



The Home Nations Cup - Indoor Championships



Event - The Home Nations Cup - Indoor Championships

Date - Friday 4th December 2026

Funding

The Home Nations Cup - Indoor Championships will be a self-funded event (entry fee, travel, accommodation). Selected archers are required to pay the entry fee directly to Archery GB via the sport80 platform.

Competition Format

The Home Nations Cup - Indoor Championships is a standalone event within the Archery GB National Indoor Competition (NIC) weekend and will be held on Friday 4th December 2026.

- Individual WA18 qualifier (also counted as qualifier for NIC)
- Team H2Hs
- Medals for Team H2H and Combined Nation H2H results

Maximum places per category that Archery Northern Ireland may choose, but is under no obligation, to select:

Recurve	Compound	Barebow
Three Senior Open + One Reserve	Three Senior Open + One Reserve	Three Senior Open + One Reserve
Three Senior Women + One Reserve	Three Senior Women + One Reserve	Three Senior Women + One Reserve

The Northern Ireland team will comprise the top three archers from each gender in each category who have achieved the minimum score criteria. The fourth highest scoring archer who has achieved the minimum score criteria in each gender in each category will be named reserve.

Under the rules of the competition, the combined qualification scores shot by the three members of the National Team will be tallied per category and gender to determine rankings for Team H2Hs. Points will be awarded to the Nation from each Team H2H competition, and the total will determine the Home Nations Cup - Indoor results.

Scores from the reserve archer will only be used if a member of the National Team does not complete a score during the competition. The reserve will then also compete as part of the Team in the Team H2H in place of the other archer but cannot be substituted in midway through a match.

Reserve archers may with their agreement be seconded to the team of another nation if that nation is short of archers in a category, if agreed prior to the competition



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commencing. However, Reserves will only be eligible for medals if they shoot in the Team H2H for any of the Home Nations, including Northern Ireland.

Archery GB will make places available in the Friday session for all National Team archers, and they will be automatically allocated entry for the event upon selection. Archery GB will manage event entry and payment directly with the selected archers.

Selection will also be limited to those that have completed the Application process in alignment with the published schedule, so this may result in sending a part team. Archery Northern Ireland reserves the right to select fewer than the maximum permitted number of archers.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration to represent Northern Ireland, one or more of the following must apply to you:

You hold a valid British or Irish Passport or have the 'right to reside' in Northern Ireland
AND

- You were born in Northern Ireland **OR**
- You have at least one parent or grandparent born in Northern Ireland **OR**
- You have been a continuous resident in Northern Ireland for 3 years or more prior to the closing date for selection. If you hold refugee status, humanitarian protection or stateless leave, you will meet this requirement if you have been a continuous resident in Northern Ireland for at least 1 year. **OR**
- You meet the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Eligibility Byelaws. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

To confirm eligibility, you must also be a current member of Archery Northern Ireland at the point when selection scores are submitted. Any selection scores submitted must have been shot whilst being a member of ArcheryGB or other World Archery-affiliated Federation.

Continuous residency is defined as living in Northern Ireland a minimum of 183 days in each year of the qualifying period

Exceptions

Those who have represented another World Archery Federation, apart from Great Britain or Ireland, in the twelve months prior to the closing date for selection are not eligible to shoot for Northern Ireland.



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Those who have represented another Home Nation (i.e. Wales, Scotland, England) or country which has common citizenship/passport with Northern Ireland (e.g. Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man) in the twelve months prior to the Event or have not been formally released by that country after this time has elapsed, are not eligible to shoot for Northern Ireland.

Selection Criteria

To qualify for inclusion in the selection process, the archer must submit the following:

Two WA18 scores achieved in a minimum NI Record Status or NGB record status, or a competitive WA18 shoot overseen by Archery GB for selection purposes (Selection Shoot) should be submitted; all of these must have been shot after 1st December 2025.

No minimum score criteria will apply for selection for the 2026 event, however archers will have to demonstrate as part of their submission that they have shot as part of a H2H team by providing details of any team competition they have taken part in within the last 24 months or are willing to attend a team training session at their own expense before the date of the event.

All scores must be submitted with evidence such as ianseo scorecards, competition results sheets or photographs of a signed scoresheet noting the location, date, and result of the competition.

Selection Calculations

The two WA18 scores will be added together, meaning 584 and 542 scores from on or after 1st December 2025 would be $584 + 542 = 1126$

This will be divided by 2 to give an average. So, $1126/2 = 563$

In the event of multiple archers accruing the same number of overall points, ties will be decided by

- Best WA18 score since 1st December 2025

If we still have a tie at this point, then a coin will be flipped to determine who is selected.

Timetable for Submissions

Submission deadline for scores is 12 noon on Monday 21st September 2026.

Incomplete submissions or submissions after the closing date will not be considered. Archers experiencing issues with submission are encouraged to contact Damien



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Lennon (Northern Ireland Team Manager for the event) at least 2 hours before the submission deadline to request assistance or confirm submission.

Score submissions are via coaches@niarchery.org.uk

Selection Panel

Following the closure of score submissions, they will be collated and an interim team selection with evidence will be shared with the selection panel members. A selection panel will be convened on 21st September 2026 to confirm the team selection.

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

- Members of the NI Coaches Group
- Members of the NI Competitions Group
- Regional Development Officer

In selecting a team, the panel will endeavour to consider all available information.

Where more archers submit scores than places are available, selection will be a purely statistical process as outlined. However, where the number of archers submitting scores in a category is fewer than four, Archery Northern Ireland reserves the right to include archers that have been unable to train or compete due to injury / illness or any other unforeseen circumstances and therefore were unable to submit scores for 2026, and that have notified the Northern Ireland Team Manager, Damien Lennon, of such by email Damien.Lennon@archerygb.org prior to submission deadline.

The email must include their best WA18 score achieved after 1st December 2025 with evidence. The archer may then be invited, at their own cost, to an assessment of readiness to join the team. This will be through completion of a WA18 scored round or other such test appropriate to the circumstances. Following the assessment, the archer will be informed immediately by the team manager if they have been successful or unsuccessful in alignment with these criteria.

Team Announcement

All Archers that have applied will be notified by email within 24 hours of the selection panel meeting and can request feedback if unsuccessful. Feedback will be available either in writing or through a call with the Northern Ireland Team Manager.



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The team announcement will take place within seven working days of the selection panel meeting, and in any case prior to opening of NIC for General Entry, via the Archery Northern Ireland website and/or official social media channels.

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 Archery Northern Ireland have announced the selection on their website and/or via official social media channels.

Post-selection Considerations

Once Team members have been advised of their selection by the Northern Ireland Team Manager, 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.

All selected Team members must declare any medications they are taking, in particular the use of any restricted medications and that they hold a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) which can be produced when required by the relevant authority.

Team members will be expected to demonstrate they can actively contribute to the team unity required to be a successful Northern Ireland team and will be required to maintain or improve standards and behaviours to participate for Northern Ireland.

Any breach of these considerations may result in disciplinary action up to, and including, removal from the Team and possible exclusion from future representative Team selections. Decisions on these matters are open to appeal as allowed by the relevant Northern Ireland Archery / AGB disciplinary process effective at the time of the incident.