OFFICIAL SERIES REGULATIONS

NORTHERN IRELAND INDOOR SERIES 2026/27



A series of indoor archery competitions across Northern Ireland

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1. Introduction

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series is a series of archery competitions designed to provide competitive opportunities for archers across Northern Ireland during the indoor season and to determine the leading archers within the designated Series categories.

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series 2026/27 will consist of five qualifying competitions hosted by participating Northern Ireland archery clubs.

Competitors will accumulate Series points based on their finishing position at each eligible competition.

At the conclusion of the Series, an archer's four highest-scoring results from the six competitions will count towards their final Series total. The lowest scoring result will automatically be discarded.

The competitor with the highest final points total in each Series category will be declared the Northern Ireland Indoor Series Champion for 2026/27.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the prospectus and entry conditions published for each individual competition.

Where these Regulations do not specifically address a matter, the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules and regulations shall apply.

The Series Organisers reserve the right to make reasonable amendments where necessary to ensure the safe, fair and effective operation of the Series.

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2. 2026/27 Northern Ireland Indoor Series Calendar

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series will consist of the following six qualifying competitions:

Event	Date	Competition	Series Category	Host
1	14 November 2026	Portsmouth	Senior & Junior	Bangor & District Archery Club / Lough Cuan Bowmen
2	29 November 2026	WA18 Portsmouth	Senior & Junior	Lisburn City Archery Club
3	19 December 2026	Portsmouth	Senior & Junior	Northern Ireland Civil Service Archery Club

Event	Date	Competition	Series Category	Host
4	30 January 2027	Combined WA25/18	Senior	Muckamore Company of Archers
5	27 February 2027	Double Portsmouth	Junior	Muckamore Company of Archers
6	6 March 2027	Stafford – Morning / Portsmouth – Afternoon	Senior & Junior	Northern Ireland Civil Service Archery Club

6 March 2027

The 6 March 2027 event will consist of:

- Morning – Stafford: Senior Series competition.
- Afternoon – Portsmouth: Junior Series competition.

For Series ranking purposes, the applicable competition score will be the first eligible score of the day.

Each competition will operate under its own published prospectus and entry conditions.

The Series Organisers reserve the right to amend the calendar where circumstances outside their reasonable control require a change.

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3. Governing Rules

All Northern Ireland Indoor Series competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the rules applicable to the status and format of the individual competition.

These may include:

- World Archery Rules;
- Archery GB Rules and Regulations;
- the rules stated within the individual competition prospectus;
- range safety requirements;
- venue requirements;
- instructions issued by the Tournament Organiser;
- decisions and directions issued by appointed Judges.

Where a conflict exists between these Series Regulations and a mandatory World Archery or Archery GB rule, the governing World Archery or Archery GB rule shall take precedence.

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4. Eligibility

4.1 Competition Eligibility

Competitors must satisfy the membership, insurance, age and equipment requirements applicable to the individual competition.

Each competition may have additional entry requirements, which will be stated in its prospectus and entry form.

4.2 Series Eligibility

To be eligible to accumulate Northern Ireland Indoor Series points, an archer must:

1. compete in an eligible Series category;
2. comply with the rules applicable to the competition;
3. complete the competition in accordance with the requirements of the relevant event;
4. compete under the same eligible bow category for which the points are being claimed, at events being ran under AGB rules bowstyles will fit those being awarded for points (example Compound Barebow scores will Compound);
5. satisfy any applicable Series pre-entry requirements.

4.3 Competitors

Competitors who are eligible to enter an individual Series competition but who do not satisfy the requirements for Northern Ireland Indoor Series ranking may compete in the individual competition subject to the conditions of the host competition such as incorrect age group

The individual event prospectus will identify any restrictions applicable to visiting competitors.

The Series Organisers may determine whether visiting competitors are eligible to receive Series points.

4.4 Age Classification

Age categories shall be determined in accordance with the applicable Archery GB and/or World Archery age classification rules for the relevant season.

An archer's age category shall not be changed simply because their birthday occurs during the Series.

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5. Series Categories

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series 2026/27 shall operate the following six Series categories:

Senior Categories

- Senior Recurve
- Senior Barebow
- Senior Compound

Junior Categories

- Junior Recurve
- Junior Barebow
- Junior Compound

Each category will have its own independent Series ranking, subject to the amalgamation of Senior and 50+ competitors as set out below.

Competitors will accumulate points only within the category in which they are eligible to compete.

5.1 Senior Categories

Senior Recurve

Open to eligible senior and 50+ competitors shooting Recurve equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

Senior Barebow

Open to eligible senior and 50+ competitors shooting Barebow equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

Senior Compound

Open to eligible senior and 50+ competitors shooting Compound equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

5.2 Junior Categories

The Junior categories are:

Junior Recurve

Open to eligible junior competitors shooting Recurve equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

Junior Barebow

Open to eligible junior competitors shooting Barebow equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

Junior Compound

Open to eligible junior competitors shooting Compound equipment in accordance with the applicable World Archery and/or Archery GB rules.

5.3 Junior Age Eligibility

For the purposes of the Northern Ireland Indoor Series, a competitor will be considered a Junior where they meet the applicable junior age requirements under the governing Archery GB and/or World Archery regulations for the relevant competition season.

The Series Organisers will use the competitor's recognised age category for determining eligibility.

An archer who moves from a Junior to a Senior age classification during the Series will be dealt with in accordance with the applicable governing body regulations and the Series Organisers' published eligibility decision.

5.4 Category Separation

Senior and Junior competitors will be ranked separately.

For example:

- a Junior Recurve competitor will not accumulate points in the Senior Recurve ranking;
- a Junior Compound competitor will not accumulate points in the Senior Compound ranking;
- a Junior Barebow competitor will not accumulate points in the Senior Barebow ranking.

Similarly, Recurve, Barebow and Compound competitors will maintain separate rankings regardless of age.

Where an individual competition combines categories for competition purposes because of competitor numbers, the official Northern Ireland Indoor Series category of each competitor will remain unchanged.

5.5 Senior and 50+ Amalgamation

For the purposes of the Northern Ireland Indoor Series, Senior and 50+ competitors will be amalgamated into the relevant Senior Series category.

A 50+ Recurve competitor will therefore compete for Series points within the Senior Recurve ranking.

A 50+ Barebow competitor will compete within the Senior Barebow ranking.

A 50+ Compound competitor will compete within the Senior Compound ranking.

There will be no separate 50+ Series championship or ranking for 2026/27.

5.6 Gender

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series will not operate separate male and female Series rankings.

Points will be awarded according to the six Series categories listed above, irrespective of gender.

An individual host competition may operate separate male/open and female categories for the purposes of that competition. The official finishing position used for Series points will be determined in accordance with the Series Regulations and the relevant competition results.

5.7 Insufficient Numbers

Where a Series category has insufficient competitors to operate as a separate category at an individual competition, the host club may combine categories for the purposes of running the competition.

Any such combination will not automatically alter the competitor's Northern Ireland Indoor Series category.

Should an archer start the competition as a Junior they will be considered a Junior in terms of rankings until the end of the series, they will however, enter their correct age category on the day of each competition.

The Series Organisers will determine the appropriate method of calculating Series points where categories have been combined, and this will be communicated to competitors before the relevant competition where reasonably practicable.

The six Series categories remain:

Series Category
Senior Recurve

Series Category

Senior Barebow

Senior Compound

Junior Recurve

Junior Barebow

Junior Compound

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6. Gender Categories

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series will be ranked by Series category rather than by gender.

Men and women competing within the same eligible Series category will therefore accumulate points within the same Series ranking.

The host competition may operate separate male and female categories for its own competition purposes.

Such competition categories will not alter the Northern Ireland Indoor Series ranking system.

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7. Competition Formats

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series will incorporate a range of recognised indoor archery competition formats.

7.1 WA18

The WA18 competitions will be conducted in accordance with the applicable World Archery rules and the individual competition prospectus.

A WA18 round will be shot at 18m using 40cm Triple Spots for Recurve and Compound archers.

Junior Recurve and all Barebow archers will shoot a 40cm Full Face.

Series points will be awarded according to the archer's final eligible finishing position in their Series category.

Where more than one score is recorded during the same day, the first eligible score of the day will be used for Series ranking purposes.

7.2 Portsmouth

The Portsmouth competitions will be conducted in accordance with the applicable Archery GB rules and the individual competition prospectus.

A Portsmouth round will be shot at 20 yards and will use the 60cm Full Face for everyone except Compound archers aged 15+ who will shoot a 60cm Vertical Triple Spot.

Series points will be awarded according to the archer's final eligible finishing position in their Series category.

Where more than one score is recorded during the same day, the first eligible score of the day will be used for Series ranking purposes.

7.3 Combined WA25/18

The Combined WA25/18 competition will consist of the distances and formats stated in the individual competition prospectus.

The Combined round will shoot a WA25 first, which is shot at 25m using a 60cm Full Face for all except Compound archers aged 15+ who will shoot a 60cm Vertical Triple Spot.

The WA18 round will be shot after.

For Series ranking purposes, the first score of the day will be used.

Series points will be awarded according to the archer's final eligible Series position.

The combined nature of the competition does not result in separate Series points being awarded for the WA25 and WA18 components.

7.4 Double Portsmouth

The Double Portsmouth will consist of two Portsmouth rounds conducted in accordance with the published competition prospectus.

The Double Portsmouth consists of two Portsmouth rounds shot consecutively.

For Series ranking purposes, the first Portsmouth score of the day will be used.

Series points will be awarded according to the archer's final eligible Series position based upon the applicable first score.

The two rounds will not result in two separate sets of Series points.

7.5 Stafford

The Stafford competition will be conducted in accordance with the applicable competition rules and the individual competition prospectus.

The Stafford round is shot at 30m and will use an 80cm Full Face for all archers except Compound archers aged 15+ who will shoot an 80cm reduced face.

For the 6 March 2027 competition, the Stafford will take place in the morning and will constitute the Senior Series competition.

Series points will be awarded according to the archer's final eligible Series position.

Where an archer shoots another round later in the same day, the first score of the day remains the Series score.

7.6 First Score of the Day

For all Northern Ireland Indoor Series competitions, where a competitor completes more than one scoring round or competition on the same day, only the first eligible score of the day will be used for Series ranking purposes.

A competitor may participate in subsequent rounds where permitted by the host competition, but subsequent scores cannot replace or improve the Series score.

This provision is intended to ensure that all competitors are ranked using the same first scoring opportunity available to them.

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8. Series Points

Series points will be awarded according to an archer's final eligible position within their Series category at each qualifying competition.

Each qualifying competition carries equal weighting.

The points system is:

Position	Points
1st	50
2nd	45
3rd	40
4th	39
5th	38
6th	37
7th	36

Position	Points
8th	35
9th	34
10th	33
11th	32
12th	31
13th	30
14th	29
15th	28
16th	27
17th	26
18th	25
19th	24
20th	23
21st	22
22nd	21
23rd	20
24th	19
25th	18
26th	17
27th	16
28th	15
29th	14
30th	13

Position	Points
31st	12
32nd	11
33rd	10
34th	9
35th	8
36th	7
37th	6
38th	5
39th	4
40th	3
41st	2
42nd	1

No Series points will be awarded below 42nd position.

The Series Organisers may amend the points schedule if competitor numbers or circumstances require this, provided any amendment is communicated before the relevant competition.

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9. Tied Competition Positions

Where two or more archers finish an individual competition tied, the applicable rules of that competition shall be used to establish the official finishing positions.

The official competition result will determine the Series position and points awarded.

An archer must have a recognised final finishing position in the competition to receive Series points.

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10. Series Ranking Calculation

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series consists of five qualifying competitions.

An archer may therefore earn points from a maximum of five competitions.

However, only the archer's four highest points scores will count towards the final Series ranking.

The lowest scoring result will automatically be dropped.

This allows an archer to miss one competition, or to have one lower-scoring result, without that result counting towards their final total.

Example

An archer records the following results:

Event	Points
WA18 – LCAC	45
Portsmouth – Bangor/Lough Cuan	50
Portsmouth – NICS	40
Combined WA25/18 – MCoA	39
Stafford/Portsmouth – NICS	37

The total from all five events would be:

256 points

The lowest score of 37 points is dropped.

The archer with the highest final total in each Series category will be ranked first.

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11. Dropped Result

Each archer's lowest scoring result from the five qualifying competitions will be removed from their final Series calculation.

The dropped result will be the archer's lowest points score, regardless of the competition at which it was achieved.

Where an archer does not compete at one of the five events, the missed event will be treated as a zero-point result and will automatically become the dropped result.

An archer who competes in all five competitions will therefore have their lowest scoring competition removed.

An archer who competes in fewer than four competitions may remain on the Series ranking but will have fewer than four counting results.

12. Minimum Participation

There is no requirement to compete in all five competitions.

An archer must, however, have completed sufficient eligible competitions to establish a meaningful Series ranking.

The Series Organisers may consider exceptional circumstances where a competition has been cancelled, or an archer has been prevented from completing the Series through circumstances outside their reasonable control.

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13. Change of Bow Style

Series points are awarded to the category in which they were earned.

An archer changing bow style during the Series cannot transfer points from one bow category to another.

For example:

- points earned as Compound cannot subsequently be added to Recurve;
- points earned as Recurve cannot subsequently be added to Barebow;
- points earned as Barebow cannot subsequently be added to Compound.

An archer changing bow style may commence accumulating points in their new Series category from the relevant competition onwards.

Previously earned points remain attached to the original Series category.

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14. Incorrect Category or Equipment

An archer who competes in a category or with equipment that does not meet the requirements for their declared Series category may still be permitted to compete in the individual event where the competition rules allow it.

However, the archer will not be eligible to receive Northern Ireland Indoor Series points for that result unless the Series Organisers determine that the discrepancy arose from an administrative error outside the archer's control.

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15. Non-Attendance

An archer who does not attend a qualifying competition will receive no Series points for that competition.

The missed competition will normally constitute the archer's dropped result.

There will be no penalty for missing one competition, provided the archer remains eligible for the Series ranking.

Competitors who are unable to attend an event should notify the host club as soon as reasonably practicable.

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16. Withdrawals

A competitor who withdraws before a competition should notify the host club as soon as possible.

A competitor who withdraws before completing the competition will not normally receive Series points for that event.

Where an archer completes the competition and receives an official result, Series points will be awarded based upon their final eligible position.

Series points cannot be transferred to another competitor.

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17. Competition Cancellation

The safety of competitors, Judges, volunteers and other persons attending the event shall take priority over the completion of a competition.

A competition may be postponed, modified, suspended or cancelled because of:

- venue issues;
- unsafe conditions;
- equipment failure;
- emergency circumstances;
- directions from the venue or relevant authority;
- insufficient facilities;
- circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the organisers.

Where a competition is cancelled before it produces a valid result, no Series points will normally be awarded.

Where practicable, the Series Organisers may seek to reschedule the competition.

If a competition cannot be rescheduled, the Series may continue with the remaining events and the Series Organisers may review the calculation requirements accordingly.

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18. Abandoned Competition

Where a competition has commenced but cannot be completed, the Tournament Organiser, in consultation with the appointed Judges where appropriate, shall determine whether a valid competition result can be established.

Consideration may be given to:

- the proportion of the competition completed;
- whether all competitors have had an equal opportunity to compete;
- the applicable governing rules;
- the validity of the results already established.

Where a valid result cannot be established, the event may be declared void for Series ranking purposes.

The Series Organisers will have final responsibility for determining whether Series points should be awarded.

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19. Changes to Competition Format

The host Tournament Organiser may make reasonable operational changes to an event where required because of:

- safety;
- venue restrictions;
- equipment problems;
- competitor numbers;
- time constraints;
- unforeseen circumstances.

Any substantial change affecting Series scoring or eligibility should be communicated to competitors before implementation wherever reasonably practicable.

The Series Organisers may also determine which score constitutes the first eligible score of the day where an unusual competition format or operational change occurs.

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20. Series Ranking Tie-Breaks

Where two or more competitors finish the Series with the same final number of points, the following tie-break procedure shall apply:

1. The competitor with the highest number of first-place finishes shall be ranked higher.
2. If still tied, the competitor with the highest number of second-place finishes shall be ranked higher.
3. If still tied, the competitor with the highest number of third-place finishes shall be ranked higher.
4. If still tied, the competitor with the highest single-event points score shall be ranked higher.
5. If still tied, the competitor with the highest second-highest counting event score shall be ranked higher.
6. If still tied, the competitor with the highest finishing position at the most recent Series event shall be ranked higher.
7. If still tied, the Series Organisers shall determine an appropriate final countback.

The purpose of the tie-break procedure is to establish an unambiguous final Series ranking.

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21. Results and Series Rankings

Results from individual competitions may be published through the competition results system, including Ianseo where applicable.

Northern Ireland Indoor Series rankings will be updated following each qualifying competition.

Published rankings may include:

- competitor name;
- club;
- Series category;

- competition position;
- points awarded;
- dropped result;
- counting results;
- cumulative Series points;
- current Series position.

Competitors should check published rankings and report apparent errors to the Series Organisers promptly.

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22. Series Championship

At the conclusion of the fifth qualifying competition, the final Series ranking will be calculated.

Each eligible archer's four highest competition scores will be added together.

The competitor with the highest final points total in each eligible Series category will be declared:

Northern Ireland Indoor Series Champion 2026/27

Where awards are provided for additional positions, these will be determined from the final Series ranking.

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23. Judges and Competition Decisions

Judges appointed to each competition shall have responsibility for applying the applicable competition rules and dealing with matters arising during shooting.

Competitors must comply with reasonable instructions issued by Judges and competition officials.

Where possible, the appointed Chair of Judges will not be a member of the host club.

Judges' decisions concerning matters arising under the applicable World Archery or Archery GB rules shall be dealt with through the relevant competition protest and appeal procedure.

The Series Organisers are responsible for the administration of Series points and rankings.

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24. Appeals and Disputes

Any competitor wishing to raise a concern regarding:

- a competition result;
- Series points;
- Series rankings;
- eligibility;
- application of these Regulations;
- calculation of the dropped result;
- application of the pre-entry system;

should raise the matter with the Series Organisers as soon as reasonably practicable.

Competition-related matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the appointed Judges must first be dealt with through the competition's normal protest and appeal procedure.

A Series ranking dispute should be submitted in writing to the Series Organisers within seven days of publication of the relevant ranking, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

The Series Organisers shall review the information available and issue a decision.

The Series Organisers may consult the relevant Tournament Organiser, Judges or other appropriate persons before reaching a decision.

The decision of the Series Organisers shall be final in relation to the administration of the Series, subject to any rights available under the governing Archery GB or World Archery regulations.

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25. Conduct

All competitors, officials, coaches, volunteers and spectators are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.

The Series Organisers reserve the right to refer serious conduct matters to the appropriate club, governing body or other relevant authority.

Nothing within these Regulations removes or replaces the disciplinary, safeguarding or complaints procedures of Archery GB, Archery NI, an affiliated club or other relevant organisation.

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26. Safeguarding

All competitions involving juniors shall operate in accordance with the applicable safeguarding requirements.

Competitors, parents, guardians, coaches, volunteers and officials must comply with the safeguarding requirements of the host venue and relevant governing bodies.

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27. Data Protection

Personal information collected for the administration of the Northern Ireland Indoor Series shall be processed for legitimate competition administration purposes.

Information may be used for:

- processing entries;
- administering competitions;
- producing start lists and target lists;
- producing results;
- calculating Series rankings;
- determining final Series positions;
- communicating with competitors;
- administering awards and trophies;
- complying with governing body requirements.

Competition results are normally considered public sporting information and may be published through appropriate competition results systems, websites and social media.

Personal information will not be published beyond what is reasonably required for the administration and promotion of the Series.

Photographs and video may be taken at Series events for legitimate sporting, promotional and reporting purposes, subject to applicable safeguarding and data protection requirements.

Where additional consent is required, the relevant consent process shall be used.

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28. Photography and Media

Photography and filming may take place at Northern Ireland Indoor Series competitions.

Competitors entering the Series acknowledge that general event photography may be undertaken for sporting, promotional and reporting purposes.

Specific restrictions relating to photography or filming, particularly involving juniors, shall be dealt with in accordance with the relevant safeguarding and venue requirements.

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29. Series Administration

The Northern Ireland Indoor Series shall be administered collectively by the Series Organisers and participating host clubs.

Each host club remains responsible for the administration of its individual competition, including:

- entries;
- pre-entry arrangements;
- venue;
- range safety;
- Judges;
- competition equipment;
- competition results;
- event-specific regulations.

Where possible, the appointed Chair of Judges will not be from the host club.

The Series Organisers remain responsible for:

- Series points;
- Series rankings;
- calculation of dropped results;
- overall Series administration;
- final Series standings;
- Series awards.

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30. Pre-Entry System

A pre-entry system will operate for all Northern Ireland Indoor Series competitions.

The purpose of the pre-entry system is to provide competitors with an opportunity to secure a place at each Series competition before the main competition entry opens.

30.1 Pre-Entry Window

The pre-entry window for each competition will open for a limited period.

The opening and closing dates and times for pre-entry will be advertised by the Series Organisers.

Competitors are responsible for completing their pre-entry within the advertised window.

30.2 Guaranteed Place

A competitor who successfully completes the pre-entry process within the advertised pre-entry window will have their place at the relevant competition confirmed, subject to:

- meeting the eligibility requirements;
- providing any information required by the entry system;
- complying with the relevant competition conditions.

The pre-entry system therefore provides the competitor with a confirmed opportunity to compete before the general entry period.

30.3 Failure to Pre-Enter

A competitor who does not complete the pre-entry process during the advertised window will not be guaranteed a place in the competition.

Such competitors may apply for a place when the main competition entry opens.

Any available places will be allocated in accordance with the entry conditions of the relevant competition.

Where the competition reaches its maximum capacity, competitors who did not pre-enter may be unable to obtain a place.

30.4 Entry Opening

Following the pre-entry window, the main competition entry will open in accordance with the individual competition prospectus.

Competitors who did not use the pre-entry system will therefore have to compete for any remaining places when general entry opens.

30.5 Competition-Specific Conditions

Individual host clubs may publish additional entry conditions, deadlines or procedures provided these do not conflict with these Series Regulations.

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31. Host Clubs

The 2026/27 Northern Ireland Indoor Series is hosted by:

Lisburn City Archery Club

Hosting:

- 27 September 2026 – WA18 – Senior
- 27 September 2026 – Portsmouth – Junior

Bangor & District Archery Club / Lough Cuan Bowmen

Hosting jointly:

- 14 November 2026 – Portsmouth – Senior & Junior

Northern Ireland Civil Service Archery Club

Hosting:

- 19 December 2026 – Portsmouth – Junior & Senior
- 6 March 2027 – Stafford – Senior / Portsmouth – Junior

Muckamore Company of Archers

Hosting:

- 30 January 2027 – Combined WA25/18 – Senior
- 27 February 2027 – Double Portsmouth – Junior

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Official competition entry forms and individual event prospectuses should be used for event-specific enquiries.