



West of Scotland Archery Association

Committee Meeting - 26 June 2024

Attendees: Alastair Shields (Chair), Alastair Coutts, Craig Paterson, Maree Shields, David Killin, Donald Gibson, Joshua McMillan, Brian Maison

Apologies: Richard Radigan, Helen Cresswell, Antonios Katris, Scott Jamieson, Erin Ann Dobbin, Kathleen Lodge

2024 Outdoor Championship

Outdoor Championship was held on 2nd June 2024 at Riverside in Ayr with the Junior Archery Series being held the day before.

All went well with the competition over the weekend. The cost for the Judges has increased to around £1,000 for the weekend and we had significant investment in equipment that can be used in future competitions. We had financial support from South Ayrshire Council to run the junior competition and this along with the raffle and other fundraising helped us make a profit of over £1,100.

A Provisional booking has been made for the first weekend in June 2025.

2025 Indoor Championship

We will be holding it on weekend of 1st & 2nd of February 2025. It was agreed that the format will be the same as last year and will be UK record status. Saturday 2 x Portsmouth followed by Nerves of Steel and Sunday Vegas followed by WA18.

We will need volunteers to help set up on the Friday night and as we will need committee members to help out over the weekend we should make sure we are not all entering the same sessions.

County Teams

Emails have gone out to those that have shown an interest on being on the team to get scores in and emails have been sent out to all clubs to for those who have not registered an interest yet.

We are looking to hold team Head to Head training towards the end of August/start of September at East Kilbride/Dumfries.

Under 21 WoSAA Team

This is working well with training sessions once a month. See attached report.

We have a fundraising event on 6th July in Kilmarnock from 9am – 4pm and we are looking for volunteers to come along and help raise funds for the WoSAA U21 team.

We will also be having a comedy night to raise funds for the West Under 21 team on 20th September 2024 at St Cuthberts Golf Club in Prestwick - tickets are currently on sale.

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West of Scotland Pathway Squad

We are hoping that we can tie this up with establishing a County team that is not just for the County Champs and in the future would be looking at doing training sessions. We need volunteers to help run this.



The West U21 Squad has been formed to support the Scottish Archery U21 Pathway Academy. Last year the West was informed that the Pathways would be delivered through a hybrid approach managed by individual areas with the West taking the lead for hosting and delivering sessions. All members of the U21 Scotland Pathway are invited to four sessions per year held at Riverside Sports Arena (RSA) in Ayr. Furthermore, opportunities to attend online sessions will be available to all Scotland U21 Pathway members.

All U21's and parents are asked to register with Spond to check training days and confirm if they can attend or not. It is extremely important to confirm attendance to allow the appropriate number of adults to be present and equipment set out. Equipment set up is the responsibility for all.

The 2024 season started with some funds left over from the fundraising done by the U21 Scotland Pathway members and parents. The remaining funds have been used to pay for senior coaches and guest coaches to attend sessions being held at RSA for the U21. With these funds dwindling the West have had to look at different ways of fundraising through grants, come and try events and a comedy night.

All members from the West U21's are invited to monthly training sessions with an additional invite to the North and East U21's.

Members from other areas are asked to donate £15 (plus fees if applicable) to attend these events.

To express an interest in the Scotland U21 Pathway you should register your interest here

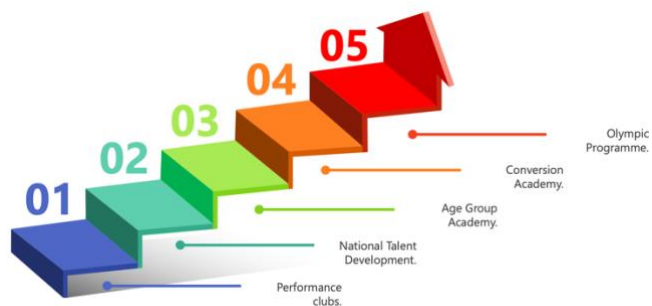
<https://www.scottisharchery.org.uk/news/u21-pathway-academy>

Steps to success

If you are successful in the selection for the Scotland U21 Pathway you will be invited to attend monthly coaching sessions at RSA with advanced coaches. (see above for information on archers from North and East)

The coaching sessions are funded directly by fundraising activities of West U21 archers and volunteers. The West U21's are invited regularly to shooting sessions at RSA where there is a donation of £5 (plus fees) to attend. Those donations are collected via Stripe and managed by WoSAA and recorded per archer.

Those archers that have attended funding sessions will have their coach sessions fees discounted or free. Any monies raised go directly to the West U21's which is held by the West of Scotland Archery Association managed by the county Treasurer.



Additionally, any Scotland U21 archers from other areas may attend any of the West events, subject to a donation of between £15-£20 plus fees subject to numbers.

Quarterly there will be a Scotland U21 sessions which if not funded through Scottish Archery will require to be funded by each archer attending.

Funding Update

To aid transparency the West U21's secured funding to work in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, specifically the North Ayr Ward.

Aims

- Creating wellbeing opportunities for North Ayr Residents.
- Develop existing and enhance existing an existing sporting facility in North Ayr.
- Promoting good mental wellbeing and physical health.
- Provide legacy equipment to support multigenerational, multicultural, able, and disabled residents of the North Ayr Community.
- Supplement any archery competitions held in North Ayr at RSA.
- Provide a facility to support West U21 archers that are based in North Ayr to train with the additional inclusion of the Scotland U21's at agreed times.

By including the Scotland U21's it allows the U21's to give back to the North Ayr community promoting archery as an inclusive sport for all. Additionally, the U21's benefit by developing social skills and broadening their understanding of diverse social and cultural issues.

| Funder | Project |
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| Royal Company of Archers | North Ayr Community Projects / West / Scottish U21, JAS Event (June 24) |
| Changing Lives Through Sport | Junior Archery Series |
| SASCP | North Ayr Community Projects |
| Destination Ayrshire | Junior Archery Series and WoSAA Open Outdoor Championships |

Without the help and support of the Royal Company of Archers and South Ayrshire Council the West would not have been able to support the North Ayr community projects, run the Junior Archery Series and WoSAA Outdoor competition.

Equipment purchased by the funds are to be managed by WoSAA, stored and used at RSA from as part of the North Ayr Community Legacy from South Ayrshire Social Care Partnership (SASCP) and RCoA funds for the use of Ayr North Community, West U21's and WoSAA for any future events held at RSA.

Investment

The West now have the following which will be available for clubs to access for community events and competitions subject to being available (details to follow)

- Mobile range including 3 90cm foam bosses, 12 bows, arrows, arm guards, tabs and a net.
- Soft Archery and Crossbow equipment.
- Competition Equipment - Local Area Network for running lanseo including a router (excluding 4G SIM), switch, 2 Wi-Fi extenders with cable, PDAs, 24 x Flipboards and 2 x windsocks.

This is a major investment for the West which will support clubs without access to such equipment run come and try days or work with their local authorities and groups to raise funds for their club and area. Further information on hire or the above will be sent out in due course.

Loan of Bosses

We would like to thank Largs Archery Club and Frank Schallmoser for their generous donation of 4 damage bosses for use by the U21's along with supporting adults at RSA.