

ARCHERY ALBERTA

TEAM ALBERTA YOUTH TARGET TEAM April 2019 – March 2020

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The Team Alberta Concept

Archery Alberta has identified that we have many highly skilled archers who would benefit from participating in a provincial team atmosphere. Team Alberta has been created for archers who are considered to be in the competitive stream, particularly those interested in competing at the National and International level. These identified archers can join a fee-based program which will provide them with various kinds of support such as athlete assistance, annual Team training camps, and potential future archery manufacturer's support.

The Youth Target Team

Archery Alberta has targeted the Youth Target Team for intermediate and advanced archers in the Target discipline between 13 and 20 years old, who want to compete at National Championships and World Archery World Championships. The goal is to help acclimate archers to the requirements and formats adhered to by both Archery Canada and World Archery, so we may better prepare our athletes for National and International competition. World Archery events and at select Target Tournaments only Cadets and Juniors are eligible to compete. Archery Alberta recognizes this and feels it is also important to develop archers that are interested in the competitive stream before they reach the Cadet age. All Alberta and Canadian Championships recognize Cub and up age categories. Tournaments such as, but not limited to, World Championships, Canada Cup and USAT qualifiers only recognize Cadet and up age categories.

Cub Exemptions

Cubs are not expected to enter into competitions that do not recognize their age categories. If the archer wishes to, and is willing to shoot up an age category, that is allowed however, at no time should an archer be forced to shoot up an age category.

The Youth Target Team is open to all Cub to Junior aged Archery Alberta members in the Compound and Recurve category* that meet minimum shooting eligibility requirements. The annual fee for the Target Team is \$150.00.

*Note: Barebow will be added to this program in April 2020.

Age Categories (age on Dec 31 of current year)

Junior: 18 to 20

Cadet: 15 to 17

Cub: 13 to 14

Goals of the Youth Target Team

- To encourage and foster the development of youth competitive archers in Alberta and develop a cohesive team in which Alberta archers work together to support each other to achieve success
- To field stronger and better prepared teams for participation in the Canadian Championships and to help Team members compete more effectively at National and International events
- To provide funding assistance to Team Members competing at National and World competitions
- To increase the number of Youth Target Team Members at National and World Championships
- Travel to away events where overnight stays of more than one night and/or outside of Alberta (i.e. vehicle rental, flights, hotels)
- To give Alberta competitors a “Team look”

Eligibility Requirements

Prospective Youth Target Team Members must meet the following eligibility requirements for their application to be approved:

- Archery Alberta member in good standing
- Aged 13 – 20 on December 31 of the current year
- Minimum shooting level: 5 Outdoor 720 scores that meet or exceed predetermined percentages of the National Open record in their category based on the previous year’s scores.* Those that have 5 Outdoor 720 scores from the previous year that do not meet the minimum predetermined percentages will be on the Training Squad.
- Canadian citizen with primary residence in Alberta (minimum 8 months per year)
- Application submitted no later than July 31, 2019
- Archers will sign an Athlete Agreement which includes behavior and attitude standards
- Letter from the athlete as to why they want to be on the team

*Note: When a Youth Archer moves up to the next age category, their scores from their previous age category will still be used.

Youth Target Team Expectations

- All accepted Team Members will be required to submit Quarterly Reports detailing the archer's competition results. Reports will be provided to the archer upon acceptance to the team. March 31, 2020 is the final deadline to submit Quarterly Reports in order to receive Athlete Assistance, Achievement Awards, and Registration Reimbursement for Nationals.
- All accepted Team members will be required to have five (5) current year Outdoor 720 scores that meet the minimum score level required for their current equipment and age category to stay on the team and be eligible. Note the minimum score levels do not have to be at a major event to qualify for that funding, you just need to participate in that event level.
- All accepted Team Members will be required to attend specified events unless an exemption has been granted.
- All accepted Team Members will be required to adhere to the Archery Alberta Athlete Agreement. Failure to adhere to the Archery Alberta athlete agreement will result in dismissal from the Team.
- Wear your Team Alberta shirt for at least one official day at an event and at medal ceremonies.
- Team members are expected to encourage and support each other, failure to do so could be grounds for dismal.
- Team members will abide by all laws, in particularly liquor and drug laws. Failure to comply are grounds for removal from the team.

How to Join the Target Team

- Submit a completed Application Form to the High-Performance Coordinator no later than July 31, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Submit Application fee to the Treasurer no later than July 31, 2019. Failure to submit payment on time may be cause for removal from Team.
- Read and sign the Alberta Archery Athlete agreement which includes a Code of Conduct and submit it to the High-Performance Coordinator no later than July 31, 2019. Failure to submit your signed agreement on time may be cause for removal from Team.

Exemptions from Required Events

Exemptions may be granted. Archers are required to contact the High-Performance Coordinator in writing at least 4 weeks in advance if they are requiring an exception for a required event. Archers requiring an exemption for an injury or illness, need to contact the Coordinator as soon as possible after the archer has received medical treatment. If needed, the Coordinator can take the exemption request to the Archery Alberta executive for a final decision. Examples of exceptions but not limited to:

- Provincial Championship: cannot participate as archer is attending a higher level competition
- National Championship: cannot participate as archer is attending a higher level competition
- Injury or illness
- An archer decides to switch between equipment categories

Athlete Assistance

Financial assistance will be dependent on:

- Level completed
- Funds available from Archery Alberta
- Number of team members
- Athlete assistance is paid out between October 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020.

Base Funding (Training Squad not eligible):

The maximum assistance provided:

Level 1 (local level competitions) = \$0

Level 2 (provincial level competitions) = \$300

Level 3 (national level competitions) = \$300 (cumulative total = \$600)

Level 4 (international level competitions) = \$400 (cumulative total = \$1000)

Please see Participation Points Matrix for minimum Level requirements.

Additional Funding (Training Squad eligible):

- Target Team Members may also be eligible for additional funding through Achievement Awards (see chart)
- Outdoor Target Nationals registration fee (Training Squad @ 50%)
- Team ground transportation for Nationals (Training Squad @ 50%)
- Session(s) at Athlete Factory
- Clinics (subsidized): open to other youth either not on the Team or the Training Squad if space allows, at a reduced cost

Funding notes to keep in mind:

- Archery Alberta will determine the funds available for the team each year based on Archery Alberta's budget and number of Team members
- As the intent is to encourage competitive archers to compete in higher level competitions, Team Members must complete BOTH Level 1 AND Level 2 requirements in order to qualify for ANY funding
- If Level 1 AND Level 2 requirements are met **only** by competing in Indoor Competitions which predominantly mean little to no travel, funding assistance is reduced to 50% (i.e. maximum \$150)
- If Level 1 AND Level 2 AND Level 3 requirements are met **only** by competing in Indoor Competitions funding assistance is reduced to 50% (i.e. maximum cumulative total \$300)

Required Competitions (please see exemptions if needed)

- Indoor Provincials
- Outdoor Provincials
- Indoor Regionals
- Nationals (if being held in Western Canada)

Additional Team perks:

- Team Alberta personalized shooting shirt
- First chance to sign up for Team Alberta Clinics (after which spots will open up to general membership)
- Fred Usher Cup: when able, the High-Performance Coordinator will select all members of the Fred Usher Cup Team from the Youth Target Team. If less than 3 members of the Youth Target Team attend Nationals, remaining Fred Usher Cup Team positions will be filled with members of the Training Squad. Only when there are not enough Youth Target Team and Training Squad members going to Nationals, will other Archery Alberta members be considered.
- Archery Canada Funding for Nationals (Training Squad only): each year the High-Performance Committee will select one Training Squad member attending Nationals to receive reimbursement from Archery Canada for out-of-pocket expenses such as airfare, hotel, and meals. Considerations for selection will be, but not limited to, positive attitude, high level of effort, improvement in scores, teamwork, sportsmanship.

Team Alberta Training Camps

All Team Alberta members will be eligible to attend at least one Team Alberta Training Camp per year. The Camp will be held over a 2 day weekend. This camp will cover topics such as Mental Training, Video Slow Motion Recording, Equipment Tuning and Maintenance, guest speakers, and National Level Coaches. This Camp will also be a great opportunity for all members to share their insights and knowledge among fellow archers. A portion of these Camps will be funded by Archery Alberta as a part of the Long Term Athlete Development Plan.

FUNDING PARTICIPATION POINTS MATRIX

LEVEL 1		
(minimum 5 points required)		
Registered Indoor 600's (minimum 2)	1 point each	
Registered Outdoor 720's (minimum 2)	1 point each	
Total Points Achieved		
If total points achieved is less than 5 enter zero		(a) = _____

LEVEL 2		
((a) + minimum 2 points required)		
Indoor Provincials	2	
Alberta Winter Games	3	
Outdoor Provincials	4	
Total Points Achieved		
If total points is less than 3 then enter zero		(b) = _____
(a) + (b) = (c)		(c) = _____

LEVEL 3		
((c) + minimum 6 points required)		
Vegas Shoot (Note 2)	3	
Indoor Regionals	3	
MICA (Note 1)	3	
Canada Winter Games	4	
Canada Cup (Note 1)	6	
Canadian Nationals	7	
Total Points Achieved		
If total points is less than 6 points then enter zero		(d) = _____
(c) + (d) = (e)		(e) = _____

LEVEL 4 ((e) + 5 points minimum) if you are attending an international event and it is not listed, please contact the High-Performance Coordinator to see about a possible exemption		
USAT Qualifiers, World Archery Series (Note 1) / Para Team Events (Note 3)	4 points each	
World Cup Archery Event (Note 1)	5	
PanAm/Para PanAm Championships, PanAm/Para PanAm Games (Note 1)	5	
Outdoor World/Para World Championships (Note 1)	5	
Total Points Achieved		
If total points is less than 5 points then enter zero		(f) = _____
Grand Total Points (e) + (f) = (g)		(g) = _____

Notes:

- 1) Generally as these events do not recognize Cubs or possibly Cadet, they can shoot these events either by shooting up an age category, or shooting and their score is not submitted (just submit score card with quarterly report); make decision based on organizers shoot info. Score cards can be attached to the quarterly report.
- 2) Vegas age categories and equipment may not align with World Archery or Archery Canada. For this event; compound archers score will be adjusted by reducing the score by the 10's count (just submit score card with quarterly report). This is the only event where archers can shoot outside of World Archery and Archery Canada equipment rules (big arrows allowed).
- 3) Events where Para athletes only can attend.

Team Alberta Achievement Awards

Archery Alberta believes that there should also be an incentive to excel in competitions from a National and International level so we offer an Achievement Awards Program as well. We hope that this will inspire up and coming archers to strive to shoot higher levels.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS *	
1 ST	\$300
2 ND	\$200
3 RD	\$100
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS *	
1 ST	\$1,000
2 ND	\$500
3 RD	\$250
RECORD SCORE AWARDS	
National Record Score	\$50
World Record Score	\$500

* Note: Money will be awarded based on the final aggregate score for each event competed in. There must be at least 5 competitors competing in your category to receive awards.

TARGET SCORE PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS

Outdoor 720 Round

Mens Compound			Womens Compound		
Category	Record	92% Value	Category	Record	89% Value
Junior	709	652	Junior	699	622
Cadet	706	649	Cadet	699	622
Cub	699	643	Cub	678	603

Mens Recurve			Womens Recurve		
Category	Record	90% Value	Category	Record	87% Value
Junior	653	588	Junior	624	543
Cadet	662	596	Cadet	637	551
Cub	652	587	Cub	622	541

YOUTH TARGET TEAM APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Year/Month/Day) AGE: _____

ARCHERY ALBERTA #: _____ SHIRT SIZE: _____

PREFERRED STYLE: VNECK _____ ¼ ZIP _____

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY: _____

Previous years qualifying scores: 5 Outdoor 720 scores achieved between April 1, 2018
– October 31, 2018

	Score	Date	Location
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Required if Archer is under 18 years

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (s): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Additional info to include or do:

Athlete Agreement

Athlete Letter

Payment

Email completed form to: high-perform@archeryalberta.ca