Archery Jamaica 2025 Tier Assignment Policy

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the score-based criteria used to assign athletes into **Tier 1 (National Elite)**, **Tier 2 (National Training)**, and **Tier 3 (Development)** categories. The purpose is to ensure fair and transparent tier assignments based solely on scores achieved in recognized competitions. This policy encourages athlete development and sets clear performance benchmarks.

2. Tier Definitions

Athletes will be placed into one of three tiers based on their performance in recognized archery competitions:

- **Tier 1: National Elite**: Athletes at the highest level, consistently performing well at international and national competitions.

- **Tier 2: National Training;** Athletes demonstrating strong development potential with room to improve towards international competitiveness.

- **Tier 3: Development:** Athletes at the developmental stage, working towards improving performance and consistency.

3. Tier Score Thresholds

RECURVE (OUTDOOR ROUND, 72 ARROWS)

Category	Division	Tier 1 (National Elite)	Tier 2 (National Training)	Tier 3 (Development)
Recurve (Male 70m)	Senior	620+	580 - 619	Below 580
Recurve (Female 70m)	Senior	600+	560 - 599	Below 560
Recurve (Male 70m)	U21	610+	570 - 609	Below 570
Recurve (Female 70m)	U21	590+	550 - 589	Below 550
Recurve (Male 60m)	U18	620+	580 - 619	Below 580
Recurve (Female 60m)	U18	600+	560 - 599	Below 560

BAREBOW (OUTDOOR ROUND 50M, 72 ARROWS)

Category	Division	Tier 1 (National Elite)	Tier 2 (National Training)	Tier 3 (Development)
Barebow (Male 50m)	Senior	600+	580 - 600	Below 580
Barebow (Female 50m)	Senior	580+	540 - 579	Below 540

COMPOUND (OUTDOOR ROUND, 72 ARROWS)

Category	Division	Tier 1 (National Elite)	Tier 2 (National Training)	Tier 3 (Development)
Compound (Male 50m)	Senior	670+	620 - 669	Below 620
Compound (Female 50m)	Senior	650+	600 - 649	Below 600
Compound (Male 50m)	U21	655+	610 - 654	Below 610
Compound (Female 50m)	U21	635+	590 - 634	Below 590
Compound (Male 50m)	U18	640+	590 - 639	Below 590
Compound (Female 50m)	U18	620+	570 - 619	Below 570

4. Movement Between Tiers

Promotion: Athletes will be assigned to the corresponding tier of the highest score achieved over the past 6 months.

Relegation: Athletes whose scores consistently fall below the minimum for their current tier over a six-month period may be reassigned to a lower tier to focus on development.

5. Assessment and Score Evaluation

- Scores will be evaluated after each recognized competition by the **National Head Coach** and the **National Team Coach**. The evaluation will determine the athlete's appropriate tier based on their score performance.

- Athletes will be notified of their tier assignment or any changes within 2 weeks of a evaluation resulting in a move up or down a teir.

6. Impact of Tier Assignment

Funding: Tier 1 athletes receive the highest funding priority, followed by Tier 2. Tier 3 athletes are generally expected to self-fund their participation, with limited funding available in select cases.

Training Opportunities: Athletes in higher tiers will receive access to more advanced training programs, while Tier 3 athletes will focus on foundational skill-building.

7. Special Considerations

Injury and Recovery: Athletes returning from injury will need to meet the required score thresholds within 3 months to re-enter their previous tier.

Extenuating Circumstances: In rare cases, athletes may be temporarily reassigned to a different tier based on personal circumstances (e.g., illness or family emergencies), with approval from the Selection Committee.

8. Notification and Appeals

- Athletes will be formally notified of their tier status and any changes via email or WhatsApp message

- **Appeals**: While the tier system is score-based, athletes may request clarification on their placement if they believe a scoring error occurred. However, no formal appeal process is available, and decisions of the coaching team will remain final.

9. Effective Date

This policy is effective from October 2024 and will apply to all athletes competing in the 2025 season until a new policy is issued.