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### **1. Use of this Policy**

- a) This is a generic policy that will be modified as required for each individual event.
- b) All dates and funding announcements will be individual to each event and so neither aspect is covered here.
- c) This policy should be taken as a reference for selection as part of a BBS-AS Team for all international events.
- d) All questions regarding this policy or selection in general should be directed to the BBS-AS Secretary, **NOT** to Archery GB.

### **2. Selection Process**

BBS-AS cannot follow the selection process used by Archery GB for Para archers due to the limited number of BBS members and the generally short timescales involved.

International events have a maximum number of archers that can enter. In the event that the number of archers applying exceeds to number of places, a selection will take place.

Selection will be based on submitted scores, demonstration of team behaviour, ability to self-fund, and will follow the Equality and Diversity policies laid out by BBS HQ.

A selection panel will be formed from those members of the BBS-AS committee without a vested interest in the selection. A nominal Chair will be agreed for the selection panel and they will be allowed one additional casting vote should this be necessary.

### **3. Eligibility**

Archers are eligible for consideration provided they:

- a) Are a British citizen holding a valid British passport.
- b) Are a current BBS and Archery GB member and a member of good standing for at least 2 years.
- c) Have taken part in at least one BBS-AS Championship in the last 18 months.
- d) Are able to satisfy eligibility under the World Archery rules.
- e) Are not ineligible to compete by virtue of 'found guilty of a doping offence'.

- f) Are in possession of correct and sufficient archery equipment that meets the World Archery rules;  
and they:
- g) Hold a valid and accurate BBS sight classification in line with the eligibility criteria (acuity only).
  - h) Meet the nomination and selection criteria outlined in this document.
  - i) Can provide their own spotter/agent.

Please note that if an archer wishes to use an assistive device (e.g. stool etc.) beyond what is explicitly allowed for VI archery then the following also applies.

- j) All assistive devices to be used must be declared as part of the nomination submission.
- k) Evidence of eligibility to use the declared assistive devices must also be provided. The Selection Panel will determine if they regard the supplied evidence as sufficient.

Any archer found by the event classifiers to have an inaccurate classification and subsequently disqualified for this, may be requested to return home, at their own expense.

#### **4. Selection Scores**

It may be that specific tournaments are nominated as "Selection Shoots" in which case attendance in these events will be required.

In addition or alternatively, it may be that other tournament scores will be accepted. If this is the case then:

- a) Only scores from rounds shot at tournaments that meet the requirement for BBS-AS Record Claims will be accepted.
- b) Official results and evidence of tournament status will be required for each score submitted. This is the same requirements as for BBS-AS Record Claims.
- c) Greater weight will be given to more recent scores.
- d) Greater weight will be given to outdoor scores.
- e) Greater weight will be given to scores from rounds in the table below.

A minimum of 1 score is required, but ideally more, shot within 12 months of submitting an application.

Details of the BBS-AS Record Claim requirements are contained in "BBS-AS Record Criteria and Claims Procedure" document which can be found on the BBS-AS website:

<https://www.bbsarchery.org.uk/docs.php#RecordCriteriaClaims>

Suggested selection scores are as follows:

<b>Round</b>	<b>VI-1</b>	<b>VI-2/3</b>
WA VI 30m	234	444
WA VI Outdoor (1440)	498	894
WA VI Indoor	276	437
Portsmouth	271	433

## **5. Behaviour**

When nominating themselves for selection archers agree to be bound by the following should they be selected:

- a) Archers must at all times actively demonstrate the positive behaviours required of a team member, these being:
  - a. Interacting with the rest of the team to build trust and camaraderie.
  - b. Prepared to openly - and calmly - discuss any conflict and to reach and implement a resolution.
  - c. Working with the team collective towards achieving the same goals.
  - d. Embracing accountability and commitment, i.e. 'all for one and one for all'.
  - e. Willing attendance at any team event held before attendance at the Championships.
- b) In addition, as representatives of both AGB and BBS, both the archer and spotter are required to agree to follow codes of conduct from both organisations. They may be found using the following links.
  - a. BBS: <https://britishblindsport.org.uk/about/policies/> (about ¾ of the way down the page)
  - b. AGB: <https://www.archerygb.org/about-us-structure-safeguard/about-us/codes-of-conduct/>.

Any archer disqualified for any reason may be requested to return home, at their own expense.

## **6. Combined World Archery Divisions**

The current World Archery rules allow for the WA "VI-1" and "VI-2/3" Divisions to be combined if either division fails to attract enough entrants to satisfy the minimum requirements.

if the event in question has the divisions combined, then archers who are nominating themselves must consider whether they are prepared to take part in the combined division and to state this in their nomination.

## **7. Nomination**

Archers wishing to nominate themselves and be considered for selection must notify the BBS-AS Secretary by the date given in the "invitation for nominations".

With the nomination the archer is required to provide the following:

- Archer's full name
- Archer's BBS and AGB membership numbers
- Spotter's full name
- A statement that the archer meets the Eligibility criteria (see section on [Eligibility](#)).

- If needed, evidence of eligibility to use additional assistive devices (see section on [Eligibility](#)).
- A statement that both archer and spotter agree to follow the behavioural requirements and codes of conduct (see section on [Suggested selection scores are as follows:](#)).
- A statement on the archer's willingness to take part if combined WA Divisions are used (see section on [Combined World Archery Divisions](#)).
- Scores being submitted (see section on [Selection Scores](#)).
- Any further information requested in this policy.

By nominating themselves for selection, archers agree to be bound by the provisions of this policy.

## **8. Funding**

Funding for international events is not guaranteed and archers wishing to nominate themselves should be prepared to self-fund the whole cost of attending the event (entry fee, travel, accommodation, uniform).

If funding does materialise, it may appear very close to or even after an event.

In the event that funding becomes available, selection scores (as defined in Section 4) will apply, and only archers submitting scores equal to or above those scores will be eligible for funding.

Funding will cover team manager costs, before covering archer costs.

Funding will not be given to cover costs relating to non-standard expenses (for example, withdrawal penalties, flight disruptions, disqualification).

Archers not achieving the required scores will still be eligible for entry but will not be eligible for funding.

## **9. Appeals Process**

The applicants will be informed of the results of the committee's selection before this is announced to the membership as a whole.

If anyone has a dispute with the committee's decision, in the first instance they are required to put it in writing to [secretary@bbsarchery.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bbsarchery.org.uk) IMMEDIATELY after the selection announcement.

## **10. Document History**

March 2022	Created from a number of prior documents.
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