

Policy Name 2026 Youth Olympic Games, Dakar Senegal Internal Nomination Procedure (the "Policy")		
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1. General

The Archery Canada High Performance Manager (HPM) in consultation with the National Coach, Olympic Team (NC) and the Recurve Technical Advisory Group (TAG), is responsible for the development and implementation of the selection procedures for the Youth Olympic Games.

All team nominations, including alternates and staff, will be presented to a Selection Ratification Panel, who was responsible for ensuring this document was properly followed and will ratify the nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee. The Selection Ratification Panel (SRP) will consist of:

- (1) Archery Canada Board of Directors Member
- (2) Neutral Parties

A neutral party is defined as an individual who has knowledge of the Canadian Sport system or selection processes, but is not an archer, coach, or has a conflict of interest in relation to the athletes in contention for selection.

2. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the qualification process and selection procedures of Archery Canada for determining those athletes who will be selected to represent Canada at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal members of the Canadian Games team. For this event, Archery Canada's objective includes providing multi-sport games experience for 2032 Olympic hopefuls and alternates.

The Youth Olympic Games will be held from Oct. 31st - November 13th 2026

The Canadian Olympic Committee has been allocated the following quotas, in which Archery Canada will nominate an athlete:

- (1) U18 Recurve Male
- (1) U18 Recurve Female

- (1) Team Leader/Coach

3. Decision Making Authority

The High Performance Manager, following consultation with the NC and TAG, will have the final authority over the selection of nominees. While the HPM has the authority to select the nominated athletes pursuant to the selection process, the Selection Ratification Panel will ratify the final nominations of the team to ensure that the criteria were adhered to and that the decisions were made in an objective and impartial manner.

All nominations of athletes and staff, following ratification by the SRP, is also subject to final approval by the COC.

During the actual competition period onsite at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all final decision making authority will reside with the appointed coach or team leader.

4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for nomination for the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Canadian citizen (this refers to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter).
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before May 15 2027 (passports usually have to be valid for up to 6 months after the Games).
- Be in compliance with all relevant World Archery (WA) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for eligibility.
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form. Deadline TBD
- Be a 2026 member in good standing of Archery Canada
- Athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to AC at least 14 days prior to departure.
- Competitors must be eligible for the U18 category, meaning they are 17 or younger by Dec. 31 2026 (Birth year of 2009 or later)
- Have submitted their name to the Long List by June 3rd 2026
 - Long List Intent Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8T6Z022slmWHLGDrR2cTK6YHLWkVzuRcfOsCIFWhm-bV0dA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=101741649560890994413>
 - Athletes who do not submit intent, will not be added to the COC Long List. Athletes or Staff not on the COC long list following the June 3rd deadline, cannot be added to the list and therefore will be ineligible for selection.
- Must meet the International Olympic Committee and World Archery Minimum Qualification score at a World Archery registered event, by Aug. 7 2026
 - For a list of registered events in Canada, please visit: https://www.worldarchery.sport/events/calendar?discipline=All%20disciplines&country=All%20countries&country=Canada&date_to=2026-08-07

5. Selection Process

5.1 Minimum Qualification Score

As stated in section 4, athletes must demonstrate the ability to achieve the Minimum Qualification Score, set by the International Olympic Committee and World Archery, outlined in the table below, by Aug. 7 2026

Category	Score
U18 Recurve Men	615
U18 Recurve Women	605

Long Listed athletes must demonstrate their ability to meet this score at least twice between Jan. 1st 2025 - Aug. 7th 2026. One of the scores must be from a World Archery level registered event. Events include, but are not limited to:

- Canada Cup West
- Canada Cup East
- USAT's
- Club events registered with World Archery. Please see link in section 4 above.

World Archery will only recognize the Minimum Qualification Score if shot at an event registered with World Archery. If an athlete achieves it at a club event that is only registered with Archery Canada, that score can be used as their second score, but will not be ratified by World Archery for meeting the MQS criteria.

The second score can come from any Archery Canada registered event, as seen in the Ianseo Tournament registration system: <https://can.service.ianseo.net/General/CompetitionList.php>

Athletes who are on the Long List, and have achieved the stated MQS at least twice, will be invited to attend a weekend selection camp to determine the athletes who will be nominated to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

The camp will be held at the Archery Canada Centre of Excellence field, in Cambridge, Ontario (780 Fountain St S, Cambridge, ON N3H 4R8), currently scheduled for Aug. 27 - 30th.

5.2 Selection Camp:

If only one athlete per gender meets the stated MQS scores at least twice, those athletes will automatically be nominated for selection to the Youth Olympic Games team, and no selection camp will be held.

If more than one athlete per gender meets the stated MQS score, they will be required to attend a selection camp to determine the final nominations.

The selection camp will be held over (4) days:

- Thursday Aug. 27 - Arrival, Practice day
- Friday Aug. 28th - 720 Round
- Saturday Aug. 29th - Elimination Matches/Round Robin
- Sunday Aug. 30th - Second 720 Round

Athletes who submit their intent for selection, should ensure they are available for the selection camp dates before they submit their intent.

Selection Points, at the camp, will be awarded as follows:

720 Round Scores:

Points will be awarded based on the following table for both 720 Rounds:

Category	A Score	A Score Selection Points	B Score	B Score Selection Points
Recurve Men (U18)	615+	3	608	1
Recurve Women (U18)	605+	3	598	1

- A Scores - will be the 720 scores from the Selection Camp, that meet or exceed the stated MQS
- B Scores - are the 720 scores from the selection camp that did not meet the MQS, but are within a 1.2% margin.

Any 720 scores below the B-score value will be allocated 0 points.

Placement Points:

Additionally, the athletes that have the Top 3 720 Round scores, in both 720 rounds, will earn bonus placement points as follows:

- 1st: 3 points
- 2nd: 1.5 points
- 3rd: 0.5 points.

Nomination:

Following the conclusion of the Selection Camp, the athletes with the most selection points, male and female, will be nominated for the Youth Olympic Games.

Tie Break: In the case of a tie in accumulated points, the nomination will be made based on:

- The athlete with the Higher Average Arrow Value, across both Selection Camp 720 Rounds and Elimination Matches, will be nominated.

- If a tie persists, then the athlete who has matched or exceeded the stated MQS scores the most, at any event, between May 1 2026 - Aug. 7 2026, will be nominated.

Athletes who place the second and/or third highest ranked in selection points following the selection camp, will be designated as the first and second non-travelling alternate.

6. Team Nomination and Team Announcements

Following the conclusion of the Selection Camp, Technical Leadership will review all score cards and data from the camp to ensure accuracy. Nominations will then be sent to the Selection Ratification Panel, for review and ratification, the evening of Aug. 30th 2026.

Athletes will then be notified of nomination, the morning of Aug. 31 2026.

The Team will officially be announced, following the closure of the appeal period, on Sept. 14th 2026.

7. Amendments & Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of changes by World Archery (WA) to the selection and eligibility criteria, Archery Canada is bound by these changes and will review and amend this document to comply with the new regulations or conditions.

Further, situations may arise that do not allow this Internal Nomination Procedure to be modified or applied as written due to time constraints or other exceptional and unforeseen circumstances. In such situations, any decision, including nomination decisions, will be made by the individual(s) with decision-making authority, as stated in this Internal Nomination Procedure, in consultation with the relevant individual(s) or committee(s) (as applicable), and in accordance with the stated performance objectives and selection policy and approach as stated herein. Should it be necessary to make any decision in this manner, Archery Canada will communicate with all affected individuals as soon as possible.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection process to be fairly and objectively applied, the High Performance Manager or designate, in consultation with the designated National Coach and the Selection Ratification Panel, reserves the right to rule on an appropriate course of action.

Should any event specified in this INP be canceled, postponed, rescheduled or replaced, Archery Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this INP, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified INP on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.

8. Performance Readiness and Injury

Athletes must agree to participate in any Archery Canada designated camps related to this event. Failure to comply will lead to removal from the team.

Once selected to the athlete pool or to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes will be expected to be training towards, or to meet the standards outlined by the coaching staff.

9. Fees and Levies

The Canadian Olympic Committee has outlined that this event is partially funded. The following items will be covered by the COC:

- Travel Support Grant - \$2500 CDN
- Team Canada Clothing Kit

Athletes should anticipate a levy to cover remaining costs for this event. Exact costs are not yet known, but will include:

- Insurance - \$50 CDN
- Travel Expenses not encompassed in the Travel Grant above.
- Spectator Tickets
- Family and Friends Costs

Note: Archers will be required to cover their own personal costs for the Selection Camp. This includes but may not be limited to: Travel, Accommodation, Meals, etc.

10. Withdrawal from The Team

If an athlete is named to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games team, but cannot attend the Games and withdraws from the team for any reason before Sept. 25 2026

1. The designated first alternate will be substituted and nominated to the COC to replace that athlete provided they have met any minimum performance standards.
2. The second alternate will become the first alternate.

If an athlete is named to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games team, but has to withdraw due to injury, illness or exceptional circumstances after Sept. 14 2026 .but before Sept. 25 2026, then:

1. They may be substituted by the first, or if necessary, by the second alternate after consultation with World Archery
2. To be replaced after nomination to the COC, they are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.
3. Any such replacements after Sept. 25, 2026 will be subject to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games Athlete Replacement Policy.

11. Appeals

Archery Canada's Appeals Policy will guide any appeals related to the 2026 Youth Olympic Games selections. The policy can be found posted on the Archery Canada website at <https://archerycanada.ca/about-us/policies/>.

If both parties are in agreement, the Archery Canada Appeals Policy can be bypassed, and the matter can be brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeals process.

Notwithstanding the deadline to file an appeal indicated in the Archery Canada Appeal Policy, appeals regarding Youth Olympic Games selection that are to be heard under the Appeal Policy must be filed no later than Sept. 14 2026. Decisions rendered under Archery Canada's Appeal Policy may be appealed to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) and must be filed no later than Sept. 14 2026.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, if all parties agree, and provided that an appeal has otherwise been filed in accordance with the Archery Canada Policy, Archery Canada's internal appeal process may be bypassed and the appeal may be heard directly before the SDRCC as a first and final appeal instance.

A final decision in any appeal must be made no later than Sept. 25 2026. For the avoidance of doubt, a decision is considered to be final where there is no further right of appeal, or the party(ies) have waived their right to a further appeal before the SDRCC.

12. Staff Appointments

Under the guidance of the High Performance Manager or designate, the 2026 Youth Olympic Games staff will be the National Coach, Olympic Programs.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the National Coach, Olympic Programs, is unable to attend this event, the Team Leader will be selected as follows:

Eligibility:

- Potential Team Leaders must submit an application, via email, to kcawley@archerycanada.ca
- They must have a valid passport that does not expire until at least May 31 2027 (passports usually have to be valid for up to 6 months after the Games).
- If a coach, be a registered or chartered coach with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC).
- Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than June 26, 2024.
- Be a registered coach in good standing of Archery Canada.

Selection:

Potential Team Leaders will be invited to a short interview, to evaluate their fit for this role with the team. Selection will be based on the team leaders coaching experience, certification level, and international event experience.

13. Contact

Questions related to the Nomination Process should be directed to the Archery Canada High Performance Manager at kcawley@archerycanada.ca

14. Timeline Summary

Athlete Intent Deadline	June 3 2026
Athlete Games Portal Info Deadline	July 14 th 2026
Minimum Qualification Score Deadline	Aug. 7 2026
Athlete Nomination Notification	Aug. 31 2026
Appeals Deadline	Sept. 13, 2026
Team Nomination to COC	Sept. 14 2026
Athlete Substitution Deadline	Sept. 25 2026