



World Archery Field Championships 2026 Selection Policy.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The primary purpose of this policy is to detail the process established by Archery Australia for the selection of archers to compete at the World Archery Field Championships in 2026 in the USA.

2. BACKGROUND

The [2026 World Archery Field Championships](#) will be held from 24th September to 4th October 2026 at Yankton, United States of America

3. EVENT

Field Championships

Up to 3 archers in each of the following categories –

- Recurve Men
- Recurve Women
- Recurve Under 21 Men
- Recurve Under 21 Women
- Compound Men
- Compound Women
- Compound Under 21 Men
- Compound Under 21 Women
- Barebow Men
- Barebow Women
- Barebow Under 21 Men
- Barebow Under 21 Women

Neither this Policy, nor Archery Australia (AA) or World Archery (WA) require AA to select the maximum number of athletes to the Team.

4. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION INTO THE SQUAD

- I. Submit at least two qualifying scores within time frame from 31st October 2025 to midnight on the 18th May 2026.
- II. Compete in the 2026 Australian Open Field Championships from on the 21st to 24th May 2026 and place accordingly
- III. Be announced by National Team Selection Committee/Archery Australia Board.

The World Archery Field Championships event Qualification Round comprises two Field Rounds each of 24 targets, one unmarked round and one marked round. Team selection qualifying scores may be unmarked or marked field rounds shot at Qualification Ranking Event (QRE) or Registered Tournament organised by Archery Australia affiliated clubs. (<https://archery.org.au/events/>).



It will be the responsibility of the archer to submit two qualifying scores with photo/copy of score card, within the time frame to nationalteams@archery.org.au

Selection will be determined by the combined scores of Unmarked and Marked Field scores from the advised event.

Archers will be ranked based on the combined scores and the highest 3 archers (in each class and division) who have registered their EOI will be offered a position in the team.

If a tie exists in the ranking, the tie will be broken as detailed in section 5 Tie Breaker Process.

Should an archer decline the position offered, the position will be offered to the next ranked archer.

The Archery Australia National Team Selection Committee reserve the right to select an archer to meet the needs of the Australian Team for the teams event. However, such archer must have registered for selection, and must have shot the selection event, to be considered. The Archery Australia National Team Selection Committee reserve the right to select less than the maximum number of athletes to the Team. Only people who have submitted two qualifying scores will be eligible for selection. If the submitted scores and the selection event scores are significantly lower than the Guidelines listed in section 5, the position may not be offered.

The National Team Selection Committee will take all information from the submitted scores and 2026 Australian Open Field Championships. Names and information of all those who have been selected will be given to the AA CEO for ratification.

Team funding will be in line with the current AA funding policy. Athletes are required to self-fund the costs of attending and competing in events. Archery Australia will provide Entry Fee and Team Uniform to all team members. No other funding support will be provided.

*Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the selection committee if an individual cannot attend the National Championships. The individual must write to Archery Australia at nationalteams@archery.org.au to provide the reason for not being able to attend and show proof of performance across the year in line with the above criteria.

5. QUALIFYING SCORES REQUIRED FOR SELECTION

For team selection two qualifying scores for your class and division must be shot within time frame from 31st October 2025 to midnight on the 18th May 2026.

The following guidelines indicate the expected level of performance required to compete at the World Archery Field Championships. If the submitted scores and the selection event scores are significantly lower than the guidelines listed here, a team position may not be offered.

The qualifying score Guidelines for the World Archery Field Rounds are:

You do not have to shoot an unmarked course during the qualifying period as we are aware that some states do not run them

Division	Unmarked Field 24 targets	Marked Field 24 targets
Recurve Men	350	332
Recurve Women	315	303
Recurve Under 21 Men	326	308
Recurve Under 21 Women	297	280
Compound Men	404	398
Compound Women	372	371
Compound Under 21 Men	378	372
Compound Under 21 Women	356	356
Barebow Men	332	308
Barebow Women	292	270
Barebow Under 21 Men	277	265
Barebow Under 21 Women	264	249

Tie Breaker Process:

Where a tie occurs at the completion of the 2026 Australian Open Field Championships, and that tie directly determines whether those athletes are to be selected onto the Team or not, the tie will be resolved by in the following manner (Tie Breaker Process):

- a count back of '5s plus 6s' and if required '6s' shot during 2026 Australia Open Field (Unmarked and Marked Rounds) with the athlete who shot most '5s plus 6s' and if require most '6s' being the winner;
- if the athletes remain tied, a single arrow shoot-out will occur at the middle distance shot for the respective division using an 80cm target face, with the winner being determined by the highest score shot or if required closest to the centre.
- If still a tie the process will continue until there is a winner.

For the avoidance of doubt, a tie where both athletes would be (or both would not be) selected to the Team prior to the tie being broken, does not require a tie-breaker to occur, as it has no substantive impact. (for example, a tie between 1st and 2nd would not require a Tie Breaker but a Tie Breaker would be required for a tie between 3rd and 4th).

6. ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for selection into the National Team an athlete must:

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

7. THE NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

The National Team Selection Committee will select the squad according to the terms of this National Squad Selection Criteria Document and present to the CEO for ratification.

8. APPEALS

Where an archer reasonably considered all the circumstances and believes that his/her non-selection into the squad has occurred because of failure to follow this squad selection criteria, the athlete may lodge an appeal, the Reviews and Appeals - 2023 policy can be found on the website.

9. BREACH OF SELECTION POLICY

Any team member may be removed from the squad 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 squad 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 Squad Selection Committee or Archery Australia CEO deem such matters or behaviours unacceptable, then Archery Australia reserves the right to remove member from the squad.

Prior to the removal of the squad member, they must be presented with the opportunity to participate in a removal interview with the National Squad Selection Committee Chair and Archery Australia CEO and where possible an independent person nominated by Archery Australia Board who has not participated in the selection process.

Written justification will be provided for all removals from the Squad. 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 immediate withdrawal from the squad. Any future suspension will be subject to investigation and appeal through the appeal mechanism in place under Archery Australia. 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.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Selected Squad Members agree not to make any announcements to the media or public in any form (including social media or personnel websites) regarding selection until after Archery Australia has announced the Squad. Further details around communication are outlined in the team agreement.