

Youth Olympic Nominations – Dakar 2026

The Youth Olympics will be taking place in Dakar, Senegal from the 31st October 2026 to the 13th November 2026. Team quota spots are one female and one male only, we currently do not have a team quota spot confirmed, this may not be confirmed until April 2026, it currently sits with World Archery to allocate spots to National Federations.

We have been working closely with the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) on the nomination criteria which is now finalised. The AOC nomination criteria is within this information as well as on our website under selection policies.

Key Points of the nomination and selection criteria:

Eligibility from IOC: To be eligible athletes must be born after 14 November 2008 (i.e. can't be older than 17 at the date of the Closing Ceremony).

Eligibility from World Archery: Athletes must have achieved the minimum qualification standard shot at a World Archery registered event.

Gender	Discipline	Score
Men	Recurve 60m Round	615
Women	Recurve 60m Round	605

Eligibility from Archery Australia: Must attend the National Youth Championships (NYC) in Launceston, Tasmania, in April 2026. From the Australian Youth Nationals, the top two male and top two female eligible athletes in the 720 ranking round and the top three male and top three female athletes in the 720-match play at 60m will be invited to attend a trial on 1st and 2nd of August (back to original dates). From this trial one male and one female will be nominated to the AOC.

Youth Nationals - Selection

The following confirms how archers will win spots to be selected to attend the trial given that some archers are shooting different distances due to their age divisions. The following applies separately to both Male and Female divisions at the 2026 National Youth Championships – Launceston, Tasmania.

Ranking Round – Top Two Archers to be selected

At the completion of the 720-ranking round, the top two (2) archers (2 x Male and 2 x Female) who have met the criteria set out in the selection document will receive an invite to the selection trial in August. Given some archers will be shooting 70m and others 60m all archers who are seeking



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selection will have their “off the bow scores” converted to a rating via Archers Diary.

The archers will then be ranked from highest down based on their Archers Diary Rating for the 720-qualification round with the top two to proceed.

Example of score conversion to rating:

U21 Female:	@70m shoots 610	Rating 84.2
U18 Female	@60m shoots 621	Rating 80.0

Although the U18 archer has achieved a higher score off the bow the U21 archer will be ranked ahead of the U18 archer as her rating is higher.

Matchplay – Top Three Archers to be selected

Matchplay at the 2026 NYC will be shot in divisions where archers from the same gender will compete against each other.

The age divisions will also be mixed with U21 and U18 archers shooting individual matchplay.

All archers will shoot at the 60m distance there will be no 70m distance for the U21 and U18 male and female recurve individual matchplay.

The top 3 archers (3 x Male and 3 x Female) at the end of individual matchplay will be invited to the August selection event.

August Selection Trial, 1st – 2nd August 2026, AIS - Canberra

The format for the August trial will be sent to athletes post the National Youth Championships once we have the number of eligible athletes who will be in attendance.

In the event an athlete wins a spot at the selection trial but has not made the qualifying score, they have until the August Trial date to make that score at a World Archery Registered event. If that athlete is unable to make that score in time, then the spot at the trial will be filled by an archer who has made the qualifying score and attended the National Youth Championships.

Please make sure you read the AOC nomination Criteria as this is the official selection policy for the Dakar Youth Olympics.

If you have any further questions please contact Gina Rees, GM of High Performance on gina.rees@archery.org.au or 0416 594 756.