



Joint Pathway Document

The Governing Structure within Northern Ireland for Archery is through Archery Northern Ireland, whilst the Governing Structure for Archery within the Republic of Ireland is through Archery Ireland and represents archers throughout the entire island. Requirements to represent both of these associations internationally differ. This document will provide athletes with the information they require to choose Archery GB or Archery Ireland international representation and the considerations to enter both pathways.

Good Friday Agreement – The Northern Ireland Act 1998

Further to the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, any Northern Ireland citizen has the birth right to identify him or herself as British, Irish or both

How does the Good Friday Agreement affect my choices as an athlete?

A Northern Irish citizen has the right to choose which nation they represent.

A club or governing body must accommodate freedom of choice regarding an individual's national identity and should not place any obstacle in the way of those whose preference may be at odds with the general alignment of the organisation.

Can I represent both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland?

Whilst you may choose to identify with both nations, you can only declare for one at any time. Where an athlete chooses to maintain both identities then it would not be reasonable for that person to be declared eligible to compete for both nations simultaneously and in these circumstances, reasonably it would be expected that the athlete must declare for either the UK or Ireland but not both.

Can I change which Nation I represent?

Yes, it is possible to change who you represent. Where an athlete makes a decision to change national allegiance then it would be appropriate for the athlete to have made that declaration for a defined period prior to being eligible to represent that nation and, for example, to have played with a club affiliated to that national body for a specified period of time e.g. one year.

What are the current expectations for athletes in the pathways for Archery Ireland and Archery Northern Ireland?

The National Squad for Archery Ireland is decentralised and hosts squad days throughout the year at various locations.

The pathway for Archery Northern Ireland is centralised with Performance Academy camps for both Olympic and Paralympic Disciplines currently held in Lisburn. If selected to represent the GB National Squad, they host various squad weekends and competition camps both at Lilleshall, National Sports Centre and internationally. If selected to represent the Paralympic World Class Programme, the programme is centralised and trains at Lilleshall, National Sports Centre bi-weekly.

Both these options vary in cost and should be considered when deciding representation, as various competitions and training is self-funded unless specified.

Archery GB & Northern Ireland

Athlete Transitions through the Pathway

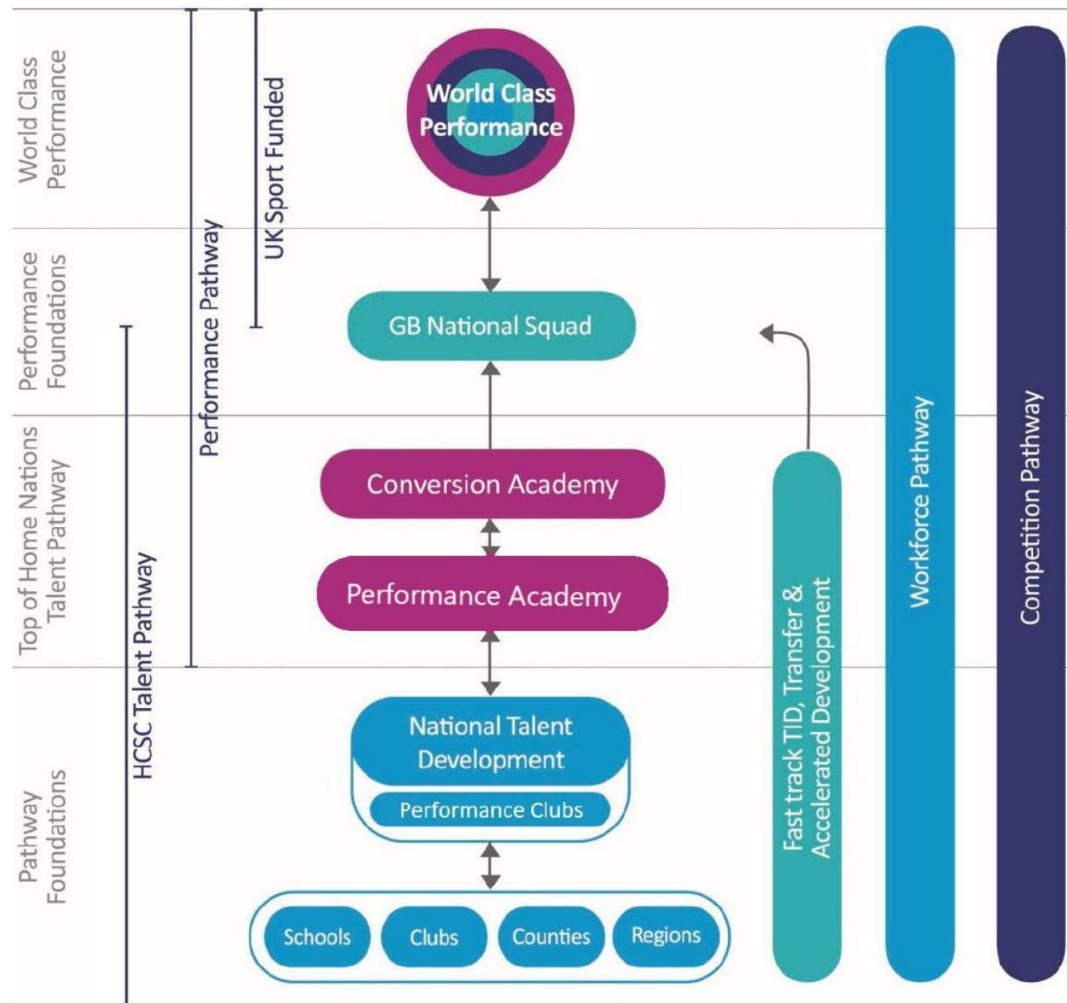


Figure 1. Athlete transitions through the Pathway

Stages to represent Northern Ireland and Team GB

Pathway Foundations Level

At this stage of the pathway the athlete must affiliate to an Archery Northern Ireland club. There are no affiliation requirements preventing any archers from outside of Northern Ireland affiliating to a local club.

At this level there is opportunity to join Archery NI's entry level programme, the National Talent Development Programme, which is open to all athletes under the age of 20.



Home Nations Talent Pathway – Performance Academy, Northern Ireland

An archer at this stage of the pathway will be selected to their respective Home Nation Academy system by Archery GB's Profiling system based on our "What it takes to win" model. In order to be selected for the Performance Academy in Northern Ireland they must be affiliated to a Club within Archery Northern Ireland and be able to prove eligibility to Team GB. In order to represent Archery Northern Ireland, you must fulfil both of the following conditions at the time of the event;

- be a fully paid up member of Archery NI and...
- have been born in N. Ireland, or have one parent who was born in N. Ireland, or have been resident in N. Ireland for a minimum continuous period of two years before the start of the current membership year.

The following documents are eligible to as proof of nationality.

- National Identity Document
- Birth Certificate
- Citizen Identity Papers

The above information can be found below and is subject to change;

<https://www.archeryni.org.uk/pdfs/criteria/Archery%20NI%20Eligibility%20Criteria.pdf>

Performance Foundations – Conversion Academy GB

To be considered for the Conversion Academy you must be eligible to represent Great Britain and have met at least the minimum score threshold for an International development opportunity at a World Record Status Event. Following this, you will be selected for the Conversion Academy based on Archery GB's "What it takes to win" Profiling.

Scores for Cadet and Junior International Selection 2020 can be found here –

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Selection-scores-advisory-2020.pdf>

GB Olympic Programme

To be considered for the GB Olympic Squad, you must compete and score the following at a World Record Status Event. Following this you will be selected for the GB Olympic Squad is based on Archery GB's "What it takes to win" Profiling.

Scores for Olympic Squad International Selection 2020 can be found here -

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Archery-GB-Team-Selection-Policy-Recurve-2020-v5-Final-Draft.pdf>



World Class Paralympic Programme GB

To be considered for the Paralympic World Class Programme, you must first complete profiling on Archery GB's "What it takes to win" model and then be internationally classified into one of three disciplines: Open Compound; Open Recurve; or W1.

Scores for Paralympic International Selection 2020 can be found here -

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2020-TOKYO-Selection-Policy-FINAL2.pdf>

To Represent Archery Ireland

Archers competing for para events shall have satisfied all eligibility under the rules of World Archery (WA) and hold an International Classification – either a 'confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status. Archers competing for Paralympic qualification need to meet Archery Ireland and Paralympic Ireland Accreditation criteria. – **Archery Ireland**

To be eligible to participate as a member of a National Team in International Events, an athlete shall have a valid passport from the country of which he is a National Team Member and shall not have represented any other Member Association as a National Team Member for at least one year before the date of the competition – **Archery Ireland**

For any additional information on the requirements to represent Archery Ireland please email president@archery.ie

For Score and selection information please following this link - <http://archery.ie/downloads/>

Commonwealth Games Selection

Archers who choose to represent for either Nationality during European Games, World Cups, Olympic or Paralympic Games, can still retain the right to shoot for Northern Ireland at the Commonwealth Games. This is due to Northern Ireland's status as a special entity at the Commonwealth Games.

World Archery Rulebook 1, Chapter 2

2.4.1	To be eligible to participate as a member of a National Team in International Events, an athlete shall have a valid passport from the country of which he is a National Team Member and shall not have represented any other Member Association as a National Team Member for at least one year before the date of the competition.
2.4.2	If an athlete wants to compete for a National Team other than the one for which he holds a valid passport, he shall have resided in the new country for at least one year before the date of the competition and shall have the written permission of the Member Association, if any, of the country from which he has a valid passport.
2.4.3	An athlete who has changed his nationality, or acquired a new nationality, may not represent the National Team of his new Member Association until one year after such a change or acquisition.



2.4.4	An athlete who has a valid passport of two or more countries at the same time may represent either of them, as he chooses. He shall, however, meet the conditions laid down in 2.4.1. to 2.4.3. above.
2.4.5	Athletes are not eligible to compete in World Archery events if they do not meet the requirements laid down above.

Table 1. showing World Archery Rulebook 1, Chapter 2

The above information can be found below and is subject to change;

<https://worldarchery.org/rulebook/article/7>

“Please note that either Governing Body may change their structures or criteria. The information contained in this document has been produced for guidance purposes only and it is advised that the Governing Bodies should be contacted directly for accurate, up to date information.”