

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
WADA	World Anti-Doping Agency
TMA	Team Member Agreement
APA	Athlete Performance Award

Table 1. Definitions of abbreviations

## 1. Context and aim of event selection

- 1.1. The 2026 European Outdoor Championships is Archery GB's first Key Milestone Event of the Los Angeles cycle, and the aim of this selection policy is to select a team that has medal potential at this event and LA 2028.
- 1.2. In selecting a team, consideration will be given to the following objectives:
  - 1.2.1. Selecting athletes with the potential to win a medal either individually or as part of a team.
  - 1.2.2. Selecting development athletes with demonstrable future potential to win an Olympic medal in LA 2028 and beyond.
  - 1.2.3. Athletes selected for the European Championships will be automatically selected for Puebla, Mexico World Archery World Cup as part of their preparation for the European Championships.

## 2. European Championship competition format/s

- 2.1 Individual
- 2.2 Team
- 2.3 Mixed Team

**Maximum Entry places per category as follows:**

**2.4** Recurve Women x 3

**2.5** Recurve Men x 3

### **3. General points of eligibility**

**3.1.** Athletes are eligible for consideration provided:

- 3.1.1. They are an Archery GB member in good standing and are not under any current disciplinary processes or sanctions.
- 3.1.2. Have satisfied all eligibility under the rules of World Archery and subject to any changes it may introduce after the publication of this policy.
- 3.1.3. Are eligible to compete for Great Britain
- 3.1.4. 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.
- 3.1.5. Are available for selection of the stated events. (European Championships 18 – 24 May and Puebla, Mexico World Cup 7 – 12 April)
- 3.1.6. Are fit, healthy, and at the required level of performance readiness to compete.
- 3.1.7. Have met the required criteria to be considered for selection or a wildcard as identified in section 7 of this policy.
- 3.1.8. Fulfil any other eligibility rule or requirement from WA, WADA, or any other relevant international or national governing body or organisation.
- 3.1.9. Sign a Team Member Agreement (TMA) when required by AGB.

### **4. Selection process**

**4.1.** The selection process will be made up of the following stages:

- 4.1.1. Athletes that are currently graded on Archery GB's World Class Performance Programme APA Matrix as A, B, or LA Potential level may be considered for selection based upon the selection panel meeting and determining that, in their expert opinion, an athlete has an exceptional chance of contributing to the aim of this policy and will be directly selected.

All remaining places will require the following:

- 4.1.2. **Qualification:** athletes wishing to be considered for selection are required to achieve the following:

- 4.1.2.1. Completion of a minimum of 6 outdoor events at 70m from 1 January 2025 to 31 January 2026, and must have achieved the following WA70 scores in the selection window:
- 4.1.2.2. All scores must be shot at World Record Status events
- 4.1.2.3. Only 1 score can be used from a single day (e.g. If there are two WA70s in a day, only one of those scores may be used)
- 4.1.2.4. Only 1 score can be used that was the second round shot in a day (e.g. If shooting double WA70s, only 1 second round score will be eligible)
- 4.1.2.5. A minimum 1 score must be shot at a National Tour stage or World Ranking Event
- 4.1.2.6. Appendix 1 provides the performance qualification standards which will be used to assess athletes' scores against the event objectives as stated in 1.2

Category	Eligibility Scores
Recurve Men	6 x 640
Recurve Women	6 x 625

## 5. Selection window

- 5.1. The window for obtaining the eligibility scores is 1 January 2025 to 31 January 2026

## 6. Registration

- 6.1. Athletes who have achieved the eligibility scores are required to complete the following expression of interest and eligibility form and submit by 12:00 noon on 31 January 2026.
- 6.2. WCPP athletes do not need to submit as auto
- 6.3. Expression of interest for athletes outside of the WCPP please complete form which can be found Via this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FVvxWfj1hEgge1UOkZ6zi6DyKMCHYtLpUSIM7Bhj0NUN1YwU0tSSjYzSExISVks5SszVEVU9YREtDSS4u>
- 6.4. Submission must require the link to the official competition results to evidence eligibility scores. Any submissions without will not be considered.

## **7. Wildcards**

### **Medical Wildcard:**

- 7.1.** Awarded in exceptional circumstances, for long-term injury/illness/new medical conditions, based on the following criteria.
- 7.1.1. Fully unavailable to shoot for over 2-4 weeks due to injury/illness/medical condition and/or
  - 7.1.2. Restricted with same injury/illness/medical condition for more than 1 month
  - 7.1.3. Has demonstrated an ability to achieve the Eligibility Scores in the 12 months prior to their illness/injury/medical condition
- 7.2.** 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.
- 7.3.** 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 Performance Director.
- 7.4.** To apply for a medical wildcard, athletes must apply in writing to the Performance Director: [mark.beecher@archerygb.org](mailto:mark.beecher@archerygb.org) no later than 12:00 noon on 31 January 2026.
- 7.5.** 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.

### **Selection wildcard:**

- 7.6.** 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:
- 7.6.1. having less opportunity to achieve selection criteria due to representing GB at international target events within the selection window
  - 7.6.2. having demonstrable medal winning potential based on previous performance pedigree within the past 2 years
  - 7.6.3. having had a rapid upward performance trajectory
- 7.7.** The ultimate decision on Wildcard entries is made by the Performance Director in consultation with the Selection Panel.

## **8. Nomination and Selection Panel**

**8.1.** The following selection meeting will take place as part of the selection process:

- 8.1.1. Selection Meeting 9 February
- 8.1.2. Athletes selected for the European Championships will be automatically selected for the World Cup – Puebla, Mexico (7 – 12 April) as preparation for performing at the European Championships to achieve the objectives as stated in 1.2

**8.2.** The representatives at the selection meetings will be made up of the following:

- 8.2.1. Performance Director (Chair) or other nominated member of Performance Management Team
- 8.2.2. Head of Performance
- 8.2.3. Performance coaches working within the National/Olympic Programme
- 8.2.4. Independent performance expert
- 8.2.5. A member of the British Elite Athletes Association

**8.3.** In selecting a team in line with section 1.2 the panel will consider all available information, including, but not limited to, the performance scores submitted, consistency of performances, 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.

**8.4.** 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.

## **9. Reserves**

- 9.1. To ensure that we can field a team for the team event, the selection panel may nominate up to 2 reserves per category.
- 9.2. It is a condition of acceptance that identified reserves take part in identified and agreed European Championships Preparation Plan as well as a requirement to maintain an agreed training programme.

## **10. Team announcement**

- 10.1. 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.

## **11. The 'team'**

- 11.1.** 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.

## **12. Injury/illness/wellbeing**

- 12.1.** At any stage 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/physical/mental health or performance blockers, the following procedure will be followed:
- 12.1.1.** In the case of physical injury/health, the athlete will be referred to the Archery GB approved medical personnel (Appendix 2) 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.
- 12.1.2.** 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)".
- 12.1.2.1.** The fitness test(s) will require the athlete to compete under 'controlled competition conditions', as a minimum, in the distance and format which replicates the required competition demands and demonstrate a return to competitiveness. The athlete will be allowed two attempts to satisfy these requirements.
- 12.1.3.** In the case of an athlete suffering from a performance block, the coaches and performance psychologist will assess the severity of the block, the impact on performance, and what support would need to be put in place. An Archery GB agreed Performance Readiness Plan will be put in place, which would include a "fitness test".
- 12.1.3.1.** The fitness test(s) will require the athlete to compete under 'controlled competition conditions', as a minimum, in the distance and format which replicates the required competition demands and demonstrate a return to competitiveness. The athlete will be allowed two attempts to satisfy these requirements, the timeframes for this will be set dependent on the entry requirements of the European Championships.
- 12.2.** In the case of any concerns around an athlete's mental health, Archery GB may be required to

seek expert advice and input from the UKSI Mental Health Expert Panel. In certain situations, this may require the athlete to undergo a mental health assessment either with the CMO, through the Mental Health Expert panel or identified external specialist which may include the development of an agreed plan to manage any identified risks and maximise positive mental health until the conclusion of the event.

- 12.3.** If 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 physical health/mental health/wellbeing perspective, the Performance Director/CMO may recommend that the selected athlete be de-selected and replaced with a reserve, such reserve to be selected at Archery GB's sole discretion.

### **13. During and on the conclusion of the selection process**

- 13.1.** Throughout the selection process, and once selections have been confirmed by the Performance Director/Head of Performance, 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.
- 13.2.** 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.
- 13.3.** 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 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.
- 13.3.1.** Decisions on these matters are open to appeal as allowed by the relevant Archery GB disciplinary process effective at the time of the incident.
- 13.4.** All athletes/team members are required to complete/attend all necessary anti-doping education.
- 13.5.** Selected athletes and other team members are required to attend all related training camps and competitions as laid out by the Performance Director/Head of Performance and coaching team from the selection announcement onwards, including attendance, in person, at a mandatory pre-event medical.
- 13.6.** 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.
- 13.7.** If, in the period between the selection announcement and the European Championships, there is

a significant decline in the performance level of a selected athlete, the Performance Director retains the right to deselect an athlete due to poor performance and select another athlete to take their place in line with Section 1 of this policy.

#### **14. Appeals**

- 14.1.** Any selection appeal must be registered in line with the process identified in the 'Selection Appeals Policy'.
- 14.2.** <https://archerygb.org/files/selection-appeals-policy-280325123552.pdfion-criteria/>

#### **15. Any matters not covered by this policy**

- 15.1.** 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.



## APPENDIX 1 – Qualification zones and 1 arrow average (1AA) values in matches

Olympic Performance Standards – Tier 1 Events (Olympic Games, Senior World Championships, World Cup Legs, World Cup Finals)					
Recurve Men Individual			Recurve Women Individual		
<i>Qualification zone</i>	<i>Equivalent qualification score brackets*</i>	<i>1AA from matches won</i>	<i>Qualification zone</i>	<i>Equivalent qualification score brackets*</i>	<i>1AA from matches won</i>
1-4	685 +	9.44	1-5	672 +	9.23
5-11	677 +	9.24	6-13	661 +	9.01
12-16	672 +	9.24	14-22	653 +	9.01
17-64	653 +	9.24	23-64	622 +	9.01

\*Based on scores from World Cups in Madrid and Shanghai 2025, and World Championships 2025

Olympic Performance Standards – Tier 2 Events (European Championships, European Games)					
Recurve Men Individual			Recurve Women Individual		
<i>Qualification zone ***</i>	<i>Equivalent qualification score brackets**</i>	<i>1AA from matches won</i>	<i>Qualification zone ***</i>	<i>Equivalent qualification score brackets**</i>	<i>1AA from matches won</i>
1-4	682 +	9.44	1-5	663 +	9.23
5-11	673 +	9.24	6-13	656 +	9.01
12-16	668 +	9.24	14-22	648 +	9.01
17-64	637 +	9.24	23-64	600 +	9.01

\*\*\* positions taken from the tier 1 events as there is currently no tier 2 equivalent \*\*

Based on scores from European Championships in 2022 and 2024

# 2026 European Outdoor Championships Selection Policy (Recurve)

Antalya, Turkey 18 – 24 May 2026

## APPENDIX 2 – MEDICAL PERSONNEL APPROVED BY ARCHERY GB

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Sasha Bloomfield	Archery GB Physiotherapist
Lisa Hyland	Archery GB CMO or any UKSI regional Doctor nominated by AGB
Chelsea Orme	Archery GB Performance Psychologist
UKSI / UK Sport Mental Health Expert Panel	