

Saskatchewan Archery Association (SAA) TEAM SELECTION POLICY TO THE 2027 CANADA WINTER GAMES

(subject to change pending release of the AC Tech Package for the 2027 Games)

1) INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this selection document is to define the specific process and criteria used by SAA to select the archery athletes that Team Saskatchewan will send to compete at the 2027 Canada Winter Games, to be held in Quebec City, February 27th to March 4th, 2027.

Two (2) Compound Males, Two (2) Compound Female, One (1) Recurve Male and One (1) Recurve Female One (1) Barebow Male, One (1) Barebow Female will be sent to the 2027 Canada Winter Games. There will be one alternate athlete selected for each of the above team spots.

2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for the 2027 Canada Winter Games Team

To be eligible for selection to compete at the Canada Winter Games, archery athletes must meet the eligibility criteria outlined below:

- a) Shoot a compound bow, a recurve bow or a barebow bow.
- b) Be a Saskatchewan Resident 180 days prior to opening of games, and be a SAA member in good standing;
- c) Twenty (20) years of age and under as of December 31st, 2027. Year of Birth: Born in the calendar year 2007 or later.
- d) at a minimum be a member of the Youth HP program for the 2026 & 2027 years, and **declare their intent to try out for the team by January 31st 2026.**

3) ATHLETES EXCLUDED FROM THE CANADA GAMES *(as per the 2023 event Technical Package)*

- Senior National Team athletes
- Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 3 of this document
- Athletes that have held a Senior, SR1 or SR2 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) at any time
- Athletes who have previously competed for any nation at the following events: o Olympic Games o Senior World Archery Championships o Pan American Games o Commonwealth Games o FISU Games

"No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or National Team status (i.e., no athlete will be excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after November 7th, 2026).

** Athletes who hold a C card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee."*

4) TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

A) PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

The objective of the team selection process is: Select athletes with a reasonable probability of finishing in the top half of the men's and women's competition.

B) CRITERIA

The following specific criteria will be used for the selection of archery athletes to compete at the 2027 Canada Winter Games:

1. Archer must participate in all Consolidation camps if selected for the team. Consideration to alternate training may be given to athletes at a greater distance than 3 hours from the consolidation camp.
2. Archers must shoot and submit scores from a minimum of Six (6) Registered 600 round (AC and/or World Archery) or other World Archery member national associations (e.g. USA Archery) 18M indoor rounds between September 1, 2025, and October 30, 2026 to obtain a ranking score. One (1) of the scores must be from a qualifying match play event after August 2026. Two (2) of the six (6) scores must be from either Indoor Provincials or qualifying match play events (with Matchplay competition) as announced by the SAA (One alternative Match play score may be taken at the approval of the SAA Board).
3. Ranking scores must have been shot in the Compound, Recurve or Barebow division.
4. Ranking Scores must be shot at 18 m, on compound 40cm vertical triple and recurve 40cm vertical triple faces for Compound and Recurve. Barebow can be scored on single 40cm or vertical triple spot target.
5. It is the archer's sole responsibility to submit qualifying scores to the High-Performance Coordinator (saa.cwg.rep@gmail.com) in a timely manner. A list of archers with submitted qualifying scores will be posted on the SAA website at the start of each month (October 2025 to Nov 2026).

Ranking scores will be determined as follows: The best six (6) eligible 600 round scores submitted will have an 'Average Arrow Value' (AAV) calculated and the three (3) best match play scores from the designated match play qualifier events submitted during the qualifying period will have an "Average Arrow Value" calculated and ranked for selection. Total cumulative AAV of an athlete's top three (3) 600 Round and top (3) eligible match play scores will determine the final ranking score based on AAV. The top archer and one (1) alternate per equipment division and gender category with the highest ranking AAV will make up the team.

Based on previous games, to be competitive at the Games, the **Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) be:**
Compound Male 565/600; Compound Female 550/600; Recurve Male 495/600; Recurve Female 480/600; Barebow Male 345/600; Barebow Female 335/600.

Tie Break Rule: In the event of a tie, the following tie break procedures will be taken in the following priority.

1. The athlete's fourth highest score submitted will be added to the cumulative total ranking score.
2. In the event that implementation of tie break procedure number one results in a tie, the athlete's fifth highest score submitted will be added to the cumulative total ranking score.
3. In the event that implementation of tie break procedure number one and two results in a tie, team selection will be made utilizing a match play shoot off, if still tied after the match play round a single arrow shoot off, closest to the center will break the tie.

SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA

In the case no athlete meets the MQS for team selection ranking in a specific division & category, the following subjective criteria will be utilized.

A) Past Performance

- Athlete performance is tracked to enable a performance review over the previous two (2) years of competition.

B) Future Potential

- Consideration may be given to an athlete's future potential with respect to talent and commitment to training.

- Depending on the event, athletes may be selected who, in the opinion of the selectors, have the potential to represent Saskatchewan in the Canada Winter Games and would benefit from exposure to this level of event.

The athletes meeting the above criteria, will be approved and notified by the SAA Board of Directors **no later than November 10th, 2026.**

It will be the archers' sole responsibility to ensure correct scores have been submitted to the SAA, and posted to the Ranking, a list of archers with submitted qualifying scores will be posted on the SAA website at the start of each month from October 2025 to November 2026.

6) APPEALS

a) Athletes who have not been nominated and who wish to appeal this decision can do so by filing an appeal in writing only with the SAA Canada Games Appeal Committee. Appeals must be submitted through email to the SAA Executive Director executivedirector@saskarchery.ca

b) The SAA Canada Games Appeals Committee will include the SAA Executive Director and two (2) SAA board of Director members, one of which should be the VP or President. The fee for an appeal will be \$50 and will be returned only if the appeal is upheld. The Canada Games Team Coach and the Canada Games Manager will be used in an advisory role, they will not have a vote in the final decision.

Grounds for appeals will be limited strictly to: Eligibility criteria & accuracy of submitted scores for team selection ranking

After hearing an appeal, the Canada Games Appeals Committee will have the authority to:

- i. Direct the SAA board of Directors to redo the selection process using the correct criteria/process and submit new list of nominated athletes; or
- ii. Deny the appeal

The deadline for athletes to submit appeals to the SAA Canada Games Appeal Committee is two (2) days after final selection has been announced. Appeals should be emailed to: SAA Executive Director executivedirector@saskarchery.ca

Tentative Schedule HP & CWG 2025-2026

April 2025 – Archers attend SAA Indoor Provincials

April 12th 2025 – in person session 1900-2100hrs at Soccer centre after JOP Championships on Goal setting

May 12 or 26 2025 1900-2000hrs depending on consultant (waiting on confirmation) Zoom session

July 2025 Outdoor Target & Field Provincials

July 28 or 29 2025 (waiting on confirmation on consultant) ZOOM session

1 September 2025 to 30 October 2026 – Archery Canada and or World Archery Registered 600 round scores may be shot and submitted for ranking purposes

September 2025 TBD,

November 2025 (1/2 or 8/9 Nov pending consultant) – Nutrition session in person, 600 Round and a Qualifying Match Play event Battleford

December 2025 Recurve Camp with Linda Price

2026 Youth HP in person & Online dates to be set fall 2025

Jan 2026 Qualifying Match Play event (all ages event, mixed age group match play event)

February 2026 Qualifying Match play event (all ages event, mixed age group match play event)

September 2026 Qualifying Match play event (all ages event, mixed age group match play event)

October 2026 Qualifying Match play event (all ages event, mixed age group match play event)

Tentative Consolidation Camps (for selected team and Alternates)

Saturday 22 Nov 2026

Sunday 13 Dec 2026

Potentially a weekend competition and training with other provinces prepping for CWG (Jan or Feb 2026)

Saturday 17 Jan 2026

Sunday 6 Feb 2026