the following criteria:
 - Fully unavailable to shoot for 4-6 weeks due to injury/illness/medical condition; or
 - Restricted with same injury/illness/medical condition for more than 3 months; and
 - Has demonstrated an ability to achieve selection scores in the 12 months prior to their illness/injury/medical condition.
- Although the above criteria are a minimum, before a medical wildcard is approved, additional consideration would be given as to the time of the season in which the injury/illness has taken place and whether or not the injury/illness/medical condition has led to the athlete not having had the same opportunity to compete as everyone else.
- A medical wildcard must have in place a performance readiness plan to demonstrate that they have returned to full fitness and are competitive in the respective category by an agreed date with the Compound Programme Manager.

The ultimate decision on a selection wildcard is made by the Performance Director in consultation with the Selection Panel.

7. Nomination and selection panel

The following selection meetings will take place:

- Following the completion of the selection shoot,
 - The Compound Programme manager will meet with the Performance Director to show results for sign off and confirmation of selected team.

The representatives at this meeting will be made up of the following.

- Performance Director (Chair) or other nominated member of Performance Management Team
- Compound Programme Manager
- Performance coaches working within the Compound Programme
- Other performance expert (if required)

In selecting a team that is in line with section 3, the panel will consider all available information, including, but not limited to the scores submitted, medal target, recent performance pedigree

(including international medals won), behavior, and contribution to a team ethos, both at the event and within the day-to-day environment.

There is no obligation to send full categories if it is not deemed to be in the programme's interest, and the selection panel may elect to select fewer than the maximum permitted athletes.

8. Reserves

To ensure that we can field a team for the team event the selection panel may nominate up to two reserves per category.

9. Team announcement

Athletes selected will be notified within 24 hours of the selection panel meeting and the intent would be for the team announcement to take place within 7 days of the selection panel meeting.

Selected team members must agree not to make any announcement to the media or public (including other athletes) in any form (including on any social or other media) regarding their selection until after Archery GB have announced the selection on the Archery GB web site www.archerygb.org.

10. The 'team'

The 'team' means the team that is selected by Archery GB, which includes athletes, coaches, nominated reserves (if applicable), medical support personnel, team leaders, and any associated members of the World Class Programme team.

11. Injury/illness/wellbeing

At any stage during the selection process or following the selection announcement, should there be a doubt over the ability of an Athlete to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury or physical/mental health, the following procedure will be followed:

- In the case of physical injury/health, the athlete may be referred to the Archery GB approved medical personnel to undergo a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate, which at this stage will be determined based on an assessment of whether or not the injury and/or illness is such that the athlete is physically unable to compete or is at risk of causing medical harm to her/himself, or endangering other competitors, officials or spectators.
- If the athlete passes the medical examination but the medical personnel and/or Archery GB have concerns over whether the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to the underlying injury or illness, the athlete will be required to undertake an Archery GB agreed Performance Readiness plan, which would include "fitness test(s)".
- The fitness test(s) will require the athlete to compete under "controlled competition conditions" in the distance and format which replicates the required competition demands.

The athlete will be allowed two attempts to satisfy these requirements.

- In the case of any concerns around an athlete's mental health, Archery GB may be required to seek expert advice and input from UK Sport's Mental Health Expert Panel on the athlete's vulnerability. In certain situations, this may require the athlete to undergo a mental health assessment, either with the CMO or through the Mental Health Expert panel, which may include the development of a management plan to promote positive mental health until the conclusion of the event.

In the event that an athlete fails to complete the fitness test(s) to the required standard, or it is deemed they are not fit to compete from a mental health perspective, the Performance Director/CMO may recommend that the selected athlete be de-selected and replaced with the reserve.

12. Following the conclusion of the selection process

- Once selections have been confirmed by the Performance Director/Compound Programme Manager, all selected athletes (including any identified reserve(s)) must agree not to withhold any information on training, fitness, injury status, or physical/mental health that could affect training or competition at any time until the conclusion of the event.
- All selected athletes must declare any medications they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications and that they hold a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), which can be produced when required by the relevant authority.
- An athlete and other team members will be required to sign up to the relevant Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement and any breach of this may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the team and possible early return home from an event. In this case, any member sent home will be invoiced for the full cost of their entry into the event and any additional cost incurred in sending them home.

Decisions on these matters are open to appeal as allowed by the relevant Archery GB Disciplinary process effective at the time of the incident.

- Athletes and other team members selected are required to attend all related training camps and competitions as laid out by the Performance Director/Compound Programme Manager from the selection announcement onwards, this includes attendance, in person, at a mandatory pre-event medical.

Athletes and other team members will be expected to demonstrate they can actively contribute to the team unity required to be a successful international team.

13. Appeals

Any selection appeal must be registered in line with the process identified in the <http://www.archerygb.org/national-squads-records/selection-criteria/>

14. Any matters not covered by this policy

Any matters arising from the selection processes, which are not covered within this policy, shall be determined by the Performance Director (or representative thereof) acting at their sole discretion.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY ARCHERY GB

Eleanor Jones (Archery GB Lead Physiotherapist)

Kieran McMahon (Archery GB Physiotherapist)

Dr Lisa Hyland (Archery GB Chief Medical Officer) and/or EIS regional Doctor nominated by the CMO

EIS / UK Sport Mental Health Expert Panel

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