

## Selection 2021 FAQ

The High-Performance Subcommittee has put together this FAQ document to address the questions that have been asked since the publication of the 2021 Selection Policy. We are very happy to see so many archers actively engaged in this process and have received many “Intention to Apply” forms already.

Obviously Covid 19 has required us to make many changes to create something that is fair and workable in a world where there is no certainty of international events (or even local events for that matter) going ahead. We have had many heated (but respectful) discussions in putting together this policy. We have consulted on areas where we felt extra expertise was required to inform the development of this policy and lots of re-writes have taken place based on that feedback to get to the current document in place. While we understand that it is impossible to please everyone and there will be many differing opinions, we remain committed to working positively, respectfully and fairly with all archers to help them achieve their goals. We would like to thank those who have supported us with sharing their knowledge and expertise.

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The time frames are so tight? Can we extend?

We understand that the time frames are tight due to the amount of consultation that was required in preparing the policy document and in converting these to online documents to make submission easier for archers. As it is unlikely NZ borders will be open in time to allow a NZ team to travel to the first international events in April, we have agreed to extend the time frames and the policy will be updated to reflect this

### **New Time frames**

Intention to Apply forms are to be submitted no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

International Event Applications are to be submitted no later than 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

How were MQS scores generated?

Feedback gathered from our high-performance survey clearly showed that the participants felt that the previous MQS scores were not in line with what was required to be competitive on an international stage in some divisions. Anecdotal evidence clearly told us that archers wanted the NZ shirt to be something earned and therefore valued, not just given away.

The subcommittee decided that the MQS scores should be set at a level that would in all likelihood allow archers to “make the cut off” to be able to progress into the Matchplay section of the event. Scores gathered from World Archery events over the past two years were averaged to give us a figure for the MQS.

To determine Barebow MQS scores, which do not have a history on which to base this calculation, the top Barebow archers were consulted.

The recurve MQS, as originally calculated, were lowered as it was felt that the jump from the previous MQS scores was too great. The scores were then sent for further consultation. After

consultation these scores were lowered yet again. The purpose of this exercise was to raise the bar but not so much that the new scores were not seen as attainable.

This process led to the introduction of the Tier system so that an archer who is not yet at a level to make it into a Tier 1 event, may still have the opportunity to gain international experience and knowledge at a Tier 2 or Tier 3 event. This should help assist their growth and development and hopefully their ability to make the Tier 1 team at a later date.

The subcommittee would like to highlight to all archers that the M in MQS stands for **minimum**. We strongly suggest that in all divisions, archers should be setting their goals for well above the MQS if they wish to be successful on the international stage.

#### Why are scores higher for 2021 Selection than for the Olympics Nomination Criteria?

The Olympic Nomination Criteria remains unaltered, but we feel the previous MQS does not fully reflect the standard archers are required to attain to be approved by NZOC to compete at the Olympics. Archers who wish to go to the Olympic Games are required to demonstrate to the Selectors that they can meet the Olympic Nomination Criteria effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

#### 4.2 Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:

(a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to an Archery Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:

i. is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Archery Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing).

To meet this clause, based on scores shot at the last Olympics, archers need to demonstrate they can regularly shoot scores in the vicinity of 670 for Recurve Men, and 645 for Recurve Women. Both of these scores are higher than the MQS that has been set by Archery NZ for Tier 1 events for 2021. We believe this highlights that the 2021 MQS scores are more in line with current performance levels needed to perform well on the international stage.

The Archery NZ Board will continue to advocate for our archers and we are hopeful that a potential reduction of countries able to travel to the Olympics may produce some leniency around this criterion that may enable our archers to participate even if they have not quite met these scores.

#### Why must scores be shot at different ranges?

Previous years archers were required to have 3 MQS scores and compete at a selection event, this allowed the selectors to see archers in action in different environments. This year, due to COVID-19 condensing our time frames, we are only requesting 2 MQS scores so there is less data available for the selectors. By stipulating that the scores are shot at different ranges, we can gain some assurance that the archer can adapt and perform at different ranges, not just at their own home range.

We have sometimes ended up with only two archers on a Butt and with double scoring have only had the two archers sign the Sheets with no third "Witness" signature. What should we do?

For any score that is to be used for selection purposes, 3 signatures are required. If there are only 2 archers on a target then a judge or DOS can be the 3rd signature. They are authenticating that the score was shot at the correct distance and on the correct target face, not just the arrow value. It is simply a way to ensure everybody is doing things as they should, to create fairness and equity.

Where do I send my score sheets to?

Initially the Selection Panel will be gathering the scores from Archery OSA (Archer's Diary for Australian archers) so we do not require all scores sheets to be sent in. We reserve the right to request these so archers should get in the habit of keeping a copy of all their score sheets.

If we do require your score sheets you will be contacted and given directions on how to get these to us. A photo of your scoresheet taken on your phone is sufficient. This request is in line with the World Archery rule that, in the case of discrepancy, paper triumphs over electronics. If there is a mistake entering figures into OSA - let's face it, it happens - we cannot change it unless a paper verification can be provided as evidence.

What about archers based in Australia who can't attend Majors?

The subcommittee has gathered data on the Australian equivalent of a NZ major which is a QRE (ie is double scored, has timing, judges, scores recorded electronically on Archers Diary) and we will allow scores shot at these events to be submitted. We believe there are QRE's operating in most areas of Australia now.

What if I can't make it to the Mainland Muster shoot or if the line is full?

We encourage you to register for this event as soon as possible but if you have a genuine reason that prohibits your ability to attend, simply fill in the online dispensation form on the website. It only takes a minute or two to complete.

What events should I register for at the Mainland Muster shoot?

As per the policy, you should register for the same type of event for which you are seeking selection. In saying that as there has been limited competition in 2020, this shoot will be a good chance to refresh your competition skills and demonstrate to selectors that you are still in good shooting form.

What will selectors be looking for when they come to events?

As the majority of selection is based on quantifiable scores, selectors who attend events will be observing that archers/officials being considered for selection are consistently displaying the behaviours expected as per the Archery NZ Code of Conduct.

They will also be gathering information to inform the High-performance subcommittee on any areas that need to be addressed to support the holistic development of the both individual

archers and the NZ team. This information will be used to develop appropriate training at team training camps and/or any future high-performance programmes.

Barebow moved from 60mtr to 50 mtr on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, so this would mean that the policy excludes the 60mtr round scores, which means that Barebow archers have had 3 ½ months less to get qualifying scores.

We know that Barebow archers have achieved some amazing scores recently but if someone is really struggling to get their two scores together and has to go back further, the Selection Panel will take this in to account and do the appropriate calculations.

Some of my older scores have not been uploaded on Archery OSA, can I still use them for selection?

As long as you have verified evidence of these historic scores and they were shot at a NZ Major tournament, they can be accepted even if not on Archery OSA but going forward all scores for used for selection purposes should be recorded on Archery OSA.