

Update from Archery NZ regarding Tokyo 2020

We are just five months away from Tokyo 2020. We had the pleasure of attending an NZ Team Operations Workshop last week and it is clear there is confidence the Tokyo Olympic Games will go ahead. To this end, work continues to ensure that the NZ Team is ready and as prepared as it can be given the constantly changing situation globally.

This update has been produced after consultation with the NZOC to ensure archers have a correct understanding of the NZOC Selection Policy and Archery NZ Nomination Criteria for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Updated Policy

The Archery NZ Nomination Policy has been updated to reflect the current changes on the international archery scene. Both the Guatemala and Shanghai World Cups have been removed as qualifying events and the Archery NZ National Championships added. We have also extended the qualification and nomination dates of the policy to ensure alignment with the World Cup in Paris.

The other addition to the Policy, is the inclusion of Schedule A. This is a table that displays the scores of archers that ranked in the Top 16 and Top 8 after the ranking round at major international events over the last 2 years. The scores have been averaged to give archers guidance of the scores that both our Archery NZ Selectors and the NZOC Selection Panel will be looking to demonstrate as evidence of an archer's ability meet the over-riding criteria in the Nomination Policy and therefore, the selection standard in the NZOC Selection Policy.

Review of archer performances on the international stage over a number of years has demonstrated that ranking is a very reliable determiner of final placings at the conclusion of match play. Therefore, it is fair practice for selection to be based on the scores achieved in ranking rounds.

Nomination and Team Selection

New Zealand has earned mixed team quota spots which means that the Archery NZ Selectors have the opportunity to nominate one male and one female archer to NZOC provided they meet the nomination criteria. The NZOC Selection Panel then make a decision regarding whether these athletes have met the NZOC selection standard and therefore, whether they make the final NZ Olympic Team. Please note however, while it is the mixed team quota spots that have been earned, archers are nominated as individual athletes. This is due to the mixed team competition at the games being determined by the top 16 combined scores of those countries who have at least one male and one female participant in the individual event. So while there are only 16 available places in the mixed team event, a mixed team quota does not guarantee a spot at the games. We also note that if the Archery NZ Selectors do not believe there is one male and one female who meet the overriding criteria in the Nomination Policy then the Archery NZ Selectors have the option of

nominating just one archer to compete as an individual if that archer alone meets the overriding criteria

World Archery World Cup in Paris

It is not a requirement to go to the Paris World Cup but it does provide a final opportunity to demonstrate performance standards to the Archery NZ Selectors. Any archer seeking to go to the Paris World Cup will still need to be selected as per the Archery NZ Selection Policy for this event. Travel to this event will be entirely self-funded, including the costs of the mandatory MIQ on return to New Zealand. Archery NZ and NZOC may be able to assist with obtaining MIQ places but in order to try and facilitate this, archers must communicate their intentions to attend this event to Archery NZ asap.

Lack of events

NZOC understands the postponement/cancellation of many international events has led to frustration for archers. However, it is important to understand that the current selection standard, (namely demonstration of a top 16 placing at the games, with capability of a top 8 placing) remains in place for these games in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy. There may be exceptional circumstances for a few athletes but these will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure fairness to all athletes.

Longlist Positions

Over the coming month, Archery NZ will be reviewing the current longlist and narrowing this down to only those athletes who are tracking towards meeting the Nomination Policy. This process will be completed by the end of April. An Archery NZ Selector will contact you prior to this date to discuss your progress. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer wish to remain on the longlist, you can opt out at any time, simply email selectionpanel@archerynz.co.nz.

NZ Nationals

Archery NZ looks forward to welcoming our NZ based archers to the NZ Nationals in April and are looking forward to seeing you achieve fantastic results. Obviously, we are disappointed that our archers based off shore will not be able to join us but we encourage you to keep competing in events wherever possible.

Archery NZ are continuing to work together with the NZOC positively and will keep you updated as more details come to hand. Feel free to contact Lisa gm@archerynz.co.nz or Karen selectionpanel@archerynz.co.nz if you have any questions or concerns.