



Selection criteria

2025 - World Games - Recurve and Barebow



1. PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The primary purpose of this policy is to detail the process established by Archery Australia for the selection of archers to represent Australia in Recurve and Barebow events at the 2025 World Games.

The principal objectives when selecting the team are to:

- i) To win medals in as many events as possible; and
- ii) To enhance Australia's reputation internationally as a competitive Archery nation.

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

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

a. Specifics of competition

The 2025 World Games will be conducted in Chengdu, P.R. China from 7 to 17 August 2025. Archers using recurve or barebow equipment compete in a field event, with both an unmarked and a marked distance round. The competitor numbers are strictly limited.

b. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for selection in the Team(s) an athlete must:

- i) Satisfy all eligibility requirements under World Archery rules as may be adopted by World Archery from time to time;
- ii) Be a registered archer and current financial member of Archery Australia;
- iii) Be in "Good Standing" with Archery Australia;
- iv) Meet the Selection Criteria requirements detailed in this policy;
- v) Have completed and returned by the required dates all relevant paperwork including Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct; and
- vi) Have shot and registered the required number of MQS scores, with at least one MQS score being shot in Australia.

This policy incorporates the application of both objective and subjective criteria.

c. Allocated Places

Places in the events are allocated to countries based on the results of the 2024 World Archery Field Championships. A country can have at most 1 male and 1 female competitor in each of the recurve and barebow field events. Places won by Australia will be confirmed by Archery Australia with World Archery.

There is no guarantee that the selected team will travel to the event. The event will be considered by the Archery Australia Board of Management subject to a rigorous risk management assessment.

d. Behaviours and expectations



Athletes should read and understand the selection policy in detail. To nominate for selection and compete, all athletes will need to read, sign and adhere to the team agreement and the [Archery Australia Team agreement and Code of Conduct](#). Athletes should also complete Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) education modules.

e. Inclusion and accessibility

Archery Australia is committed to promote equality and inclusion in our selection process. All athletes will be offered equal opportunities to make themselves eligible for team selection within their appropriate identified category and be part of a fair and just selection process regardless of background, race gender, sexual orientation or religion and that all nominations are considered based on skill, performance and potential.

3. PROCESS FOR SELECTION

a. Key Dates

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection in the World Games team must register their interest and confirm their eligibility to represent Australia by Friday 31st January 2025 and must attend the National Field Championships in Victoria from 7th-9th March 2025.

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection must compete in at least 2 marked field round QRE's in the period 1st December 2024 to 2nd March 2025 and register their two highest scores for 24 target marked distance field rounds by emailing nationalteams@archery.org.au by 4th March 2025.

Selection events and criteria are detailed in **Appendix A**

b. Nomination of archers

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the World Games team must register their interest and confirm their eligibility to represent Australia by emailing nationalteams@archery.org.au by Friday 31st January 2025.

c. Stages of selection

By entering the selection process, the archer acknowledges that:

- i) They have read the selection policy;
- ii) They have read the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct available on the Archery Australia website
- iii) They have had reasonable opportunity to understand or seek advice in relation to the selection policy and process; and
- iv) Archers agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this policy and the [Archery Australia Team agreement and Code of Conduct](#).

Athletes who nominate for selection must also complete and agree to comply with the Archery Australia Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct at the time of registration.



As soon as possible following the completion of the 2025 World Games selection event the National Teams Selection Committee will submit the proposed squad list to the CEO for ratification.

d. Amendments 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 Registered Governing Bodies and advised to members in an email;
- Distributed to archers who have nominated for selection.

4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The National Teams Selection Committee will select teams according to the terms of this Team Selection Criteria document.

a. Details of the committee

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

b. Conflict of interest

Any member of the selection committee must declare a conflict of interest if it impacts their ability to make a fair and equal decision around team selection.

5. APPEALS

Where an archer 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 Archery Australia Appeals Policy No. 1035 that is current at the time of the announcement of the Team. The policy can be found on the Archery Australia website. [Click Here](#)

6. ATHLETE INJURY AND DESELECTION

Once Team selections have been ratified, 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:

- i) Injury
- ii) Illness and
- iii) Training fitness
- iv) Substandard competition and/or training performance



All selected athletes must at all times declare any medications they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications and submit these to the Archery Australia Chief Medical Officer (CMO) via nationalteams@archery.org.au

At any stage following the selection announcement and prior to the events in which they have been selected, should any athlete fail to reach performance expectations in training or competitions, the Selection Committee may recommend de-selection. Prior to removal the athlete (or their appointed representative) must be presented with the opportunity to attend a removal interview with the Chief Executive Officer 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.

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 athlete to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an injury and/or illness, the following process will be adhered to:

- i) At the sole and unfettered discretion of the National Teams Selection Committee the athlete will be referred to an Archery Australia designated Chief Medical Officer to undergo a medical examination (at the athlete's expense) 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 him/herself, or endangering others.
- ii) If the athlete passes the medical examination conducted by the Chief Medical Officer and/or Archery Australia have concerns over whether or not the athlete is able to compete to the best of his/her ability due to an underlying injury and/or illness the athlete will be required to undertake an Archery Australia designated "Fitness Test" at their expense.
- iii) The "Fitness Test" will require the athlete to complete under "controlled competition conditions" a marked field round. The athlete will only be allowed two attempts to satisfy the requirements.
- iv) In the event that an athlete fails to complete the "Fitness Test" to the required standards, the National Teams Selection Committee may recommend that the selected athlete be deselected and replaced with a reserve. The decision is open to appeal through the Archery Australia Appeals Policy.

7. BREACH OF SELECTION POLICY

Any team member may be removed from the Team in the event of a breach of this selection policy, non-compliance with training requirements or a violation of the Archery Australia Athlete Agreement and/or Code of Conduct.



Additionally, from time to time matters or behaviours involving Team members may come to notice that are either unforeseeable, unique, novel or “one off” in nature. Such matters or behaviours may not be covered by relevant Archery Australia policies. Should the National Teams Selection Committee or the Archery Australia CEO deem such matters or behaviours unacceptable, then Archery Australia reserves the right to remove members from the Team.

Prior to removal the team member (or their appointed representative) must be presented with the opportunity to participate in a removal interview with the National Teams Selection Committee 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.

Written justification will be provided for all removals from the Team. Decisions to remove a member on the basis of these matters are final and may not be appealed.

Any incident or act related to athlete doping in breach of the relevant policies, or any incident that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in the immediate withdrawal of the athlete(s) from the Team. Any future suspension will be subject to investigation and appeal through the appeal mechanisms in place under Archery Australia policy current at the time. Any decision made to investigate or suspend the athlete that deals with or touches upon doping matters or conduct that in the sole opinion of the selection committee might bring the sport into disrepute will be undertaken by the Archery Australia CEO.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

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 after the completion of selection events and following consideration of any appeals. Further details around communication are outlined in the team agreement

9. FUNDING

Archers should work on the basis that no funding is available for archers for this event.

a. 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. OTHER ISSUES

Any matters arising from the selection processes, which are not covered within this policy, shall be determined by the National Teams Selection Committee (or representative thereof) acting at their sole discretion.

The National Teams Selection Committee reserve the right to include a person who may not have qualified but who the committee feels their participation in the event will be of benefit 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. The National Teams Selection Committee reserve the right to deselect/replace a person who may have qualified or been named in a team but who's recent performances are not at the standard expected by the Committee or the National Recurve Coach.



Appendix A:

MQS and Designated Selection Activities – Recurve and barebow, World Games 2025

Domestic scores will only be accepted when recorded in Archers Diary and International scores through the World Archery website.

Archers must achieve at least 2 MQS results in the period 1st December 2024 to 2nd March 2025. These must be for the relevant 24 target marked distance field round. They must then compete in the National Field Championships in Victoria from 7th-9th March 2025.

The highest of their 24 target marked distance field rounds from the National Field Championships will be added to their two highest MQS results. Archers will then be placed in order of those who have registered, from highest total score to lowest total score.

The available places in the Team will then be offered in order, starting at the highest combined score until either the available places have been taken or the qualified archers run out.

If archers are tied on total score for the two rounds, the archer with the highest single round score from the National Field Championships will be placed ahead of the other archer or archers with that total score.

If archers are still tied, the relevant archers will shoot a three-arrow match at a marked distance as selected by the relevant official. If the archers are tied on score the archer with arrow closest to centre will be placed ahead of the other archer or archers with that total score.

MQS

Recurve men	340
Recurve women	320
Barebow men	309
Barebow women	275