

Abbreviation	Definition
AGB	Archery Great Britain
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
UKSI	UK Sports Institute
KME	Key Milestone Event
H2H	Head-to-Head
MQS	Minimum Qualification Score
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TUE	Therapeutic Use Exemption
WA	World Archery
WRS	World Record Status

Table 1. Definitions of abbreviations

1. Context and aim of event selection

- 1.1. 2025 is the first year of the LA Olympic Cycle and as such only the World Championships and the 4th leg of the Archery World Cup being held in Madrid are guaranteed to be funded by the World Class Programme (see separate selection policy)
- 1.2. Potentially all European World Ranking events and the first 3 World Cups will be on a self-funded basis, however as spaces are limited at these events the selection panel will look to.
 - 1.2.1. Select athletes with the potential to win a medal either individually or as part of a team.
 - 1.2.2. Select development athletes or athletes returning from injury or performance block with demonstrable future potential to win an Olympic medal in LA 2028 and beyond.
 - 1.2.2.1. Development athletes are defined as athletes who have not previously attended an Olympic Games, World Championships, European Games or European Championships.

2. Championship Competition Format/s

- 2.1 Individual
- 2.2 Team
- 2.3 Mixed Team

Maximum places per category as follows:

World Cups

- 2.1 Recurve Women x 4
- 2.2 Recurve Men x 4

European World Ranking Events (approximate as varies by event)

2.3 Recurve Women x 6

2.4 Recurve Men x 6

3. Events and Approximate costings

3.1 The events that this policy relates to are:

3.1.1 World Cup Events

World Cup Location	Competition Dates	Recommended Travel dates	Estimated cost*
Haines City, Florida, USA	8 th – 13 th April 2025	6 th – 13 th April 2025	£3,200
Shanghai, China	6 th – 11 th May 2025	3 rd – 12 th May 2025	£3,000
Antalya, Türkiye	3 rd – 8 th June 2025	2 nd – 9 th June 2025	£2,500

Table 2 – World Cup events and estimated costs

3.1.2 European World Ranking Events

World Cup Location	Competition Dates	Recommended Travel dates	Estimated cost*
Euro Grand Prix - Antalya	22 nd – 27 th April 2025	21 st – 28 th April 2025	£2,000
Veronicas Cup - Slovenia	TBC - May/June 2025	TBC - May/June 2025	£1,500
Euro Grand Prix - Netherlands	21 st – 27 th July 2025	20 th – 28 th July 2025	£2,000

Table 3 – European World Ranking events and estimated costs

* Costs are estimated max costs based upon previous years costings, time of year (holidays) and based upon twin room sharing.

3.2 There is no guarantee that any coaches or support staff will be attending these events, therefore you must be confident to travel and compete by yourself.

3.3 If funding becomes available then we will advise which events will be funded but selection will be decided as per this policy.

4. General Points of Eligibility

- 4.1. Athletes are eligible for consideration provided:
 - 4.1.1. They are an Archery GB member in good standing and are not under any current disciplinary processes or sanctions.
 - 4.1.2. 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.
 - 4.1.3. Are eligible to compete for Great Britain
 - 4.1.4. They hold a valid passport that cannot be more than 10 years old from the date of issue regardless of expiry date and is valid for 6 months after the event.
 - 4.1.5. Are available for selection of the stated events.
 - 4.1.6. Are fit, healthy and at the required level of performance readiness to compete.
 - 4.1.7. Have met the required criteria to be considered for selection or a wildcard as identified in section 10 of this policy.
 - 4.1.8. Fulfil any other eligibility rule or requirement from WA, WADA, or any other relevant international or national governing body or organisation.
 - 4.1.9. Sign a Team Member Agreement (TMA) when required by AGB.

5. Selection Process

- 5.1. Athletes to achieve selection scores within the selection window (see section 6)
- 5.2. The Selection panel will award spots on the following basis
 - 5.2.1. **World Cups**
 - 5.2.1.1. Athletes who have achieved the World Cup eligibility scores (see section 6)
 - 5.2.1.2. Athletes who have expressed an interest to attend and have the means to self-fund this event
 - 5.2.1.3. In the event of there being more athletes with qualification scores than spaces available, spaces will be awarded in the order of the cumulative score of the top 3 WA70 scores submitted by each athlete.
 - 5.2.2. **European World Ranking Events**
 - 5.2.2.1. Athletes who have achieved the European World Ranking Events eligibility scores (see section 6)
 - 5.2.2.2. Athletes who have expressed an interest to attend and have the means to self-fund this event
 - 5.2.2.3. In the event of there being more athletes with qualification scores than spaces available, spaces will be awarded in the order of the cumulative score of the top 3 WA70 scores submitted by each athlete.

5.2.2.4. Wildcards may be awarded for development athletes (as described in section 1.2.2.1)

Eligibility Scores:

- 5.3. To be able to be considered for selection for either the World Cups or European World Ranking Events, athletes must have achieved the following WA70 scores in the selection window:

World Cups

Category	Eligibility Scores
Recurve Men	6 x 655
Recurve Women	6 x 631

Table 4. World Cup eligibility scores

European World Ranking Events

Category	Eligibility Scores
Recurve Men	6 x 646
Recurve Women	6 x 610

Table 5. European World Ranking Event eligibility scores

N.B. these scores have been derived from the average ranking score of approx. 32nd place at European World Ranking events and 64th place at the World Cups in 2023 & 2024. 64th place being the cut at World Cups to progress to elimination matches.

5.4. Eligibility score weightings

Weightings are applied to the eligibility scores. A score shot at an international competition is equivalent to 3 scores shot at a domestic World Ranking Event and a score shot at a National Tour weekend is equivalent to 2 scores shot at a Domestic World Ranking Event.

Event score was shot at	Equivalent number of eligibility scores
International World Ranking Event	3 eligibility scores
National Tour event (including first session of second day)	2 eligibility scores
All other World Record Status events	1 eligibility score

Table 6. Eligibility score weightings

Please see Appendix 3 for worked examples of the eligibility score weightings.

5.5. Eligibility Score Criteria

- 5.5.1. All scores must be shot at World Record Status events.

- 5.5.2. Only 1 score can be used from a single day (e.g. If there are two WA70's in a day only one of those scores may be used)
- 5.5.3. The second-round score from the double WA70 at a National Tour weekend can only count as one eligibility score.

6. Selection Window

- 6.1. The window for having obtained the eligibility scores is 1st April 2024 to 31st October 2024 inclusive.

7. Registration

- 7.1. Athletes who have achieved the eligibility scores, meet the eligibility criteria and have the funds available to attend the events must complete the following expression of interest and eligibility form and submit by 12:00 noon on 3rd January 2025
- 7.2. Expression of interest form can be found [here](#)
- 7.3. Submission should include the link to the official competition results to evidence eligibility scores.

8. Wildcards

Medical Wildcard:

- 8.1. Awarded in exceptional circumstances, for long-term injury / illness / new medical conditions, based on the following criteria.
 - 8.1.1. Fully unavailable to shoot for 2-4 weeks due to injury / illness / medical condition and/or
 - 8.1.2. Restricted with same injury / illness / medical condition for more than 1 month.
 - 8.1.3. Has demonstrated an ability to achieve the Eligibility Scores in the 12 months prior to their illness / injury / medical condition.
- 8.2. 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 the injury / illness / medical condition has led to the athlete not having had the same opportunity to compete as other athletes.
- 8.3. An athlete who is awarded 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 Olympic Performance Manager.
- 8.4. To apply for a medical wildcard athletes must apply in writing to the Olympic Performance Manager, Rikki Bingham – Rikki.bingham@archerygb.org no later than 12:00 on 03/01/2025.

- 8.5. Applications must state which of the criteria has been met. Athletes will also need to provide medical evidence to support their application for the AGB medical teams review, who may require further information or access to medical records.
- 8.6. Medical Wildcards will only be considered in events where there are insufficient expressions of interest to send the maximum number of entrants.

Selection Wildcard:

- 8.7. Can be awarded where an athlete may have been unsuccessful in achieving the criteria but is deemed to be at a highly competitive level. Examples of where a selection wildcard may be offered include, but are not limited to:
 - 8.7.1. having less opportunity to achieve selection criteria due to representing GB at international target events within the selection window.
 - 8.7.2. having demonstrable medal winning potential based on previous performance pedigree within the past 4 years.
 - 8.7.3. having had a rapid upward performance trajectory
 - 8.7.4. Have narrowly missed the eligibility score criteria and would enable the make up of a full team to enable entry into the team competition.
- 8.8. The ultimate decision on a Selection Wildcard is made by the Performance Director in consultation with the Selection Panel.

9. Nomination and Selection Panel

9.1. The following selection meetings will take place as part of the selection process:

- 9.1.1. **Selection Meeting:** Following the closing of the selection window the panel will meet mid-January 2025 to early February (once the funding picture for 2025 events is clear) to determine who will be attending which event, which events, if any, will be funded by the WCP and what, if any, staff will be in attendance at these events.
- 9.1.2. **Florida World Cup:** Due to the provisional entries needing to be submitted by 8th January 2025, if the interest for this event is not oversubscribed this decision may be taken early.

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

- 9.2.1. Performance Director (Chair) or other nominated member of Performance Management Team
- 9.2.2. Olympic Performance Manager
- 9.2.3. Performance coaches working within the Olympic Programme
- 9.2.4. Independent performance expert(s)

9.2.5. A member of the British Elite Athletes Association

- 9.3.** In selecting a team that is in line with section 1, the panel will consider all available information, including, but not limited to the performances throughout the selection shoot process, medal target, recent performance pedigree (including international medals won), future potential, trajectory, behaviour, contribution, and impact on team both at the event and within the day-to-day environment.
- 9.4.** There is no obligation to send full categories if it is not deemed to be in the Programmes interest and the selection panel may elect to select fewer than the maximum permitted athletes.

10. Reserves

- 10.1.** No reserves will be nominated for self-funded events, however if an athlete withdraws before the event and there is sufficient interest then the next athlete may be offered the spot. Dependant on the time of withdrawal and replacement there may be a fine payable and this will be at the withdrawing athlete's expense.

11. Under 18's

- 11.1.** Under 18's are unable to attend events where they are representing Great Britain without the presence of a chaperone. This cannot be another athlete on the team.
- 11.2.** Under 18's wishing to attend an unstaffed event would be required to take a suitable chaperone over the age of 18 years (preferably a parent or guardian) at their own cost.
- 11.3.** The chaperone would need to ensure that the chaperoning of the under 18 athlete is their only responsibility and would be required to be signed off by AGB safeguarding for appropriateness.

12. Team Announcement

- 12.1.** Selected team members and any identified reserves must agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any social or other media) regarding their nomination until after AGB have announced the selection.

13. Event Entry and Payment

- 13.1.** Archery GB is required to process your entry fee plus official hotel costs, transport costs and any other costs for services provided by the organising committee on WAREOS.
- 13.2.** Archery GB are required to put a 50% downpayment of preliminary entries including a 50% hotel downpayment (approx. 3 months before the event).
- 13.2.1. Athletes who withdraw after this date will be liable for any unrecoverable costs.
- 13.3.** Full and final payment is required by final entry deadline approx. 3 weeks before the start of the event.

- 13.3.1. Athletes are required to have paid all payable costs* via WAREOS to Archery GB by the Final Entry date
- 13.3.2. Athletes who withdraw after this date will be liable for any unrecoverable costs
- 13.3.3. The costs for any changes made after the final entry date will be the athlete's responsibility.
- 13.4.** Flights, domestic travel and non-official accommodation etc. are the athlete's responsibility to arrange.

* It may be possible to spread the cost of the payments due to Archery GB, but the final payment must be made by the final entry date

14. The 'Team'

- 14.1.** The 'Team' means the team, which is selected by AGB which includes athletes, coaches, medical support personnel, team leaders and any associated members of the World Class Programme team.

15. Injury / Illness / Wellbeing

- 15.1.** The physical and mental wellbeing of all athletes representing Great Britain is a priority. Due to funding, it is not possible for AGB to provide medical or sport psychology support at any of the self-funded events
- 15.2.** Athletes should therefore ensure they are in a fit state to compete and withstand the requirements of international competition.
- 15.3.** If an athlete has to withdraw themselves from competition due to illness or injury, they remain liable for the cost of the event, however AGB will refund any costs they are able to recoup which may be limited dependant on the timing of the withdrawal.
- 15.4.** If AGB, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer &/or UKSI Physiotherapists (as listed in Appendix 1) &/or the UKSI Mental Health Panel believe that an athlete attending an event poses a risk to themselves or others by attending, they will be withdrawn on safety grounds.
- 15.5.** In the event that AGB withdraw an athlete on safety grounds, AGB will provide a full refund to the athlete who has been withdrawn, unless the athlete has not followed advice given.

16. During and on the conclusion of the selection process.

- 16.1.** Throughout the selection process and once selections have been confirmed by the Performance Director / Olympic Performance 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.

- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. 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 either removal from the team and possible early return home from an event or withdrawal from the next 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; or if they are withdrawn from the next event entered, no refund in the case of self-funded events will be issued.
 - 16.3.1. Decisions on these matters are open to appeal as allowed by the relevant Archery GB Disciplinary process effective at the time of the incident.
- 16.4. All athletes / team members are required to complete / attend all necessary Anti-doping education.
- 16.5. Athletes and other Team members selected, are required to attend all related training camps and competitions as laid out by the Performance Director / Olympic Performance Manager and coaching team, from the selection announcement onwards, this includes attendance, in person, at a mandatory pre-event medical.
- 16.6. 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.

17. Appeals

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

18. Any matters not covered by this Policy

- 18.1. 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.

19. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Medical Personnel approved by Archery GB

APPENDIX 1 – MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY ARCHERY GB

Name	Role
Eleanor Jones	Archery GB Senior Physiotherapist
Kieran McMahon	Archery GB Physiotherapist
Lisa Hyland	Archery GB CMO or any UKSI regional Doctor nominated by AGB
UKSI / UK Sport Mental Health Expert Panel	

Table 4. Approved Medical Personnel

APPENDIX 2 – SUPPORT PROVISION FOR NON-WCP FUNDED ATHLETES

Physiotherapy Travel Provision

Not all events will be supported by a travelling physiotherapist, however for those that are please note the following for non-WCP athletes.

Prior to travelling abroad, athletes are required to make every attempt to attend the international camp or competition in a fit state to compete. Non funded athletes should seek primary care prior to travel, where they have injury or illness concerns.

As a medical team, we hold a contractual remit to support the athletes on the world class programme and who are in receipt of an Athlete Performance Award however in emergency scenarios, have the scope to support athletes that sit outside of this group.

Non funded athletes may be supported whilst at comps and camps (acute management and trauma response), by the performance support team with referral support to NHS or private care provider – for example, letter to GP. Unfortunately, the medical team do not have the scope or the oversight to intervene with non-urgent or ongoing issues as they cannot accept responsibility for continued duty of care.

Medical provision under special circumstances can be determined through conversation with the Performance Director, Tom Duggan, in consideration of the insurance cover of the athlete.

On returning home, it is the responsibility of the athlete to seek necessary intervention from a healthcare professional in order to return to a fit state. At the earliest convenience, the travelling Physiotherapist should transfer care input across to an allied health professional that best meets the athlete's needs.

Sport Psychology Travel Provision

Not all events will be supported by a travelling psychologist, however for those that are please note the following for non-WCP athletes.

Prior to travelling abroad, athletes are required to make every attempt to attend the international camp or competition in a fit state to compete. This includes concerns regarding mental health.

As a performance psychology team, we hold a contractual remit to support the athletes on the world class programme and who are in receipt of an Athlete Performance Award. This remit refers to performance psychology delivery. However, in emergency scenarios, such as responding to mental health concerns, they also have the scope to support athletes that sit outside of the WCP group.

Non funded athletes may be supported with mental health concerns whilst at comps and camps by the performance support team. Psychology practitioners will support athletes with acute responses to mental health concerns, and where they are deemed to be unsafe to self or others and will then look to gain acute referral support through the NHS, emergency services, support lines or private care provider. Unfortunately, the psychology team do not have the scope or the oversight to intervene with performance psychology concerns.

On returning home, it is the responsibility of the athlete to seek necessary intervention from a healthcare professional in order to return to support positive mental health going forward. AGB may then require evidence that support has been sought and a safety plan developed ahead of future selection.

APPENDIX 3 – WORKED EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBILITY SCORE WEIGHTINGS

Athlete A (RM) – World Cup Eligibility Score = 655

Event	Score	Event Weighting
Shanghai World Cup 2024	661	3 eligibility scores
Veronicas Cup 2024	656	3 eligibility scores
Total		6 eligibility scores

Table 1: worked example 1

Athlete B (RW) – World Cup Eligibility Score = 631

Event	Score	Event Weighting
Yecheon World Cup 2024	636	3 Eligibility scores
British Target Champs NT	652	2 Eligibility scores
Meriden Autumn WA70 & H2H's	645	1 Eligibility score
Total		6 Eligibility scores

Table 2: worked example 2

Athlete C (RM) – World Cup Eligibility Score = 655

Event	Score	Event Weighting
UK Masters NT	670	2 Eligibility scores
Surrey NT	659	2 Eligibility scores
Barnsley NT	663	2 Eligibility scores
Total		6 Eligibility scores

Table 3: worked example 3

Athlete D (RW) – World Cup Eligibility Score = 631

Event	Score	Event Weighting
UK Masters NT	641	2 Eligibility scores
Junior Archery Series York	634	1 Eligibility score
Barnsley Double WA70 (NT weekend)	634 (second Round)	1 Eligibility score
Llantarnam Double WA70	641 (first round)	1 eligibility score
Llantarnam Double WA70	636 (second round)	0 eligibility scores
Meriden Autumn WA70 & H2H's	634	1 eligibility score
Total		6 Eligibility scores

Table 4: worked example 4