



## **Overview of time and financial commitments required to become part of Archery GB's National Squads.**

For athletes aspiring to become a part of one of Archery GB's national squads, you need to consider carefully the commitment required to reach the top of our sport. The time and financial implications can be substantial and whilst we are mindful of individual circumstances - many of our athletes are balancing jobs, education and training. There is no getting away from the challenging choices individuals and their families have to make to reach the top.

Our programmes aim to support the development of athletes through an environment of sporting and professional excellence. The development of athletes' physical, mental and technical performance attributes are key themes within our programmes, enabling Britain's future archers to maximise their talents along the Performance Pathway, leading ultimately to medal success at senior international championships.

Our Olympic and Paralympic Programmes are funded mainly by UK Sport through National Lottery Funding. This funding allows Archery GB to provide a high performance centre, core services such as coaching, support staff, access to sport science practitioners, training/competition opportunities and attendance at key milestone events. Outside of the core Programme, there may be a requirement for athletes to self-fund some training and international events. Only a handful of athletes will receive an Athlete Performance Award (APA) through UK Sport – only if they medal at a milestone event and show consistently they are on the trajectory of winning a medal at the Olympic or Paralympic Games.

All other squads are partially funded by Archery GB, and most still require athletes to self-fund some international trips.

### **Athlete Selection Process**

To represent Archery GB there are robust athlete selection criteria's available on the website:

<https://www.archerygb.org/national-squads-records/selection-criteria/>

Here you will find selection criteria and information relating to tournament and pathway selection for different squads, tournaments and events both national and international. Selection Criteria documents are available to download for each event.

## Summary of costs for funded and unfunded athletes

At some international events, athletes can only enter through their National Governing Body. Archery GB is financially responsible for ensuring the event entries and appropriate travel arrangements are made. Athletes and staff will be representing Great Britain at these events and therefore Archery GB's Director of Sport determines the appropriate staffing and support resource that is required. Archery GB does not have funding to pay for every athlete, staff and support resource at all international events and therefore carefully considers which events it will use programme funding for and which events are required to be self-funded by athletes.

Every event is different and athletes will need to decide how many events they need to attend in order to achieve the performances required, which could vary between one and five events per year. To give athletes an idea of the financial implications of attending international events we have put together an average cost (based on recent trips):

- The overall cost for a European trip is circa £1,500 for 7 days
- The overall cost for an International trip is circa £2,000 for 9-10 days

If an event is fully programme funded then the cost is nil. Athletes are informed in advance of the event of what the funding arrangements will be before accepting their place.

Many athletes seek personal sponsorship or access grants or bursaries to help towards funding their place on the squad. Athletes who are in paid employment make their own arrangements for taking time off work, whether through annual leave or unpaid leave.

[For further information on our Performance Pathway and National Talent Development Programme please click here.](#)

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