

WA World Cup Series 2017 – Archery GB

Archery GB needs to deliver medal performances at this year's World Championships in Mexico in October.

In order to do that it believes it will require athletes who have proven to repeatedly score a minimum of 660 (F) and 670 (M). Scores of this level will likely rank in the top 32 of qualifying at World Cups. Scores of 670 (W) and 680 (M) will likely rank in the top 16 and make the winning of medals more probable.

To that effect, Archery GB will be selecting and supporting athletes at the following World Cups;

1. **Shanghai** (16-21 May 2017), is shot in a high walled stadium. It is usually an excellent opportunity to achieve high scores (see scores above). It is also a highly intensive competition attended by the top teams, though in 2017 many teams will also be in transition so there could be good opportunity to medal. (see Mexico above).

To be considered for selection for Shanghai, athletes are required to have proven evidence of;

- *2 highest FITA 70m scores shot between 01/01/16 and 31/12/16
- *2 highest WA recognised Indoor scores shot 01/01/17 and 31/03/17 (equating to required outdoor scores above)

2. **Salt Lake City** (20-25 June 2017) is in a very flat arid-step part of USA, likely to be variable winds and has a high risk of thunderstorms. It would be good test for shooting in Mexico re time zones and weather conditions. The probability of high scores are not so high as the first 2 World Cups, however we believe that fewer quality nations might attend so there is a strong possibility to medal. (see Mexico above)

To be considered for selection for Salt Lake City, athletes are required to have proven evidence of;

- *2 highest FITA 70m scores shot between 01/01/16 and 31/12/16
- *2 highest FITA 70m scores shot between 01/01/17 and 20/05/17

3. **Antalya** (6-11 June 2017) will be available for athletes to attend on a self-funded basis, provided the scores above have similarly been achieved.

To be considered for selection for Antalya, athletes are required to have proven evidence of;

- *2 highest FITA 70m scores shot between 01/01/16 and 31/12/16
- *2 highest FITA 70m scores shot between 01/01/17 and 14/05/17

From the scores submitted, if 3 or fewer athletes achieve the levels required, those achieving the level will be automatically invited to attend the relevant World Cup event.

From the scores submitted, if more than 3 athletes have achieved the levels required they will be ranked by the average of the total scores.

Athlete numbers invited to attend World Cup events will be dependent upon budget constraints.

Archery GB will look to hold 2 Open Shoot events at dates, one prior to the Antalya closing date for entries and the second prior to the Salt Lake City closing date for entries.

These Open shoots will provide athletes with the opportunities to submit proven evidence of scoring at the required level along with other national level status events in the required timeframes.

- 4. Berlin (8-13 August)** is the last event prior to the World Championships and Archery GB will be selecting and supporting those athletes who have met the published World Championship criteria and fulfilled the subsequent Selection Shoot process as found on the Archery GB website.

Further details on the format of any Selection Shoot process will be made public once the need to hold such an event is known.

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