



2025 NRP Policy

National Recurve Program

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Archery Australia National Recurve Program (NRP) – Overview

Introduction

The Archery Australia (AA) National Recurve Program (NRP) is designed to deliver programs which ultimately produce Recurve Archery **Champions** at benchmark events including **World Archery Championships** and **Olympic Games**, and **Champions** at the **World Archery Youth Championships**.

The purpose of the NRP is to provide a system of support for Archery Australia’s leading Recurve archers in a structured, sequential, and transparent manner that supports the athletes in achieving performances which are aligned to Archery Australia’s published performance goals. The NRP has three distinct components:

- National Squad
- National Development Squad
- National Youth Squad

The NRP recognises that Federal Government funding through the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and State/Territory Government funding through the National Institute Network (NIN), is directed solely at Olympic and Paralympic disciplines and this is reflected in this document.

Archery Australia has worked in conjunction with the AIS to develop athlete categories that help identify the athletes with the greatest potential for podium success at future Benchmark events. The Archery Australia Categorisation Framework is used to identify, track and prioritise athletes at each stage of the performance pathway. Categorisation is conducted annually and the Categorisation Framework provides an outline of the process by which athlete categorisation will be conducted and the performance criteria that will be used to assess each athletes position on the pathway to the podium. Only Categorised athletes will be considered for selection in the NRP and/or COE and for NIN scholarships. Eligible athletes will be selected into one of five categories:

1. Podium
2. Podium Ready
3. Podium Potential
4. Developing
5. Emerging

Only Categorised athletes will be considered for selection in NRP and NIN programs and the AA Categorisation Framework for the LA28 cycle can be found here <https://archery.org.au/aa-selection-policies/>



The ultimate objective of the NRP is to win medals at World Championships, Olympic Games, World Cups and World Youth Championships by supporting identified athletes within the NRP program via the AA Centre of Excellence (COE) in Canberra and various NIN partners.

The NRP whilst open to all members within Archery Australia that qualify, will focus primarily on athletes training at the AA COE in Canberra. Athletes who do not train at the COE in Canberra are not excluded from participating in COE activities and may be nominated for individual athlete scholarships in their home State/Territory. However, the awarding of these scholarships is determined by the State/Territory Institute/Academy of Sport in the relevant State/Territory. Athletes do not require a State/Territory Institute/Academy of Sport scholarship to be selected in the NRP. The NRP is managed on a day-to-day basis by Archery Australia's General Manager Performance (GMP) who reports to the Archery Australia CEO and Board of Management.

About the National Recurve Program

Archery Australia has limited funding and resources to support NRP athletes and therefore has designed a National Squad structure that classifies athletes into tiers which are consistent with athlete categorisation. This in turn enables Archery Australia to prioritise the support and funding that it provides to NRP athletes in a consistent and transparent manner. Funding for this program is provided by the Australian Government and spending on the program as well as its activities are monitored by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

The NRP consists of three squads of athletes that provides a clearly structured pathway which athletes are able to progress through as they further develop their skills and performances. The entrance criteria for each of these tiers has been designed to align with Sport Australia's Athlete classification strategy meaning that athletes are eligible to receive more support as they progress through the tiers. The tables below provide a brief summary of each Tier level and athletes are able to enter the program at any level, National, Development or Youth, provided they meet the published selection criteria. All squad selections will be ratified by the National Teams Selection Committee (NTSC).

National Squad Structure

National Squad

Podium (T1) Men 680 Women 665	<i>World Class</i> – Athletes who have achieved a recent podium position at a Benchmark event.
Podium Ready (T2) Men 670 Women 655	<i>International</i> – Athletes who compete internationally in Australian Teams and who in the opinion of the NTSC have the potential to progress to World Class within the next two years.

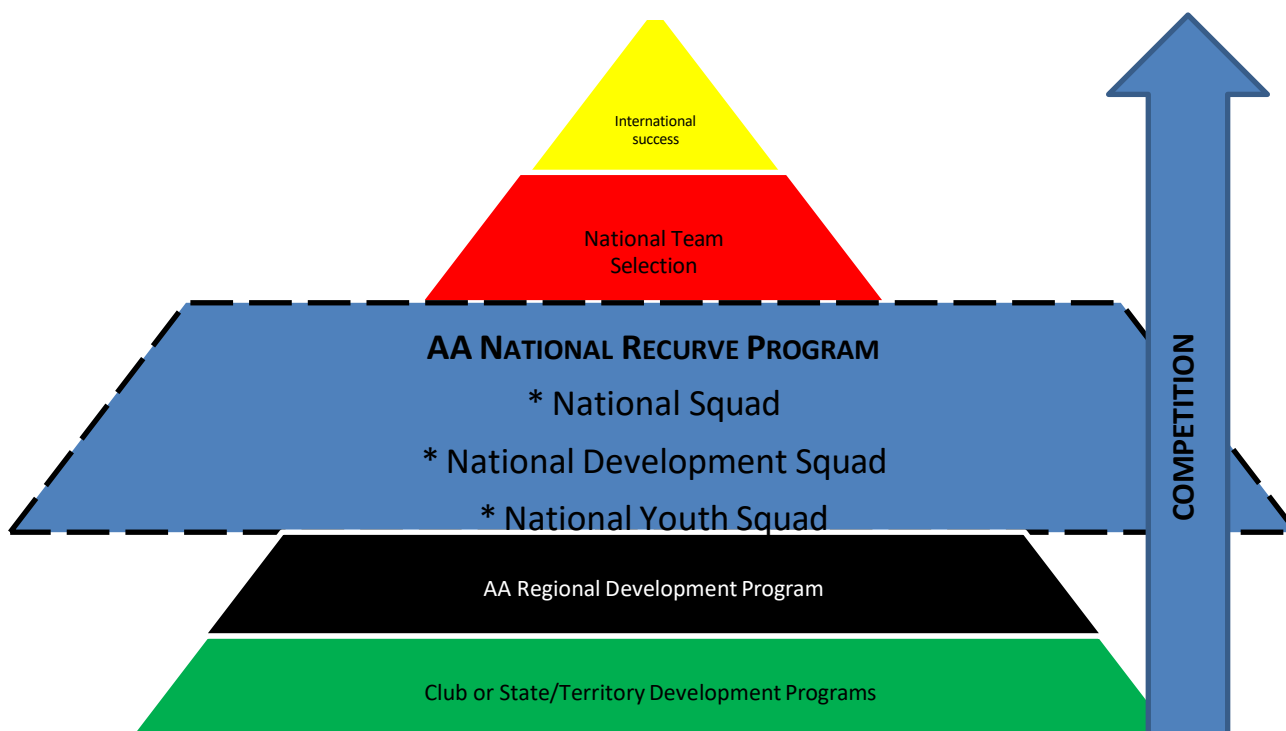
National Development Squad

Podium Potential (T3) Men 660 Women 645	<i>National</i> – Athletes who are in the opinion of the NTSC competitive at national level and are tracking towards selection in Australian Teams in the next two years.
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National Youth Squad

<p>Youth Squad – Junior Men 630 Women 610</p>	<p><i>Junior</i> – Athletes who in the opinion of the NTSC have demonstrated the potential to progress through to the Development Squad in the coming years.</p>
<p>Youth Squad – Cadet Men (60m) 640 or (70m) 612 Women (60m) 615 or (70m) 582</p>	<p><i>Cadet</i> – Athletes who in the opinion of the NTSC have demonstrated the potential to progress through to the Development Squad in the coming years.</p>

National Recurve Program Pathway Diagram



Eligibility for the NRP

The NRP is managed on a day-to-day basis by Archery Australia’s General Manager Performance (GMP) who reports to the Archery Australia CEO and Board of Management.

The primary training centre for NRP athletes is the Centre of Excellence in Canberra. For athletes to be invited to train at these centres, they must be a good fit for the program and be willing to work co-operatively with all program staff and athletes to achieve individual and collective goals.

NRP – COE Canberra

To be invited to train at the COE an athlete must:

- Have achieved any relevant qualifying scores at designated qualifying events determined by the National Recurve Coach
- Have a demonstrated desire to compete at Olympic level
- Meet the training commitments as required by the National Recurve Coach
- Be a current Categorised athlete
- Be a current financial member of Archery Australia and the relevant Regional Governing Body (RGB)
- Undergo any relevant medical screenings as required by AA
- Sign and abide by the AA NRP Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct for the term of the training period
- Regularly log their training information on AMS/Archery Success/Notion
- Where relevant, meet any NIN requirements for program scholarship
- Comply with World Archery eligibility requirements
- Be in “Good Standing” with Archery Australia

NRP – other

NRP athletes who are based outside of Canberra will be required to maintain an up-to-date record of their completed daily training sessions on AMS/Archery Success/Notion and attend NRP camps as required.

To be eligible for the NRP an athlete must meet all of the criteria detailed below, be a good fit for the program and be willing to work independently in their local training environment.

To be eligible for the NRP athletes must:

- Have achieved any relevant qualifying scores at designated qualifying events determined by the National Recurve Coach
- Have a demonstrated desire to compete at Olympic level
- Meet the training commitments as required by the National Recurve Coach and relevant personal coach
- Be a current Categorised athlete
- Be a current financial member of Archery Australia and a Regional Governing Body (RGB)
- Undergo any relevant medical screenings as required by AA and/or NIN partners
- Sign and abide by the AA NRP Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct for the term of the training period
- Regularly log their training information on AMS/Archery Success/Notion
- Comply with World Archery eligibility requirements
- Be in “Good Standing” with Archery Australia

****Please note that membership of the NRP does not guarantee selection in any Australian teams. Selection criteria and selection processes are set by separate selection policies and for information regarding current policies and criteria please read the relevant policy available on the Archery Australia website.***

NRP Selection

How to apply

Athletes wishing to apply for the NRP should review and understand the NRP document paying special attention to the performance requirements, eligibility requirements and expectations of athletes in the program. The program is demanding and requires dedication, commitment and time. Only athletes who are willing to make that commitment should apply.

2025 National Recurve Program applications

Each year a national event may be identified or an NRP Trial held, for athletes wishing to be considered for selection. For selection in the 2025 NRP, the identified national event is the 2024 National Target Championships, 22-28 October 2024. Performances in the WA720 Round, Team Matchplay and Individual Matchplay at the NTC, along with scores from any QRE's and international competitions in 2024, will be considered when selecting the 2025 NRP.

All current 2024 NRP athletes will be contacted directly via email when applications open for the 2025 intake. Any athlete wishing to be considered for the 2025 NRP who is not a member of the 2024 NRP must apply by submitting an application form. This EOI will be advertised in Archery News which is sent to all members well in advance of the submission date and posted through social media channels.

All applications should be submitted electronically via email to nationalteams@archery.org.au. Application forms are also available from the same email.

All relevant forms and documents required to understand and apply for membership of the NRP are on the Archery Australia website and can be accessed via the following link: <https://archery.org.au/aa-selection-policies/>

Review

Archery Australia's NTSC will review the membership of the NRP on 1 January and 1 July each year. At this time the GMP will (a) review any applications to join the NRP and (b) review the performances and compliance of existing NRP athletes. Recommendations will then be forwarded to the NTSC for endorsement. Once this process is complete all athletes will receive formal correspondence confirming the outcome of their application and/or their current status in the NRP.

2025 National Team selections

When selecting national teams for international events in 2025, it is expected that members of the National Recurve Program will be well placed to be considered for selection for international events. A separate Selection Policy for the 2025 International Tournaments will be announced through the Archery Australia website and social media forums.

Movement between NRP Tiers

For a member of the NRP to move up a Tier, must shoot three relevant scores within a three-month period. The three-month period is a rolling time period e.g., a T2 athlete wishing to move up to T1 shoots a T1 score on 23 February, then has until 23 May to shoot the remaining two scores to qualify for a move upwards to T1. Athletes should submit any requests for movement between tiers as soon as requirements have been met and the request will be considered at the next review date.

The NRP six-month review conducted on 1 July will also assess the performances of all NRP athletes in the previous 6 months. For an athlete to remain at their selected Tier level for the remainder of the year, they must shoot a minimum of 3 MQS scores of the same Tier level e.g., if an athlete is selected in T2 on 1 January 2024, when the 1 July review is conducted the same athlete must have shot a minimum of 3x T2 scores in the 6 months between 1 January and 1 July. Any athletes who haven't achieved the relevant Tier scores to maintain their Tier level, may move down to the level of their performances over the previous 6 months.

Should an athlete not meet performance and/or compliance requirements for any reason other than injury or returning to the sport after an extended absence and wish to apply for special consideration they must do so in writing to the GMP when requested. This submission should provide details as to why the athlete believes they should be given special consideration. This request will be taken into consideration by the NTSC when it undertakes its regular review of the athlete's membership in the NRP. The NTSC will form an opinion as to the appropriate tier the athlete should be allocated having regard to the athletes' nominated circumstances, and any other matter considered relevant by the NTSC. The NTSC has an unfettered discretion to allocate an athlete to any tier having formed an opinion to do so.

Requirements and Expectations of athletes in the NRP

It is expected that all NRP athletes will always demonstrate professionalism, a strong commitment to success and continual improvement.

This will be demonstrated by:

- Strong competition history
- History of progression
- Developing and refining the required technical skills
- Developing and refining physical resilience
- Developing and refining a strong mental capacity and resilience
- Developing and refining the required physical attributes

Athletes who choose to accept a position in the NRP will be required to comply with all reasonable requests and instructions that are given to them by any staff member of the High-Performance Department including Archery Australia appointed service providers.

Due to the very limited competition opportunities available to athletes the AA National Coaches reserve the right to select Men's Teams, Women's Teams and Mixed Teams to compete at any domestic competitions held in 2025. This will enable our coaches to trial different team combinations and ultimately assist with both team selection and team preparation for international events to meet performance objectives.

As a minimum all athletes in the NRP are expected to:

- Demonstrate ethical behaviour and compliance with all Archery Australia codes and policies
- Only undertake coaching that has been agreed with by the National Recurve Coach and GMP

- Develop in conjunction with National/NIN coaching staff (and their Personal Coach, where applicable) a twelve-month Individual Athlete Plan (IAP) – this should include all tournaments that are to be attended, planned holidays, unavailability, work commitments
- Adhere to their personal twelve-month IAP
- Submit regular training reports via AMS/Archery Success/Notion
- Report all injuries to Archery Australia’s High-Performance Unit immediately
- Engage with Archery Australia via the HP Unit and its service providers in a timely and professional manner
- Be available to participate in all mandatory NRP activities
- Meet any performance requirements agreed to in the annual IAP
- Commit to spending as much time as practicable training face-to-face with appropriate national coaching staff – this will vary depending on the phase of the 4-year Olympic cycle
- Strong commitment to the sport and Archery Australia
- Co-operate and work effectively as a squad member

Funding Support

In 2025 Archery Australia will provide three different levels of funding support to eligible members of the NRP. Details of each, including eligibility and the application process are detailed below:

Approved Archery Activities

The major focus for 2025 will be qualification and participation in the 2025 World Archery Championships (WAC). Archery Australia has limited funds available to assist NRP athletes and the majority of this will be used to cover the travel costs of athletes in contention for the 2025 WAC. Any remaining funding will be used to support athletes on the following basis.

Tier	International competition travel support
Podium	100%
Podium Ready	75%
Podium Potential	50%
Development – Tier 4	Nil

Appendix

Performance Requirements for NRP - Recurve

Open Recurve	Men	Women
Podium (T1)	680 or top 16 individual placing at the World Archery Championship / Benchmark Event in past 24 months OR 680 or top 8 individual placing at an Outdoor World Cup in past 24 months OR 680 or top 4 team placing at the World Archery Championships / Benchmark Event in past 24 months OR 680 or top 2 team placing at an Outdoor World Cup in past 24 months	665 or top 16 individual placing at the World Archery Championships / Benchmark Event in past 24 months OR 665 or top 8 individual placing at an Outdoor World Cup in past 24 months OR 665 or top 4 team placing at the World Archery Championships / Benchmark Event in past 24 months OR 665 or top 2 team placing at an Outdoor World Cup in past 24 months
Podium Ready (T2)	670	655
Podium Potential (T3)	660	645

Once an athlete is a member of the NRP they must shoot at least seven MQS eligible events annually commencing 1 January each year to maintain their Tier level of support. MQS's must be shot in an international tournament or approved Archery Australia QRE.

The annual Benchmark Events agreed to by the AIS and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for the Los Angeles Olympic cycle are:

- i) 2025 World Archery Championships - Gwangju, Korea
- ii) 2026 World Cup TBC
- iii) 2027 World Archery Championships
- iv) 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games