

1. Funding and logistics

1.1 The Home Nations Cup will be a self-funded event.

1.2 Athletes will be responsible for all costs of attendance, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, entry fees and sustenance.

1.3 Athletes will be responsible for registering for the competition and arranging their own travel and accommodation. Full details will be provided with the team invitation.

2. Context and purpose of event selection

2.1 The Home Nations Cup is a four nation competition between selected archers from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

2.2 The purpose of selection is to identify a competitive team to represent Northern Ireland at this event.

3. Competition format/s

3.1 Competition format:

- Individual
- Mixed team
- Team

3.2 Maximum places per category that may be selected, including reserves:

Recurve	Compound	Barebow
3 Men and 1 reserve	3 Men and 1 reserve	3 Men and 1 reserve
3 Women and 1 reserve	3 Women and 1 reserve	3 Women and 1 reserve

3.3 The selection panel reserve the right to select fewer than the maximum permitted number of athletes.

4. General points of eligibility

4.1 Archers are eligible for consideration provided they:

- Are an AGB member in good standing
- Have satisfied all eligibility under the rules of World Archery (WA) and subject to any changes it may introduce subsequent to the publication of this policy
- Are eligible to compete for Northern Ireland (see 4.2)
- Hold a valid form of ID for travel
- Are available for selection of the stated event
- Are fit and healthy to compete

4.2 The Northern Ireland team is open for applications by any athlete eligible to shoot for Northern Ireland under Commonwealth Games Federation Byelaw 16.3.2 which stipulates that an individual can compete for the Commonwealth Country of their birth; or of the birth of their parent or grandparent; or where they have completed a minimum period of three years continuous residency.

5. Performance standards

5.1 No Minimum qualifying scores (MQS) have been set for the selection process.

6. Selection process

6.1 Selection will be determined on the basis of the sum of each athlete's best three scores (WA70 or WA50) achieved during the selection window (see section 7).

6.14 Subject to sufficient athletes, the top three athletes per category will be selected for the Home Nations Cup. The fourth ranked athlete will be selected as reserve.

6.15 Where there are fewer than three athletes available in a category, the tournament organisers will provide a substitute athlete(s) from another home nation.

6.16 In the event of multiple athletes accruing the same cumulative score, ties will be decided on the basis of the highest most recent score for each athlete.

7. Timetable

7.1 The score window for attainment of scores for the Home Nations Cup is 1 August 2025 – 5 July 2026.

7.2 The score submission deadline is 23.59 on 5 July 2026.

7.3 The selection panel will meet on or around 6 July 2026.

8. Nomination and selection panel

8.1 Following the conclusion of the score window, a selection panel will be convened to confirm selections for each event.

8.2 The representatives at this meeting will be made up of the following as appropriate. In the event of an attendee being unable to attend the meeting, a report will be submitted if appropriate and / or a suitable alternative attend:

- Members of the Coaching Working Group

- Independent Performance advisor
- Selection panel administrator (meeting notes)

8.3 In selecting a team that is in keeping with the context and aims of event selection in section 4, the panel will consider all available information. Secondary to performance in the selection process, this may include but is not limited to athletes who have been unable to train or compete due to injury / illness or any other unforeseen circumstances, maintenance of form and fitness, performance readiness, performance potential, medal target, performance pedigree (including international medals won), injury/illness history, behaviour and contribution to a team ethos.

9. Team announcement

9.1 Insofar as possible, athletes selected will be notified within 24 hours of the selection panel meeting and the team announcement will take place within seven days of the selection panel meeting.

9.2 Selected team members must agree not to make any announcement to the media or public in any form (including on any social or other media) regarding their selection until after the announcement is made on the Northern Ireland Archery website www.niarchery.org.uk.

10. The 'Team'

The 'Team' means the team which is selected by the panel which includes athletes, coaches, nominated reserves (if applicable), team leaders and any other required personnel.

11. Following the conclusion of the selection process

11.1 Once athletes and other Team members have been advised of their selection by the selection panel administrator, they (including any reserve(s)) must agree not to withhold any information on availability, fitness, injury status or illness that could affect their training or competitiveness at any time until the conclusion of the event;

11.2 All selected athletes must ensure that they are compliant with the rules of anti-doping including any requirement for a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) where relevant;

11.3 Athletes and other Team members selected, are required to attend all related training camps and competitions as laid out by the Team Manager from the selection announcement onwards;

11.4 Athletes and other team members will be expected to demonstrate they can actively contribute to the team unity required to be a successful team and will be required to maintain or improve standards and behaviours.

12. Appeals

12.1 Any selection appeal must be registered in line with the process identified in Appendix B.

13. Any matters not covered by this Policy

13.1 Any matters arising from the selection processes, which are not covered within this policy, shall be determined by the Archery GB Director of Participation (or representative thereof) acting at their sole discretion.

Appendices

Appendix A – Registration and performance tracking

A.1 Athletes can register scores achieved in WA70/WA50 rounds in an online score tracking system: <https://forms.office.com/e/eXY5KCSpnF>

A.2 Scores must have been achieved at World Record Status competition and evidence of the score must be provided.

A.3 Athletes only need to register two scores. If an athlete wishes to update their submitted scores, they may submit the form as many times as they wish.

A.4 It is the athlete's sole responsibility to ensure that they register their scores and that those scores have been accepted onto the system.

A.5 Athletes must have checked and registered their scores by the deadline outlined in section 7.

A.6 Registration on this tracking system will automatically be taken as an expression of interest for entry to the selection process.

A.7 Selection for the Home Nations Cup will be determined solely on the basis of scores submitted through this tracking system.

Appendix B – Selection Appeals

B.1 This Selection Appeals guidance concerns itself solely with the process of selection. It makes no provision for consideration of the actual decisions of the selection panel. In other words, an appeals panel does not sit as a new, higher, selection panel and has no brief to assess the relative merits of athletes under consideration. Rather, the appeal considers whether the approach taken by the panel is consistent with the published criteria for selection.

B.2 This guidance sets out Northern Ireland Archery's appeals process for all appeals by an athlete in respect of decisions relating to the selection for a Northern Ireland Archery team at the 2026 Home Nations Cup.

Notice of appeal

B.3 Prior to submitting a Notice of Appeal, athletes who are considering an appeal can request the meeting notes of the respective selection meeting. These will be provided within 24 hours of being requested and will be redacted, save for the information relating to the process and the athlete requesting the information.

B.4 If an athlete wishes to appeal a selection decision, they, or their authorised representative, must submit a formal written Notice of Appeal to lisa.wheeler@archerygb.org within 72 hours of the selection decision being announced or communicated to the athlete, whichever is earlier.

B.5 The Appeal Panel will consist of three independent people, who were not originally involved in the selection process being appealed and with no other conflicts of interest.

B.6 The Notice of Appeal must set out the grounds of the appeal and include full details of which ground(s) as outlined in B.8, the appeal is based upon and the precise way the ground(s) have been met. The Notice of Appeal should be as comprehensive as possible and be supplemented with any documents or written evidence upon which the athlete relies, as it will form the basis of the remainder of this procedure.

B.7 The Respondent shall also submit a fee of £50 to Northern Ireland Archery, which shall be refunded if their appeal is successful but shall otherwise be forfeited towards the costs of the appeal. The process for this will be advised on receipt of the Notice of Appeal.

Grounds for Appeal

B.8 An Athlete may appeal against a selection decision on the grounds that:

B.8a The selection policy was not properly followed and/or implemented

B.8b The selection panel failed to take into account relevant considerations, or took into account irrelevant considerations

B.8c The selection process was tainted by bias

B.8d The selection decision was made in bad faith, dishonestly, or perversely

B.8e The selection process was otherwise unfair

B.9 Any appeals which do not satisfy the grounds of appeal above, will be dismissed automatically.

B.10 The right to appeal a selection decision is provided on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the specialist opinion of the selection panel. In reaching their decision the selection panel are acting as specialists and Athletes agree that in so doing the selection panel exercises judgment and discretion which are not in themselves capable of challenge.

Outcome

B.11 The decision of the appeal panel shall be final and binding on the parties, and there shall be no further right of appeal.

B.12 The panel shall be entitled to:

B.12a Reject the Appeal and confirm the selection decision; or

B.12b Allow the Appeal and quash the nomination decision under appeal and remit the matter back to the original decision maker identifying the errors they have identified in the conduct of the selection process, and requesting that a new decision is made within 48 hours.

B.13 The parties shall bear their own costs of participating in any appeal.



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