

**Archery GB National County Teams Championships** are approaching at the end of the season on the **28th and 29th of September**. The County Champs are held every year at Lilleshall, Shropshire and are where the Counties of the UK come together to compete in teams for the championship title, and also to have a lot of fun shooting rounds and team matches. The link to the full details can be found here:

<https://archerygb.org/competitions/national-tournaments/national-county-team-championships>

The ranking rounds on both mornings will be WRS WA 50m/70m rounds, followed on the Saturday by Team H2Hs, and on the Sunday by Mixed Team H2Hs, each team member will be allocated a mixed team partner using the scores from Saturday morning, teams will be placed into three competition tiers.

The last time the Northern Area sent teams was a really fantastic time, representing our County and shooting in teams is a really different way of experiencing Archery, working together, supporting each other and sharing in each other's successes. Any bling brought back was the icing on an already delicious cake.

The Northern Area has managed to secure Team entries, 3 archers per team, in **Ladies Recurve, Gents Recurve, Ladies Barebow, and Gents Barebow**. Unfortunately, we were not successful in getting compound spots this year but will be trying again next year for as many teams as we can get.

**All spots are open** and can be applied for by filling in this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/Q2U9AGy99SZ4ScR66> - **deadline for applications is the 16th of August.**

There is no specific criteria for being on the team, apart from being a member of the Northern Area and not having represented another county in the current membership year. If we have more than 3 applicants for one of the teams then we will use **Scottish Tour Stage 4** on 24th and 25th of August (the ranking round score) **as a selection shoot, entries for this shoot close on 8th August**. The top three scores from applicants at that shoot will be chosen for the team in question. ST4 is a WA70/50m and the ranking rounds and matches will also be shot at **70m for recurves** and **50m for barebows** so if you do apply for the team, make sure you have sight marks for your distance.

You do not need to be a member of the Northern Area Squad in order to be on the team, nor do you need to commit to joining the squad, although we think it would be important for team members to try to attend the training days being put on before the competition. Being on the squad does not mean you are already on the team and all team members must apply via the form. If anyone is interested in being Team Manager for the event, please get in touch.

Places will be allocated by the 27th of August and communicated to team members, if we have not been successful in securing 3 members for each team then the NA reserves the right to withdraw the entry of that team up to 28 days before the event.

Entries have been paid for by the NA and Team Shirts will also be provided. The **deadline for applications is the 16th of August**, this gives us time to reopen applications if we don't have enough applicants and to notify the applicants in any over-subscribed team that they will be selected using the ST4 scores. Please get in touch with the committee and the organisers if you have not entered ST4 and the entry deadline has passed or you are unavailable for ST4.

## **Training Days**

1st September - location TBC - open training day for the team and any squad members or potential squad members - will involve team practice and other training the team feel would be helpful

15th September, 9am-4.30pm - Aberdeen University - Team training day - Members of the teams are invited to come to AUAC for a team training day with Bill Mackay. Other squad members may come along, under the assumption that the focus will be on preparing the Teams for Counties. A schedule will be shared when the team selection is announced.