

NSWIS ARCHERY PROGRAM – SELECTION MEMO

(June 2022)

Program Purpose

The NSWIS Archery Program, in partnership with Archery Australia, aims to support Australian archers and coaches to win medals at Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and identified benchmark events.

The program will provide world class coaching for selected Olympic and Paralympic discipline athletes and provide identified Pathways athletes with exposure to an elite daily training environment.

Selection Criteria

Athletes will be eligible for inclusion into the NSWIS Archery Program based on their performance relative to the National Recurve Program (NRP) framework and published general selection factors.

Archery classes for NSWIS Selection covered by this memo

The selection of Archery athletes for the NSWIS Archery Program covers events for males and females including the following Olympic classes:

- Men's Recurve (70m)
- Women's Recurve (70m)

Selection Timeframes

The NSWIS Archery Program squads will be selected in June each year. Athlete scholarships will run for a 12-month period, from July 1st 2022 through to 30th June 2023

Selection Process

Any Recurve archers wishing to be considered for selection in the inaugural NSWIS Archery Program are expected to compete at the SOPA Matchplay Series (T7) on Sunday 17 July. This is an open event and all Archery NSW members who compete in the Olympic Recurve discipline and who wish to be considered for the NSWIS Archery Program should enter this event. Entries close on 14 July.

As well as registering for the QRE on 17 July, archers who wish to be considered for selection in the NSWIS Archery Program must register their interest with NSWIS Coordinator Sport Programs, Jocelyn Burnett by 5pm Thursday 14 July via email at Jocelyn.Burnett@nswis.com.au

Depending on the number of Archers who register interest, a second QRE/trial may be held at the discretion of the NSWIS Archery Program Head Coach. Applicants who register their interest in the NSWIS Archery Program are expected to have previously achieved scores aligned with the Archery Australia National Recurve Program (NRP). If a second QRE/trial is required the NSWIS Head Coach Archery may invite additional athletes at their discretion.

Para Archery athletes already on scholarship with NSWIS need not apply for the program.

NSWIS Archery Program training expectations

The NSWIS Archery Program (Recurve) will have 10 four hour training sessions per week available to scholarship holders and attendance at a minimum of 4 sessions per week will be mandatory. Scholarship holders will also be required to attend 3 physical training sessions per week which will be conducted by the NSWIS Archery Program S&C Coach.

The ten technical training sessions available to athletes will be held 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) 0800-1200 and 1300-1700 each day. The availability of physical training sessions is flexible but will primarily be held in early morning or late afternoon/early evening timeslots. Some flexibility with training times may be available depending on athlete study/work commitments.

General Selection of NSWIS Athletes

Scholarships will be filled based on a combination of the athlete's:

- Capacity to meet minimum training requirements – technical training, S&C training and all other NSWIS scholarship requirements
- Fitness and athletic ability
- Technical competence
- Potential to improve and progress
- Competitive ability
- Individual application in training and competition
- Team/Squad orientation – ability to 'fit in'
- Specific sport standards/technical considerations

NB: Subjectivity is an unavoidable part of athlete selection where potential to perform is being assessed. The NSWIS Head Coach may at their discretion nominate athletes for selection to the program who have not yet met the published standards or age criteria but in their opinion has the potential to do so.

NB: Fulfilment of any published selection criteria does not guarantee selection into the NSWIS Archery Program. The NSWIS Head Coach will assess other characteristics including coachability (willingness to learn), work ethic, adaptability and technical capability.

NB: Unsuccessful athletes at any scholarship/squad level will be assisted to integrate into the Archery NSW Regional Development Program (RDP).

NSWIS Selection Guidelines

Accepting and Maintaining a NSWIS Scholarship

All NSWIS Scholarship athletes must sign and abide by a NSWIS Athlete Agreement and Athlete Code of Conduct for the term of the scholarship. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure all conditions of the Agreement are met at all times, including maintenance of a healthy lifestyle and fitness.

The composition of the squad may be amended at any time and an athlete's scholarship withdrawn based on an athlete's performance review. The level of scholarship an athlete receives is performance based. All scholarships will be reviewed 2 times per year. These will be held on a 6 monthly basis following the domestic and international seasons.

Following each review, NSWIS athletes will either remain at their current scholarship level or be nominated by the NSWIS Head Coach to be elevated or demoted to another scholarship level. Athletes who perform below expectation and do not meet expected performance indicators may have their scholarship withdrawn.