



# National Squad and National Team

## Recurve and Compound Divisions Core Policy Document for Target Archery

This document sets out the permanent selection framework. Annual dates and event schedules are published separately in the Annual Implementation Schedule (Appendix A).

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## Glossary of Terms

The following terms are used throughout this document:

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| <b>720 Qualification Round</b>                  | A qualifying round as defined by World Archery: WA70/720 for Recurve; WA50/720 for Compound.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)</b>      | Australia's national high-performance sports organisation, it operates under the <b>Australian Sports Commission</b> and is headquartered in <b>Canberra</b> , working closely with national sporting organisations across the country.                                                                            |
| <b>Centre of Excellence (CoE)</b>               | Archery Australia's centralised training program, based at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Compound</b>                                 | Means the sport of Archery using the Compound Bow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Good Standing</b>                            | " <b>Good Standing</b> " with <b>Archery Australia</b> signifies that an archer is a currently registered member, compliant with all National Integrity Framework policies (including the Code of Conduct), and is not subject to any active disciplinary proceedings, investigations, or suspensions.             |
| <b>National Squad</b>                           | The group of selected athletes chosen from the National Trials to form part of the larger National athlete group. The National Team is selected from the National Squad to represent Australia at international events such as Asia Cups, World Cups, World Championships.                                         |
| <b>National Target Championships (NTC)</b>      | Archery Australia's annual National Target event. The 720-qualification round at this event is the primary entry point into the selection process.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>National Team</b>                            | The archers selected to travel to and compete at specific events chosen by Archery Australia. A National Team comprises of three members per gender per division, a maximum of four. At the discretion of the Head Coach and General Manager of High Performance, a fourth member may be added for certain events. |
| <b>National Team Selection Committee (NTSC)</b> | National Team Selection Committee — the body responsible for selecting the National Squad and National Team and presenting selections to the CEO for ratification. You can find the members of the NTSC on our website <a href="#">NTSC</a>                                                                        |
| <b>Policy</b>                                   | This document as it is reviewed annually.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Recurve</b>                                  | Means the sport of Archery using the Recurve Bow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Selection Period</b>                         | The Selection Period is the defined from the first arrow shot in the 720 Ranking round of the National Target Championships to the final Trial Event of the following year.                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Trial Event</b>                              | A four-day selection event held at the CoE, consisting of Ranking Rounds, Round Robin Matchplay, and Elimination Matchplay.                                                                                                                                                                                        |



## 1. Purpose of This Document

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This document sets out the framework by which Archery Australia selects archers into the National Squads referred to as the National Recurve and National Compound Squads, and subsequently into National Teams to represent Australia at international target archery events.

The Policy is designed to be consistent and to give a clear process to pick the top performing athletes to make up the National team to represent Australia on the international stage. Athletes, coaches, and administrators should be able to rely on this framework remaining stable so that athletes know at the start of each year what they need to do to be selected. Specific trial dates and targeted international events will change annually to reflect the international calendar and Archery Australia's operational circumstances. These details are published separately in the Annual Implementation Schedule (**Appendix A**) and do not require changes to this Policy.

The principal objectives when selecting National Squads for Recurve and Compound are:

- To offer high-performance training environments.
- To support selected athletes and prepare them for international competition.
- To select and send teams to World Archery Championships, World Cups, Asia Cups, and other tournaments that serve athlete development and high-performance objectives.
- To represent Australia with distinction on the international stage.

## 2. Selection Philosophy

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Archery Australia is committed to objective, transparent, and consistent selection. This system is designed to reward sustained, consistent performance over time rather than a single outstanding day. A short selection event creates the risk that an archer who is not a consistently top performer might record an unusually high score on the day, displacing an archer who is more reliably competitive at the international level. To address this, the selection framework accumulates points across multiple Trial Events held across the season. This larger dataset more accurately reflects each athlete's true level of performance.

As a consequence of accumulating points across trials:

- The National Team selected for early international events (such as Asia Cups and the first World Cups of the year) is determined from the results of the first Trial Event only, because later Trial(s) Event have not yet occurred.



- The National Team for major year-end events — World Championships, Pacific Games, or the Olympics — is determined from the combined accumulated points across all Trial Events held during that Selection Period.
- An athlete who does not qualify for early international events via the first Trial Event may still earn selection to the major year-end event if their accumulated points across all Trial Events place them in the top three.

### 3. Eligibility

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To be eligible for selection into the National Squad, an athlete must:

- Be an Australian Citizen or in the process of obtaining citizenship;
- Be registered as a current financial member of Archery Australia;
- Be in Good Standing with Archery Australia;
- Satisfy all eligibility requirements under World [Archery Rules](#);
- Comply with World Archery [Anti-Doping Rules](#);
- Meet the selection criteria requirements detailed in this policy,
- Complete and return all relevant paperwork by the required dates, including the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct.

### 4. Overview of the Selection Process

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The selection process for each year operates in two stages:

#### Stage 1 — National Target Championships (NTC)

Athletes must attend the NTC and register their intention to be considered for the National Squad. The top eight ranked athletes per division (Recurve Men, Recurve Women, Compound Men, Compound Women) from the 720-qualification round at the NTC are invited to Trial Event 1. At the absolute discretion of the General Manager High Performance and the Head Coach, further athletes may be invited to the trial, subject to agreement by the NTSC.

If an athlete finishes in the top eight but does not wish to trial for the National Squad, they must notify Archery Australia as soon as possible. Their place will be offered to the next highest-ranked athlete until eight places are filled.

#### Stage 2 — Trial Events

All Trial Events are held at the Centre of Excellence at the AIS in Canberra.

Trial Event 1:

- The eight invited athletes per division compete across a four-day Trial Event.
- The top six athletes per division at the conclusion of Trial Event 1 form the National Squad for that year.



- The top three athletes per division from Trial Event 1 are selected as the National Team for early international events (which may include Asian Open Events, Asia Cups 1 and 2, World Cups 1, 2, and 3 — subject to the Annual Implementation Schedule and High-Performance calendar planning of events)
- Athletes ranked 7th and 8th who do not make the National Squad are considered reserves to the squad and can be added at any time throughout the year at the discretion of the Head Coach and GM of High Performance and subject to NTSC approval.

#### Trial Event 2:

- All six members of the National Squad are invited to Trial Event 2.
- Points from Trial Event 2 are accumulated with points from Trial Event 1.
- The top three athletes per division by combined accumulated points are selected as the National Team for major year-end events (which may include World Cup 4, Pacific Games and World Archery Championships — subject to the Annual Implementation Schedule).

If an archer withdraws from the National Squad during this selection process, Archery Australia will endeavour to replace them with the next eligible athlete (the reserves) from Trial 1.

## 5. Trial Event Format and Scoring

Each Trial Event is held over four days at the Centre of Excellence. All events consist of three phases: Ranking Rounds, Round Robin Matchplay, and Elimination Matchplay.

### 5.1 Trial Event Schedule

| Day / Session | Activity                                                            |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Day 1 – AM    | Ranking Round 1 (720 Round — 70m recurve / 50m compound, 72 arrows) |
| Day 1 – PM    | Round Robin Matchplay 1                                             |
| Day 2 – AM    | Ranking Round 2 (720 Round — 70m recurve / 50m compound, 72 arrows) |
| Day 2 – PM    | Elimination Matchplay 1 (seeded from Ranking Round 1)               |
| Day 3 – AM    | Round Robin Matchplay 2                                             |
| Day 3 – PM    | Elimination Matchplay 2 (seeded from Ranking Round 2)               |
| Day 4 – AM    | Ranking Round 3 (720 Round — 70m recurve / 50m compound, 72 arrows) |
| Day 4 – PM    | Elimination Matchplay 3 (seeded from Ranking Round 3)               |

### 5.2 Overall Points Accumulation

An athlete's final ranking at the conclusion of a Trial Event is determined by accumulating points from all three phases, being:

- The total raw score from all three 720 Ranking Rounds.
- Bonus points earned from Round Robin Matchplay (win/loss and performance bonuses).
- Bonus points earned from Elimination Matchplay (placement points).



Where multiple Trial Events are held in a Selection Period, the accumulated points total from each Trial Event are added together to produce a final selection ranking. This combined ranking determines National Team selection for major year-end events.

### 5.3 Ranking Rounds

Three 720 Qualification Rounds are conducted per Trial Event:

- Recurve: WA70/720 Round (70 metres, 72 arrows)
- Compound: WA50/720 Round (50 metres, 72 arrows)

The raw score from each round contributes directly to the athlete's accumulated total. The ranking from each individual 720 round also seeds that round's corresponding Elimination Matchplay bracket (see Section 5.5).

### 5.4 Round Robin Matchplay

In the Round Robin phase, each athlete competes against all other athletes in their division. Points are awarded for the outcome of each match and for the quality of shooting within each match. This reflects the principle that athletes should not only win their matches but should be shooting at the standard required for international competition.

#### Win/Loss Points

| Match Result | Points Awarded |
|--------------|----------------|
| Win          | 2              |
| Loss         | 0              |

#### Recurve — Performance Bonus Points (Capped at first three ends)

In Recurve matchplay, matches are contested in sets of three arrows (maximum 30 points per set — three perfect 10s). The following bonus and penalty points are awarded for the first three ends shot during the match, rewarding archers who are shooting at or above the standard expected for international competition:

##### Recurve Men:

| End Score   | Points Awarded |
|-------------|----------------|
| 30          | +2             |
| 29          | +1             |
| 28 (par)    | 0              |
| 27 or below | -1             |

##### Recurve Women:

| End Score   | Points Awarded |
|-------------|----------------|
| 30          | +3             |
| 29          | +2             |
| 28          | +1             |
| 27 (par)    | 0              |
| 26 or below | -1             |



An additional bonus of 1 point is awarded for winning a match in straight sets (6–0).

### **Compound — Performance Bonus Points (per match)**

Compound matchplay uses an aggregate format: each match consists of 15 arrows with a maximum score of 150. Because compound matches are based on total match score, bonuses are calculated per match rather than per end:

#### **Compound Men:**

| Match Score  | Points Awarded |
|--------------|----------------|
| 150          | +4             |
| 149          | +3             |
| 148          | +2             |
| 147          | +1             |
| 146–145      | 0              |
| 144 or below | –1             |

#### **Compound Women:**

| Match Score  | Points Awarded |
|--------------|----------------|
| 148 or above | +4             |
| 147          | +3             |
| 146          | +2             |
| 145          | +1             |
| 144–143      | 0              |
| 142 or below | –1             |

## **5.5 Elimination Matchplay**

Three separate Elimination Matchplay brackets are conducted per Trial Event. Each bracket is seeded from the 720 Ranking Round of the same number (Ranking Round 1 seeds Elimination Bracket 1, and so on).

Elimination Matchplay is a knock-out format: losing a match eliminates the athlete from that bracket. Placement points are awarded based on final position within each bracket:

| Final Placement | Points Awarded |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1st             | 10             |
| 2nd             | 7              |
| 3rd             | 4              |
| 4th             | 1              |
| 5th or below    | 0              |

## 5.6 Tie-Breaking

If two or more athletes are tied on accumulated points at the conclusion of a Trial Event, ties are resolved in the following order:

- Total Round Robin Matchplay points (win/loss and performance bonuses combined).
- If still tied: total Elimination Matchplay placement points.
- If still tied: total X count across all 720 Ranking Rounds.
- If still tied: total X and 10 count across all 720 Ranking Rounds.
- If still tied: a one-arrow shoot-off. The arrow closest to the geometric centre of the target face wins. Distance from centre is physically measured. If arrows score differently (e.g. 10 vs 9), the higher-scoring arrow wins outright without measurement.

## 6. Minimum Guideline Scores for National Team Members

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There is no minimum score required to be selected into the National Squad. However, an athlete must achieve the minimum guideline score outlined in **Appendix B** to be eligible for selection into a National Team to travel to World Cups. Minimum guideline scores are reviewed annually following the conclusion of the international season.

The purpose of the minimum guideline score is to ensure that athletes representing Australia at the international level can perform at a competitive standard under scrutiny. The threshold is deliberately set at a moderate level — benchmarked to the average score of the 30th-ranked athlete across the individual qualification rounds at Olympics, World Championships, and World Cups. This is not an elite standard; it represents the minimum level of competitiveness expected on the international stage.

Critically, the score must be achieved in a high-pressure, competitive environment.

Eligible events are:

- A World Archery international event during the current season.
- The National Target Championships (NTC).
- One of the Trial Events outlined in this Policy.
- A Training Camp where all National Squad members have an opportunity to participate, conducted under the supervision of the Archery Australia Head Coaches.

If a National Team member withdraws, the Head Coach and General Manager of High Performance may recommend a replacement from the National Squad, provided the replacement has achieved the minimum guideline score.

## **7. Athlete Acknowledgement**

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By entering the selection process, an athlete acknowledges that they have:

- Read and understood this selection Policy.
- Read and understood the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct
- Had reasonable opportunity to seek advice in relation to the Policy and all processes set out in the Policy.
- Agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Policy and the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct.
- Agreed not to make any announcements to the media or public — including via social media or personal websites — regarding squad or team selection until after Archery Australia has made an official announcement.

## **8. Announcements and Communication**

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As soon as practicable following the completion of Trial Event 1 each year, the National Squad and the National Team for early international events will be submitted by the NTSC to the CEO for ratification and then released publicly.

Following Trial Event 2 (and any subsequent trials), the National Team for major year-end events will be submitted and released via the same process.

## **9. National Team Selection Committee (NTSC)**

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The National Team Selection Committee selects the National Squad and National Team in accordance with this Policy and presents selections to the CEO for ratification.

Any member of the NTSC must declare a conflict of interest if it may affect their ability to make a fair and impartial decision regarding squad or team selection. A member with a declared conflict of interest will recuse themselves from the relevant decision.

## **10. Appeals**

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Where an athlete reasonably believes, having considered all the circumstances, that their non-selection resulted from a failure to follow this Policy, the athlete may lodge a formal appeal. The [Reviews and Appeals Policy \(2023\)](#) govern the appeals process and is available on the Archery Australia website.

## **11. Breach of Policy and Removal from Squad**

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A squad or team member may be removed from the National Squad or National Team in the event of:



- A breach of this Policy.
- A violation of the Archery Australia Athlete Agreement or Code of Conduct.
- Any conduct which the NTSC or Archery Australia CEO deems unacceptable, including matters that are novel or unforeseen and not explicitly covered by existing Archery Australia policies.

Prior to removal, the athlete must be given the opportunity to participate in a removal interview with the NTSC Chair, the 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. Decisions to remove a squad member on conduct grounds are final and may not be appealed.

Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension or conduct that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in immediate withdrawal from the squad. Any resulting suspension will be subject to investigation and appeal through Archery Australia's applicable policies and mechanisms, overseen by the CEO.

Note: Poor performance alone does not constitute a breach. Athletes who underperform will naturally be displaced through the competitive trial process at the next selection cycle. Removal provisions apply to conduct and compliance matters only.

## 12. Policy Revisions

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This Policy can be updated throughout the year if required and athletes are to be given notice before any major changes are to occur. Updates must be presented to the Athletes' Committee before the updates are published.

A version update will be noted on page one of this Policy.

## **Appendix A — Annual Implementation Schedule 2027**

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This appendix is updated each year and contains:

- Specific dates for the NTC and all Trial Events.
- The list of international events Archery Australia intends to attend in the first half of the year (Asia Cups, World Cups 1–3), subject to final confirmation.
- The list of major year-end events (World Championships, Olympics, Pacific Games) for which the accumulated trial points will determine selection.
- Current minimum guidelines scores for World Cups

The selection method described in the core Policy document above applies unchanged to every year. Only the specific dates, events, and logistical details below change from year to year.

### **National Target Championships**

The 2026 National Target Championships (720 Qualification Round) will serve as the entry point for 2027 selection. The top eight ranked athletes per division will be invited to Trial Event 1. Refer to Appendix C – First Year Transition Provisions.

### **Trial Event 1 — Late 2026**

- Dates: 3–6 December 2026
- Location: Centre of Excellence, Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra
- Purpose: Determines the National Squad (top six per division) and the National Team for early 2027 international events.

Target international events for early 2027 (subject to confirmation):

- Asia Cup 1 and 2
- World Cup 1, 2, and 3

### **Trial Event 2 — 2027**

- Dates: 27–30 May 2027
- Location: Centre of Excellence, Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra
- Purpose: National Squad members only. Accumulated points from Trial Events 1 and 2 determine National Team selection for major year-end events.

Target major year-end events (subject to confirmation):

- World Cup 4
- Pacific Games
- World Archery Championships



### **Indicative Implementation Schedule for 2028 (Olympic Year)**

In an Olympic year, a third trial will be held between Trial Event 1 and Trial Event 2. The three trials are typically scheduled in November, February, and May respectively. Points from all trials are accumulated, and the same principles apply. Refer to the Annual Implementation Schedule for specific dates and the number of trials in any given year.

Dates for all 2028 Trial Events are to be confirmed once the international calendar is released.

- Trial Event 1 (November 2027): Determines National Squad and National Team for early 2028 international events.
- Trial Event 2 (January/February 2028): Further points accumulation toward Olympic team selection.
- Trial Event 3 (May 2028): Final points accumulation. Combined accumulated points from all three trials determine the Olympic team.

### **Indicative Implementation Schedule for 2029 (World Archery Championship Year)**

Dates for 2029 Trial Events are to be confirmed once the international calendar is released. The same two-trial structure as non-Olympic years is anticipated. Schedule will be published in due course.

### **National Team Members Attending World Events**

Only athletes selected to the National Squad are eligible to attend international events as members of an Archery Australia team. Archery Australia does not guarantee participation in every event listed in this schedule. Attendance at each event is determined through a risk management process that considers financial, logistical, and safety factors.

In cases where Archery Australia elects not to attend an event—and where only the National Body can enter a team, preventing individual athlete registration—Archery Australia may grant permission for National Squad athletes who have achieved the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) to compete at their own expense.

This will be reviewed annually in line with our performances at international events.

## Appendix B – Current Minimum Guidelines for 2026-2027

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As reference in the selection document there is no minimum score required to be selected into the National Squad. However, an athlete must achieve the minimum guideline score below to be eligible for selection into a National Team to travel to World Cups. Critically, the score must be achieved in a pressurised competitive environment.

Eligible events are:

- A World Archery or World Archery Asia international target event whereby an Australian Team has been entered through WAREOS by Archery Australia.
- The National Target Championships (NTC).
- One of the Trial Events outlined in this Policy.
- A Training Camp where all National Squad members have an opportunity to participate, conducted under the supervision of the Archery Australia Head Coaches.

Time Frame to achieve the MQS is from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 until end of international season of the following year, which is the 2027 World Archery Championships.

Minimum guideline scores are reviewed annually following the conclusion of the international season. The scores below are set currently across the five international seasons of 2020-2025.

| Division       | Minimum Score for 2027 |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Recurve Men    | 660                    |
| Recurve Women  | 640                    |
| Compound Men   | 698                    |
| Compound Women | 681                    |

## **Appendix C — First Year Transition Provisions (2027 Selection Period Only)**

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This appendix applies to the 2027 Selection Period only.

### **Background**

Previous Archery Australia selection procedures included Qualifying and Ranking Events (QREs) — sanctioned events registered by clubs on behalf of Archery Australia, used to establish qualifying scores and rankings. While QREs have served a purpose, inconsistencies in how they have been administered across clubs and regions have created inequitable outcomes for athletes, and the format is being discontinued from the 2028 Selection Period onward.

However, as this Policy is being implemented for the first time in the 2027 Selection Period, Archery Australia is obligated to honour existing expectations established under previous procedures. Accordingly, QREs form part of the Stage 1 qualification process for this Period only, as set out below.

### **2026/2027 Stage 1 Selection Transition**

For the 2026/2027 selection cycle only, the top eight ranked athletes per division invited to Trial Event 1 will be determined by a combined ranking based on:

- i) The Athletes best 3 QRE's scores in the specified period will be combined. Archery Australia sanctioned events and International World Archery Registered Tournaments where representing Australia can qualify for QRE's.
- ii) The Athlete must attend National Target Championships, the score from the ranking round of the 720 at the National Championships will be used. A ranking round defined by World Archery is currently for the Recurve Division a WA70/720 Round, and for the Compound Division a WA50/720 Compound Round.
- iii) First scoring round at National Target Championships Matchplay, equal amount sets taken into account.
- iv) The scores from part 2i, 2ii & 2iii will be added to determine ranking, if scores are equal, then overall standing in Matchplay to determine tie break. If they are still equal accumulated X count from all scores will be used to determine tie break.
- v) To nominate for the squad, you will be asked at the point of registration for the National Target Championships if you would like to be considered and confirm that all your scores have been lodged into Archers Diary. From there scores will be checked by the selection committee and squad will be announced once this process is complete.



From the 2028 selection cycle onward, the Stage 1 ranking will be determined solely by the athlete's score from the 720-qualification round at the NTC, as described in the core Policy document. QREs will play no further role.