



# World Target Crossbow Selection Criteria

2025 World Target Crossbow Championships

**OBJECTIVE:**

The primary purpose of this policy is to detail the process established by Archery for the selection of Arbalists to represent Australia.

The principal objectives when selecting a team are:

- a) To win medals in as many events as possible
- b) To enhance Australia's reputation internationally as a competitive Crossbow Nation and;
- c) To improve Australia's Crossbow world rankings.

This policy needs to be read in conjunction with:

- Archery Australia Athlete Code of Conduct and Team Agreement
- National Teams Selection appeal procedures
- Review and Appeals Policy

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for selection in the Team an arbalist must:

- 1) Be a registered arbalist and current financial member of Archery Australia.
- 2) Satisfy all eligibility requirements under World Crossbow Shooting Association (WCSA) rules as may be adopted by the WCSA from time to time.
- 3) Meet any other eligibility requirements specific to each event
- 4) Be in "Good Standing" with Archery Australia.
- 5) Meet the Selection Criteria requirements detailed in this policy.
- 6) Have achieved at least one of the required MQS at a relevant event held in Australia.
- 7) Have completed and returned by the required dates all relevant paperwork including Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct.
- 8) Undertaken any Sport Integrity Australia online learning prior to departure to represent Archery Australia.
- 9) Maintain all the above requirements throughout the term of their selection whilst representing Archery Australia, up to and including during the event or be subject to removal from the team in accordance with Clause 10.

**2. TEAM**

The Team refers to the team approved by Archery Australia which includes Arbalists and may also include Assistants, Coaches, Team Managers, Nominated Reserves, Medical Support Staff, and any associated members of staff from Archery Australia.

**3. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Archery Australia Selection Committee will be comprised of the members of the Australian National Teams Selection Committee (NTSC), as appointed by the Board of Archery Australia.

The NTSC will select the team according to the terms of this Team Selection Criteria document.

#### **4. NOMINATION OF ARBALISTS**

The NTSC will nominate athletes to the Board of Archery Australia.

As soon as possible following the completion of the selection process the NTSC will submit the proposed team list to the CEO for ratification by the Archery Australia Board. The Archery Australia Board will ratify the team when it is certain that all the criteria have been satisfied.

#### **5. APPEALS**

An aggrieved person may appeal against a failure of the Selectors, or the CEO, under the relevant clauses to comply with the procedures set down in this Policy and the Selection Criteria document. That is, an appeal may only be made on procedural grounds not on the merits of a particular selection decision. Any appeal under this clause will proceed in accordance with the National Team Selection Appeal Procedure.

Where an arbalist reasonably considers all the circumstances and believes that his/her non-selection to the Team has occurred because of a failure to follow this Team Selection Criteria the athlete may lodge an appeal.

Appeals should be made following the National Team Selection Appeal Procedure Policy that is current at the time of the announcement of the Team. The policy can be found on the Archery Australia website.

#### **6. INJURY AND REPLACEMENT**

Once Team selections have been ratified by the Archery Australia Board, all selected athletes (including reserves) on taking up their selection thereby agree to disclose as soon as practicable all information that has the potential to adversely affect training or competition at any time up until and including participation at the events in which they have been selected relating to: 1) Injury 2) Illness 3) Training fitness 4) Overall wellbeing and capacity to maintain scores as per the Selection Criteria document 5) Substandard competition and/or training performance as per Clause 10.

The athlete has strict liability regarding any medications and declaration of these to Archery Australia Chief Medical Officer (CMO) via Archery Australia's High-Performance Manager. It is the athlete's responsibility to check all anti-doping and substances information for athletes through the Sport Integrity Australia website. Where necessary, applying for and securing a Therapeutic Use Exemption

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Selected Team Members agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on social media or personal websites) regarding their selection until after Archery Australia has announced the Team.

Archery Australia will publicly announce the team as soon as possible following any selection events or close of applications. Following any appeals, the Team will be ratified by the Archery Australia Board.

## **8. AMENDMENT TO SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Nomination Criteria may be amended or updated by Archery Australia at any time. If amended, the amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed as follows:

- Posted on the Archery Australia website.
- Distributed to all Recognised Governing Bodies and advised to members in an email.
- Distributed to Arbalists who have nominated for selection.

## **9. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF TEAM SELECTION AND REMOVAL**

Should any team member be removed from the Team for any reason the team member shall be responsible for any loss or damage incurred as a consequence of the removal and Archery Australia is not liable to compensate any team member for such loss or damage.

Should any team member who has been selected and accepted a position on the Team and later withdraws after arrangements have been made that incur costs on the part of Archery Australia, the team member in question will be responsible for these costs.

## **10. FUNDING**

All teams selected under this policy are on a fully self-funded basis. Athletes may be eligible to receive some level of financial assistance depending on their individual results, however this is entirely dependent on funding being available and the event they are selected for.

## **11. REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM**

At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the events in which they have been selected, should any Arbalist fail to reach performance expectations in training or competitions, the NTSC may recommend removal from the team.

Prior to removal the team member (or their appointed representative) will be presented with the opportunity to participate in a removal interview with the NTSC Chair and Archery Australia CEO and where possible an independent person nominated by the Archery Australia Board who has not participated in the selection process. Decisions on these matters are open to appeal through the Archery Australia Appeals Policy. Preceding the removal interview, the athlete will be offered access to the Archery Australia National Wellbeing Manager or an alternate counselling session.

At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the event for which they have been selected, should there be any doubt over the ability of an Arbalist to compete to the best of their ability due to an injury and/or illness, the following process will be adhered to:

- i. At the sole and unfettered discretion of the NTSC the athlete will be referred to an Archery Australia designated Chief Medical Officer to undergo a medical examination to determine their 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 him/her, or endangering others.

- ii. If the Arbalist passes the medical examination conducted by the Chief Medical Officer and/or Archery Australia have concerns over whether or not the Arbalist is able to compete to the best of their ability due to an underlying injury and/or illness the Arbalist will be required to undertake an Archery Australia designated “Fitness Test”.
- iii. The “Fitness Test” will require the Arbalist to complete under “controlled competition conditions” an relevant round in the MQS tables in Appendix 1. The Arbalist will only be allowed two attempts to satisfy the requirements.

In the event that an athlete fails to complete the “Fitness Test” to the required standards, the NTSC may recommend that the selected athlete be removed from the team and replaced with a reserve. The decision is open to appeal through the National Team Selection Appeal Procedure.

Written justification will be provided for all removals from the Team.

Any breach of any Archery Australia Policy (including but not limited to Code of Conduct, Anti-Doping, Social Media or Member Protection) will result in the matter being dealt with under the appropriate Complaints, Disputes and Discipline or Conduct and Disciplinary Policy

Any decision made to investigate or suspend the Arbalist or team member that deals with or touches upon doping matters or conduct that in the sole opinion of the NTSC might bring the sport into disrepute will be undertaken by the Archery Australia CEO.

## **12. ANY ADDITIONAL 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 Archery Australia NTSC acting at their sole discretion.

The Archery Australia NTSC reserve the right to include a person who may not have qualified but who the committee feels their participation in the event will benefit objectives long term as well as assist the athlete’s development. By including such a person in the Team(s) the committee will not disadvantage any person who has qualified through the process detailed in this policy and is subject to Board endorsement.

### **2025 Crossbow Selection Criteria:**

#### **A. BACKGROUND**

The 2025 World Crossbow Target Championships will be conducted in Adelaide, Australia from the 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

#### **B. ALLOCATED PLACES**

Archery Australia will nominate up to 3 Male and Female Arbalists:

- in each of the following Classes as per clause 5.3 of the WCSA Shooting Rules.

Open, Senior, Senior 70+, Intermediate, Junior (including Assisted).

and

- in the following Divisions: Target, Medieval, Standard and Freestyle crossbows.

### **C. TIMETABLE**

Stage 1: Registration, MQS submission by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 to the CEO at [info@archeryaustralia.org](mailto:info@archeryaustralia.org).

### **D. NOMINATION PROCESS**

Following the close of registration and MQS on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the NTSC shall nominate the athletes in each category from those athletes who have met the requirements to the Archery Australia CEO to be approved by the Archery Australia Board. Archery Australia will then announce the team pending any appeals.

Athletes who have accepted nomination when and only if, it is certain that the criteria have been satisfied and following the expiration period for appeals or finalisation of any appeals the Archery Australia CEO will submit team to the Archery Australia Board for ratification.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

#### **Expressions of Interest**

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to the 2025 WCSA World Championships need to submit an Expression of Interest by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 to [info@archery.org.au](mailto:info@archery.org.au)

#### **Process and Criteria**

Step 1. Reach the MQS within timing window

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection and who have achieved 1 MQS from the date of 1 January 2024 (see Appendix A for MQS information) are required to submit an EOI to the above email address, with an Archers Diary link (or as provided in Appendix A) to the event in which they met the criteria.

Step 2. Complete EOI process

Step 3. Team selection announced by Archery Australia

### **Appendix A - MQS Requirements**

One MQS (Minimum Qualifying Scores) can be shot from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 inclusive in:

- international tournaments,
- tournaments registered in a WCSA member country,
- Archery Australia registered tournaments, including QREs or
- Club/RGB registered tournaments for crossbows.

## MQS Tables

Athletes in the following divisions can shoot MQS from the tables listed below.

<b>Division</b>	<b>MQS Table</b>
Target Crossbow	Tables 1, 2 or 3
Standard and Freestyle Crossbows	Tables 3 or 4
Medieval Crossbows	Table 5

### Table 1 (refer WCSA Shooting Rules – Book 4, Schedule 1)

<b>Category</b>	<b>MQS (TC900 round)</b>
Open Men (including Assisted Men)	750
Open Women (including Assisted Women)	730
Senior Men / Women (including Senior Snr70+)	720
Intermediate Boys / Girls (including Juniors)	720

### Table 2 (refer WCSA Shooting Rules – Book 4, Schedule 1)

<b>Category</b>	<b>MQS (AUS960 round)</b>
Open Men (including Assisted Men)	790
Open Women (including Assisted Women)	773
Senior Men / Women (including Senior Snr70+)	760
Intermediate Boys / Girls (including Juniors)	760

### Table 3 (refer WCSA Shooting Rules – Book 4, Schedule 1)

<b>Category</b>	<b>MQS (X50/480 round)</b>
Open Men (including Assisted Men)	413
Open Women (including Assisted Women)	405
Senior Men / Women (including Senior Snr70+)	399
Intermediate Boys / Girls (including Juniors)	399

### Table 4 (refer WCSA Shooting Rules – Book 4, Schedule 1)

<b>Category</b>	<b>MQS (SS600/SF600 rounds)</b>
Open Men (including Assisted Men)	500
Open Women (including Assisted Women)	480
Senior Men / Women (including Senior Snr70+)	480
Intermediate Boys / Girls (including Juniors)	480

### Table 5 (refer WCSA Shooting Rules – Book 4, Schedule 1)

<b>Category</b>	<b>MQS (MC900 round)</b>
Open Men (including Assisted Men)	700
Open Women (including Assisted Women)	680
Senior Men / Women (including Senior Snr70+)	660
Intermediate Boys / Girls (including Juniors)	660

Scores will only be accepted when:

1. for Target Crossbows, scores are recorded in Archers Diary.
  
2. in the case of Medieval, Standard and Freestyle Crossbows –
  - the event is included on a registered WCSA, Club or RGB calendar.
  - the score sheet has been witnessed by the event Director of Shooting or judge.
  - the results are confirmed by the Club or RGB Secretary; and
  - the original score sheet is provided to the NTSC at the time of the application to the team.
  
3. in the case of an event shot in another country, the scores are published in accordance with that country's procedures or on the WCSA website.