

Purpose

To provide young athletes with high aspirations the opportunity to develop their archery ability.

Squad days are tailored to develop areas of form, and improve specific skills and knowledge, to increase performance level with a long-term view to prepare athletes for a future in internationally competitive archery.

Content

In previous years there has been a divide between development and national squads. This year we're trying something different. Instead, each squad weekend will have two days tailored to different aspects of archery development and athletes will be invited to the one or two days of each weekend that most suits them at the point they are on in their journey.

Selection

Anyone who applies for squads through the application form will be considered for the compound pathway. Selection is based on what we believe the athletes' needs are with the intent to provide the most valuable support across the board, and will specifically consider the following factors:

- current performance level,
- performance behaviours,
- attitude and aspiration, and
- needs and wants of the archer.

There is no strict age limit for inclusion into the pathway, so having aged out of the youth events doesn't mean you shouldn't apply.

Application

One application should be made for the Youth Compound Pathway, and the selection panel will determine whether the compound squads are the best place to get the most for each athlete within the resource the pathway can provide. **To apply please complete the form at the link above.**

Some athletes are already well known to the squad staff, others less so, particularly given a lot can change in the months the squads are not being run. As such, applying for the squads is also agreement that you can attend an assessment day on October 11th 2025 at Lilleshall NSC to allow the coaches to meet you and learn more about you. Not all applicants will be invited to the assessment day.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pp0nNeMZ85>



The application asks some questions that help the coaches get an understanding of who you are as an archer. Please take your time to really think about your answers. It also asks for your 5 best scores from the 2025 season. It is always preferred that you submit your WA50m qualification rounds. If you haven't completed enough WA50m rounds then you can submit any score from a Metric UKRS or WRS event shot in 2025. You'll also have the opportunity to submit your best 50m match scores.

The closing date for applications is September 28th 2025.

Costs

The Compound Pathway remains without a funding structure, and as such athletes must cover the costs of the squad days between all of those selected. Consequently, there is a standard fee of £285 for squad attendance at 7 days of training if selected, payable by December 31st. There will also be a standalone fee for the assessment day of £35.

Squad Dates

All squads will be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre in the Performance Archery Centre, unless otherwise informed. The squads will be run on the following provisional dates:

Assessment Day:

11th October 2025

Squads Weekends:

25th / 26th October 2025

29th / 30th November 2025

3rd / 4th January 2026

31st January / 1st February 2026

28th February / 1st March 2026

Performance Weekend:

7th & 8th March 2026

This squad will be held for selected archers from the Compound Pathway that have shown their performance level to be at or approaching the level needed for international representation in 2026 and have shown the attitude expected of performance athletes.

Skills Weekend:

9th & 10th May 2026

This squad will be held for selected archers from the Compound Pathway that have shown their commitment to improving and for whom the content of the weekend most suits the point they are at on their archery journey.