

## Introduction

Archery can be enjoyed by anyone who wants to participate in it. Archery GB is intent on making archery a lifelong experience and ensuring the inclusion and safety of all participants.

Archery GB regulates participation at archery meetings, competitions and tournaments as set out in Archery GB's Rules of Shooting. This document governs participation in domestic archery and competitions governed by Archery GB. It does not govern:

- Participation in any archery competitions that are not governed by Archery GB; or
- International archery; or
- International competitions governed by World Archery or World Archery Europe or the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

Archery is a gender affected sport of a competitive nature where the physical strength, stamina or physique of average persons of one sex could put them at a disadvantage compared to average persons of the other sex as competitors at an archery competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, however, anything that Archery GB does, or does not do, will not affect the eligibility of transgender athletes to compete in international competitions. That will instead be determined exclusively by reference to World Archery's policy.

## Eligibility Guidance

Archery GB provides the following information to support decisions around eligibility.

Competition-level	Eligibility
Non-Record Status (e.g. club tournaments, postal competitions) *	Only individuals who are assigned female at birth can compete in any female-only competitions/categories.
UK Record Status, World Record Status, and/or Archery GB National Competitions	Should there be any mixed category which combines male and female archers then for the avoidance of doubt the same requirements apply as above.  Open categories are open to all archers.
International Representation	As per World Archery eligibility criteria: <a href="https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/Rules/Policies/Eligibility_rules_for_transgender_athletes.pdf">https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/Rules/Policies/Eligibility_rules_for_transgender_athletes.pdf</a>

\*The categories for certain competitions may be determined by Tournament Organisers.

### Dispute or Complaint

If the eligibility of an archer in a particular competition is questioned, the archer should be allowed, or continue to be allowed, to participate. The matter should then be referred to the officials and/or representative(s) from the relevant archery organisation responsible for the competition and they should consider the concern and determine if the matter requires any further resolution.

If there are concerns that cannot be resolved, the Tournament Organiser, in consultation with the senior judging official, may delay or stop the competition. Archery GB recommends that this only happens if concerns about the health and welfare of an archer may put them or others at risk of injury. Archery GB may then undertake a sensitive and confidential review of their circumstances, and feedback to Tournament Organisers any relevant and non-sensitive information.

For further information and guidance, or if you require this information in an alternative format, please contact Membership Services in the first instance: [enquiries@archerygb.org](mailto:enquiries@archerygb.org) or call 01952 677888.



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