

World Archery Rule Book versions 2023-10-31 & 2024-01-15 Change Summary Document

This document was produced by the Archery Canada Rules Committee. This document lists all of the rule changes to the World Archery Rule Book versions 2023-10-31 and 2024-01-15 as summarized and published by World Archery.

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The World Archery 2023-10-31 and 2024-01-16 rule book difference files:

- EN-Book1-dif.pdf (2024-01-15)
- EN-Book2-dif.pdf (2023-10-31)
- EN-Book2-dif.pdf (2024-01-15)
- EN-Book4-dif.pdf (2024-01-15)

were combined into this document and modified to highlight the changes made to the rules/articles. For each rule/article that was changed, the old version is listed first in grey text, followed by the new version in black text. Deleted or modified text is shown in the old version with a line through the text (i.e., ~~cadet, junior~~). Text that was added or modified in the new version has been highlighted (i.e., **30 seconds**).

Note: There may be rule changes in the World Archery rule book that are not in the World Archery difference documents used to create this document

Book 1

Constitution and Procedures

This edition contains all current laws and bylaws approved and in effect on the date shown below. There may be interpretations which may affect this edition. Please check the World Archery website (<https://worldarchery.org>) for a listing of all interpretations which may be in force.

This version supersedes all previous versions.

Chapter 1

Constitution

1.6 Organisation

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1.6.5 Persons elected to World Archery offices shall serve a term of four years unless otherwise specified with the following limitations:

- The person elected may serve a maximum of four full terms in the same committee or board (except the Executive Board) and must have a minimum two-year break after two consecutive full terms;
- The individual elected or appointed as the president, vice president or a member of the Executive Board may serve a maximum of three full terms in the same position. Outgoing officer can be a candidate for a different position.

~~Transitional procedure: this rule (1.6.5.) will not be applied in 2019 and 2021 elections, but will be in full effect in the 2023 elections.~~

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1.7 Congress

(See also [Appendix 1-Congress Procedures.](#))

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1.7.2 Each Member Association shall be allowed one voting delegate and no more than two other delegates, provided that if there are three (3) delegates in total, both sexes must be presented. Continental Associations and Associate International Federations may be represented by no more than two delegates. Associate Members may be represented by no more than one delegate.

Each Member Association shall submit written authority signed by the Member Association naming its voting delegate and an alternative voting delegate at least ~~21~~ days before the start of Congress.

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Each Member Association shall submit written authority signed by the Member Association naming its voting delegate and an alternative voting delegate at least **28** days before the start of Congress.

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1.7.4 The vote of a Member Association may be cast by proxy only by another Member Association. No Member Association may carry more than one proxy, each proxy may only carry one vote.

Each proxy shall be in writing, signed by the Member Association from which it is given and the Member Association which has accepted the proxy, and it shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least ~~30~~ days before the start of the Congress.

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1.7.9 The President shall preside at all meetings of Congress at which ~~he~~ is present. In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall preside, or, if neither is present, a member of the Executive Board other than the Secretary General. If none of these is present, then a voting delegate shall be elected as chairperson.

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1.10 The Secretary General

1.10.3 The Secretary General participates in all activities of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board with no voting rights.

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1.10.3.1 *The role of the Secretary General is as follows:*

- *To assist the President in representing World Archery in the Olympic Family, and other International Sports Organisations;*
- *To supervise the World Archery Office;*
- *To prepare ~~for~~ Congress, Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings (including the agenda and associated documents);*
- *To prepare the yearly budget and other financial information necessary for Congress, Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings;*
- *To maintain and distribute minutes of Congress, Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings;*
- *To distribute relevant information to Member Associations and the Executive Board timely;*
- *To edit and approve the official publications;*
- *To process temporary affiliations;*
- *To maintain records and results;*
- *To distribute performance awards;*
- *To appoint an ex officio member from the staff to a Committee, with no voting rights when necessary.*

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1.12 The Executive Board

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- 1.12.6 The primary duties of the Executive Board are the governance and supervision of the affairs of World Archery in line with its objectives and goals as determined by Congress which include but are not limited to:
- Approve a budget allocating funds for the implementation of World Archery activities;
 - Consider for approval the annual financial report;
 - Approve the appointment to the position of Secretary General and any additional positions to the World Archery Office;
 - Appoint Judges for duty at the Olympic Games on the recommendation of the Judges Committee;
 - Review the implementation of the rule changes;
 - Decide on sanctions proposed by the Board of Justice & Ethics;
 - Decide on appeals against denial of renewals of Judge status;
 - Decide on doping matters according to [AD- AD Anti-Doping Code in Book 6](#) and ensure that Member Associations comply with the Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code;
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 - When urgent, take decisions normally assumed by the Congress, except election of Executive Board Members, expulsion of a Member Association, changes to the Constitution and dissolution of World Archery. Any changes proposed by the Executive Board in an emergency situation will be circulated to the Member Associations and if more than 50% of valid votes available from the Member Associations object in writing to the Executive Board within 3 working days of notice being given, the change will not be implemented, and the matter will be referred to the next Congress. Otherwise, the Executive Board's decision to revise the rule(s), to suspend a Member Association or other matter for the urgent situation will stand until the next Congress. In such a case the decision, if it is to be made permanent, must be approved by the next Congress in accordance with the constitutional requirements at that Congress.
 - The Executive Board may propose an item to the Congress as an 'Emergency Motion' without the prescribed notice period. These items may be considered by the Congress if two-thirds (2/3) of all eligible Member Associations are represented and two-thirds (2/3) of the votes submitted are in favour of consenting to deal with it.

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- 1.12.8 The Minutes of Executive Board meetings (including the budget) shall be ~~published and~~ circulated to all Members and officers.

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1.13 The Executive Committee

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- 1.13.6 The Executive Committee shall nominate the Anti-Doping Panel (see ~~The correct reference will be inserted as soon as possible.~~)

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1.13.5 The Executive Committee delegates first-instance authority to adjudicate alleged anti-doping rule violations and sanctions to the Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS ADD), a separate Division of CAS, and in doing so, accepts the CAS ADD Rules to apply to any doping-related procedure. To the extent any procedural rules set out in the World Archery Anti-Doping Rules conflict with the CAS ADD Rules, the CAS ADD Rules shall prevail.

1.14 The Board of Justice and Ethics

(See [Appendix 1-Congress Procedures](#), [Appendix 3-Procedure for the Board of Justice and Ethics](#).)

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1.14.1 Congress shall ~~elect~~ a Board of Justice and Ethics of five members to investigate alleged breaches of the World Archery Constitution and Rules, including its Code of Ethics and Conduct by any members of the World Archery Family. However, the Board of Justice and Ethics does not consider Anti-Doping Rules violations which are under the responsibility of the Anti-Doping Panel. The same procedure will apply for cases of safeguarding when confidentiality reasons might need a different process as defined in the Procedures on the Safeguarding.

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Chapter 2

Eligibility Code for Athletes and Team Officials

2.1 Admission

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2.1.1 Athletes, coaches and officials who wish to ~~participate in Championships, Games, International and National Tournaments~~, which are recognised or controlled by World Archery ~~or a Member Association~~, in one or more of the various disciplines recognised by World Archery, shall be affiliated with a Member Association and have a valid international license ~~(until such time that the Executive Board adopts bylaws as to international license requirements, an athlete's, coaches' and official's membership in his Member Association shall constitute a valid international license.)~~

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2.1.1 Athletes, coaches and officials who wish to **be part of their National Teams at events**, which are recognised or controlled by World Archery, in one or more of the various disciplines recognised by World Archery, shall be affiliated with a Member Association and have a valid international license. **For National Tournaments, the affiliation with a Member Association is necessary.**

REMOVED ARTICLES

Chapter 1 Constitution

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~~1.13.7 The Executive Committee shall appoint the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) panel (see **The correct reference will be inserted as soon as possible.**).~~

Book 2

Events

Chapter 3

Championships

3.3 Dates

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3.3.1 World Archery Championships shall be held every two years as follows:

- World Archery in odd years;
- World Archery Field in even years;
- World Archery Youth in odd years;
- World Archery Flight in even years;
- World Archery Ski every year;
- World Archery Run in even years;
- World Archery 3D in ~~odd~~ years;
- World Para-Archery in odd years;
- World Archery 50+ in even years.

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- World Archery 50+ in even years.

3.7 Entries

3.7.3 The number of athletes that may be entered by a Member Association is limited.

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3.20 Field of Play

for Olympic Games and World Championships

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3.20 Equipment allowed on the Field of Play

Chapter 4

Competitions

4.2 Classes

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4.2.1 World Archery recognises the following classes:

- Under 18 Women;
- Under 18 Men;
- Under 21 Women;
- Under 21 Men;
- Women;
- Men;
- 50+ Women;
- 50+ Men;
- For Para-Archery, see [21. Chapter 21-Para-Archery in Book 3](#).

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4.2.1 World Archery recognises the following classes:

- Under 15 Women;
- Under 15 Men;
- Under 18 Women;
- Under 18 Men;
- Under 21 Women;
- Under 21 Men;
- Women;
- Men;
- 50+ Women;
- 50+ Men;
- For Para-Archery, see [21. Chapter 21-Para-Archery in Book 3](#).

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4.2.2 Separate events for Under 18 and Under 21 Women, Under 18 and Under 21 Men, 50+ Women and 50+ Men can be organised in the disciplines of Target and Field Archery.

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4.2.6 An athlete may participate in an Under 15 Class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of the athlete's 14th birthday.

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4.4 Categories

The combination of a class and a division is defined as a 'Category' as follows:

Recurve			
Recurve Women	RW	Recurve Men	RM
Recurve Under 21 Women	RU21W	Recurve Under 21 Men	RU21M
Recurve 50+ Women	R50W	Recurve 50+ Men	R50M

Recurve Under 18 Women	RU18W	Recurve Under 18 Men	RU18M
Compound			
Compound Women	CW	Compound Men	CM
Compound Under 21 Women	CU21W	Compound Under 21 Men	CU21M
Compound 50+ Women	C50W	Compound 50+ Men	C50M
Compound Under 18 Women	CU18W	Compound Under 18 Men	CU18M
Para Recurve			
Recurve Women Open	RWO	Recurve Men Open	RMO
Para Compound			
Compound Women Open	CWO	Compound Men Open	CMO
W1 Open			
Women W1 Open (Rec/Comp)	WW1	Men W1 Open (Rec/Comp)	MW1
Visually Impaired			
Visually Impaired 1	VI1	Visually Impaired 2 / 3	VI2/3
Barebow			
Barebow Women	BW	Barebow Men	BM
Barebow Under 21 Women	BU21W	Barebow Under 21 Men	BU21M
Barebow Under 18 Women	BU18W	Barebow Under 18 Men	BU18M
Longbow and Traditional			
Longbow Women	LW	Longbow Men	LM
Traditional Women	TW	Traditional Men	TM

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Recurve Under 18 Women	RU18W	Recurve Under 18 Men	RU18M
Recurve Under 15 Women	RU15W	Recurve Under 15 Men	RU15M
Compound			
Compound Women	CW	Compound Men	CM
Compound Under 21 Women	CU21W	Compound Under 21 Men	CU21M
Compound 50+ Women	C50W	Compound 50+ Men	C50M
Compound Under 18 Women	CU18W	Compound Under 18 Men	CU18M
Compound Under 15 Women	CU15W	Compound Under 15 Men	CU15M
Para Recurve			
Recurve Women Open	RWO	Recurve Men Open	RMO
Para Compound			
Compound Women Open	CWO	Compound Men Open	CMO
W1 Open			
Women W1 Open (Rec/Comp)	WW1	Men W1 Open (Rec/Comp)	MW1
Visually Impaired			
Visually Impaired 1	VI1	Visually Impaired 2 / 3	VI2/3
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Barebow Under 15 Women	BU15W	Barebow Under 15 Men	BU15M
Longbow and Traditional			
Longbow Women	LW	Longbow Men	LM
Traditional Women	TW	Traditional Men	TM

4.5 Rounds

4.5.1 Outdoor Archery Rounds

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4.5.1.1 ~~In the Olympic Games only the Recurve Division may compete.~~

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4.5.1.1 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

- In the Olympic Games only the Recurve Division may compete.
- In the Paralympic Games the Recurve Open Division, the Compound Open Division and the W1 division may compete in individuals women, individuals men, and in mixed teams.

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4.5.1.2 The Elimination and Final Rounds consist of:

- The Elimination Round, in which the top 104 athletes (mandatory for World Archery Championships) are seeded according to their positions in the Qualifying Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts](#)). They shoot a series of matches in groups, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows for recurve and barebow, and five ends of three arrows for compound and W1;
- The Finals Round, in which the eight athletes remaining from the Elimination round shoot individual matches, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows for recurve and barebow, and five ends of three arrows for compound and W1, culminating in the gold Medal match. At World Archery Championships the matches shall be shot one after the other. The athletes shall shoot alternately one arrow at a time.
- The Team Elimination Round, in which the top 24 teams (16 in the Olympic Games) of three athletes seeded according to their positions as determined by their total score in the Qualification Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 8. Match Play Chart 5 \(24 teams, byes are permitted\)](#)) shoot simultaneously a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of six arrows (two per athlete) and for compound and W1 consisting of four ends of six arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score;
- The Team Finals Round, in which the four teams qualifying from the Elimination Round shoot a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of six arrows (two per athlete) and for compound and W1 consisting of four ends of six arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score culminating in the Team Gold Medal match. In the Olympic Games, the Medal matches of the World Archery Championships and Archery World Cup Events, the teams shoot alternately in three arrow segments. For other events alternating shooting is optional. The timing is started and stopped when the athlete crosses the 1m line;
- The Mixed Team Round in which the top 24 teams (16 in the Olympic Games) composed of the top ranked man and the top ranked woman from the same Member Association are seeded according to their positions as determined by their total score in the Qualification Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 8. Match Play Chart 5 \(24 teams, byes are permitted\)](#)), shoot simultaneously a series of matches, each match for recurve and barebow consisting of the best of four sets of four arrows (two per athlete) and for compound and W1 consisting of four ends of four arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score;
- The format may be amended to fit special stadiums and locations that are very attractive for archery. It is necessary to notify Member Associations at least one year in advance of the event;
- For Recurve the round will be called the Olympic Round and shall be shot at 70m (60m for Under 18 and 50+) on 122cm target faces, whereas for compound it will be called the Compound Match Round and shall be shot at 50m on an 80cm six ring target face. For Barebow it will be called the Barebow Match Round and shall be shot at 50m on an 122cm target face. For W1, please see [Article 21.4.3. in Book 3](#);
- A team shall consist of the highest ranked three (or two if a Mixed Team) athletes from the Qualification Round unless the Team Manager notifies the official approved result verifier or the Chairman of Judges in writing at least fifteen minutes before the start of official practice of that round of competition of a substitution of another athlete who competed in the Qualification Round. A violation of the foregoing will result in disqualification of the team. In case of substitution medals shall only be awarded to the athletes that shot the Team round, not the qualification round.

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athlete) in cumulative score;

- In Para-Archery, the Doubles Elimination Round in which the top 24 teams of two athletes seeded according to their positions as determined by their total score in the Qualification Round (see [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 8. Match Play Chart 5 \(24 teams, byes are permitted\)\)](#)) shoot simultaneously a series of matches, each match for recurve open consisting of the best of four sets of four arrows (two per athlete) and for compound open and W1 consisting of four ends of four arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score;
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- In Para-Archery, the Doubles Finals Round, in which the four doubles qualifying from the Elimination Round shoot a series of matches, each match for recurve open consisting of the best of four sets of four arrows (two per athlete) and for Compound Open and W1 consisting of four ends of four arrows (two per athlete) in cumulative score culminating in the Doubles Gold Medal match. In the Medal matches of the World Archery Championships, the doubles shoot alternately in two arrow segments. For other events alternating shooting is optional. For more information on W1, please see [Article 21.4.3. in Book 3](#);
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4.5.1.8 The 40m Round for Recurve U-15 consists of 72 arrows shot at 40 meters on the 122cm target face.

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4.5.1.9 The 40m Round for Compound U-15 consists of 72 arrows shot at 40 meters on the 80cm target face.

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4.5.1.10 The 30m Round for Barebow U-15 consists of 72 arrows shot at 30 meters on the 122cm target face.

4.5.3 Field Archery Rounds

4.5.3.3 The World Archery Field Championship Round in which there are no walk-up or fan targets, consists of:

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4.5.3.3.2 ~~The Elimination Round consists of the pool shoot up process. Athletes ranked in position 1 and 2 will automatically take a place in the semi-final. Athletes 3-22 will form 4 pools of 5 athletes~~

~~and shoot for the remaining 2 semi-final positions;~~

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4.5.3.3.2 The Elimination Round consists of a head to head system involving the top 16 athletes from the qualification round.

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~~4.5.3.3.3 The first match in each pool will be between the two lowest ranked archers in the pool. The archer with the highest score at the end of the six targets progresses to the next round. They will shoot against the next athlete in the pool.~~

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4.5.3.3.3 The elimination round will be based on a match play chart with 16 athletes. (see Appendix 3 Matchplay charts [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts](#), 5. Match Play Chart 4 (16 athletes / teams, byes are permitted))

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~~4.5.3.3.6 Elimination matches will consist of 6 targets. All target faces should be available. (See notes from Field and 3D Committee on course laying for eliminations). Distances will be marked. Athletes will shoot simultaneously.~~

- ~~• In the elimination, if the athletes are in a group where 2 matches shooting (4 athletes) at the same targets:
 - ~~◦ The match from the first alphabetical pool will always shoot first. For example, where a match from Pool B and a match from pool D shoot together, Pool B match will always shoot first;~~
 - ~~◦ If athletes are from the same pool but U21/senior, then senior will always shoot first.~~~~

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4.5.3.3.5 Elimination matches will consist of 6 targets. All target faces should be available. Distances will be marked. Athletes will shoot simultaneously.

- In the elimination, if 2 matches are in a group shooting at the same targets (4 athletes):
 - The match with the higher ranked athlete will always shoot first;
 - If athletes are from the same division but of a different age class, then the oldest age class will always shoot first.

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~~4.5.3.3.7 If there are fewer than 22 athletes, all will progress to the elimination and pools will be filled with all the eligible athletes.~~

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4.5.3.3.6 If there are fewer than 16 athletes, all will progress to the elimination.

4.5.3.3.7 The Finals Rounds in which the four top athletes shoot two matches (the semi-finals and the medal finals) consisting of four marked targets each, three arrows per target (see [Article 8.1.1.2.](#))

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~~4.5.3.3.8.1 In the semi-finals, the winner of pool AD (athlete AD) shoots against the athlete ranked 2, and the winner of pool BC (athlete BC) will shoot against athlete ranked number 1. The winners compete in the Gold Medal match and the others in the Bronze Medal match. In the semi-finals, if the athletes shoot in a group of four, the pair consisting of athletes AD and 2 shall shoot first and, the other pair shall shoot as the second pair at all targets. In the medal finals, the athletes competing in the Bronze Medal match shall shoot first at all targets, followed by the Gold Medal match.~~

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4.5.3.3.7.1 In the semi-finals, if the athletes shoot in a group of four, the pair with the highest ranking athlete shall shoot first, and the other pair shall shoot as the second pair at all targets. In the medal finals, the athletes competing in the Bronze Medal match shall shoot first at all targets, followed by the Gold Medal match.

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4.5.3.3.12 The Field Mixed Team Elimination Round:

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4.5.3.3.11 The Field Mixed Team Elimination and Final Round:

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4.5.3.3.12.1 ~~The Mixed Team Elimination Round consists of the top four teams (semi-finals) shooting matches over a 4 target marked course.~~

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4.5.3.3.11.1 A Mixed team is a male and female athlete from one division.

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4.5.3.3.12.2 ~~Teams are seeded according to the positions as determined by the total scores (the top scores) in the Qualification Round. The composition of the team shall be determined by the Team Manager.~~

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4.5.3.3.11.2 In the Field Mixed team match each athlete shoots 2 arrows.

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4.5.3.3.12.3 ~~A Mixed team is a male and female athlete from one division.~~

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4.5.3.3.11.3 Teams are seeded according to the positions as determined by the total scores (the top scores) in the Qualification Round. The composition of the team shall be determined by the Team Manager.

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4.5.3.3.12.4 ~~In the Field Mixed team match each archer shoots 2 arrows.~~

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4.5.3.3.11.4 The Mixed Team Elimination Round consists of the top eight teams shooting quarter final matches over a 4 target marked course.

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4.5.3.3.11.5 The Mixed Team Finals Round consist of the four qualifying teams (semi-finals) in each class.

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4.5.3.3.11.5.1 Both medal matches are shot on an additional four targets

4.5.6 The 3D Rounds

4.5.6.2 The 3D World Archery Championship Round consists of a Qualification Round followed by an Elimination Round and the Finals Rounds for Individuals and the Elimination Round and the Finals Round for Teams.

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4.5.6.2.2 The Elimination Round consists of ~~the pool shoot-up process. Athletes ranked in position 1 and 2 will automatically take a place in the semi-final. Athletes 3-22 will form four pools of five athletes and shoot for the remaining two semi-final positions.~~

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4.5.6.2.2 The Elimination Round consists of a head to head system involving the top 16 athletes from the qualification round.

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4.5.6.2.3 ~~The first match in each pool will be between the two lowest ranked archers in the pool. The archer with the highest score at the end of the six targets progresses to the next round. They will shoot against the next athlete in the pool.~~

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4.5.6.2.3 The elimination round will be based on a match play chart with 16 athletes. (see Appendix 3 Matchplay charts [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 5. Match Play Chart 4 \(16 athletes / teams, byes are permitted\)](#))

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4.5.6.2.5 Elimination matches will consist of 6 targets. ~~(See notes from Field and 3D Committee on course laying for elimination).~~ Distances will be unmarked. Athletes will shoot simultaneously.

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4.5.6.2.4 Elimination matches will consist of 6 targets. Distances will be unmarked. Athletes will shoot simultaneously.

- In the elimination, if the athletes are in a group where 2 matches from the same category are shooting (4 athletes) at the same targets;
- The match with the higher ranked athlete will always shoot first.

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4.5.6.2.6 If there are fewer than 22 athletes all will progress to the elimination ~~and pools will be filled with all the eligible athletes.~~

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4.5.6.2.5 If there are fewer than 16 athletes all will progress to the elimination.

4.5.6.2.6 The Finals Rounds in which the top four athletes per category qualifying from the Elimination Round shall shoot two matches (the semi-finals and the medal finals) consisting of four targets each.

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4.5.6.2.7.1 The semi-finals, ~~the winner of pool AD (athlete AD) shoots against the athlete ranked 2 and the winner of pool BC (athlete BC) will shoot against athlete ranked number 1. The winners compete in the Gold Medal match and the others in the Bronze Medal match.~~

~~In the semi-finals, if the athletes shoot in a group of four, the pair consisting of athletes AD and 2 shall shoot first and, the other pair shall shoot as the second pair at all targets. In the medal finals, the athletes competing in the Bronze Medal match shall shoot first at all targets, followed by the Gold Medal match.~~

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4.5.6.2.6.1 In the semi-finals, if the athletes shoot in a group of four, the pair with the highest ranking athlete shall shoot first, and the other pair shall shoot as the second pair at all targets. In the medal finals, the athletes competing in the Bronze Medal match shall shoot first at all

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4.5.6.2.8 The Team Elimination Round (quarter-finals) consists of the top eight teams in each class qualifying from the two Qualification Rounds shooting four targets each: A team shall be made up by one Compound ~~athlete, one Longbow athlete and one athlete using either a Traditional or a Barebow~~. The team ranking shall be based on the best athlete's results for each category after the second Qualification Round. ~~(If both the Traditional and the Barebow division are competing the higher result shall be taken for the ranking);~~

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4.5.6.2.7 The Team Elimination Round (quarter-finals) consists of the top eight teams in each class qualifying from the two Qualification Rounds shooting four targets each: A team shall be made up by one Compound, one Longbow, one Traditional and one Barebow athlete. The team ranking shall be based on the best athlete's results for each category after the second Qualification Round.;

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4.5.6.2.10 The 3D Mixed Team

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4.5.6.2.9 The 3D Mixed Team Elimination and Final Round:

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4.5.6.2.10.1 ~~The Mixed Team Elimination Round consists of the top four teams (semi-finals) shooting matches over a 4 target unmarked course.~~

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4.5.6.2.9.1 A Mixed team is a male and female athlete from one division.

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4.5.6.2.10.2 ~~Teams are seeded according to the positions as determined by the total scores (the top scores) in the Qualification Round. The composition of the team shall be determined by the Team Manager.~~

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4.5.6.2.9.2 In the 3D Mixed team match each archer athlete shoots 2 arrows.

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4.5.6.2.10.3 ~~A Mixed team is a male and female athlete from one division.~~

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4.5.6.2.9.3 Teams are seeded according to the positions as determined by the total scores (the top scores) in the Qualification Round. The composition of the team shall be determined by the Team Manager.

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4.5.6.2.10.4 ~~In the 3D Mixed team match each archer shoots 1 arrow.~~

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4.5.6.2.9.4 The Mixed teams will be positioned left/right target according to the printed scorecard.

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4.5.6.2.9.5 The Mixed Team Elimination Round consists of the top eight teams shooting quarter final matches over a four target unmarked course.

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4.5.6.2.9.6 The Mixed Team Finals Round consists of the four qualifying teams (semi-finals) shooting matches over a four target unmarked course.

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4.5.6.2.9.6.1 Both medal matches are shot on an additional four targets

Chapter 5

Titles and Records

5.1 World Championship Titles

5.1.3 Field Archery World Championships for the Barebow, Recurve and Compound Divisions:

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5.1.3.2 Team Titles (one Barebow, one Recurve and one Compound):

- U21 Women's Team World Champion;
- U21 Men's Team World Champion;

- Women's Team World Champion;
- Men's Team World Champion.

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5.1.3.2 Team Titles (one Barebow, one Recurve and one Compound):

- U21 Women's Team World Champion;
- U21 Men's Team World Champion;

- Women's Team World Champion;
- Men's Team World Champion;

Mixed Team Titles (one man, one woman for each category):

- Mixed Team World Champion;
- U21 Mixed Team World Champion.

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5.1.5 3D Archery:

- Woman World Champion;
- Man World Champion;
- Women's Team World Champion;
- Men's Team World Champion.

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5.1.5 3D Archery World Championships for the Compound, Longbow, Barebow and Traditional Bow Divisions:

- Woman World Champion;
- Man World Champion;
- Women's Team World Champion;
- Men's Team World Champion;
- Mixed Team World Champion.

Chapter 6

Medals, Trophies and Performance Awards

6.3 Performance Awards

6.3.4 For the Arrowhead Round there shall be World Archery Arrowhead Badges:

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6.3.4.1 *These badges shall be awarded for the Recurve Division as follows:*

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES

Recurve

	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	219	196	438	392
Brown	244	227	488	454
Grey	265	249	530	498
Black	294	279	582	558
White	313	302	626	604
Silver	338	323	676	646
Gold	350	339	700	678

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6.3.4.1 *These badges shall be awarded for the Recurve Division as follows:*

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES

Recurve

	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	219	196	438	392
Grey	275	257	550	514
White	309	293	618	586
Black	333	320	666	640
Gold	351	340	702	680

Version of 2023-03-01

6.3.4.2 *These badges shall be awarded for the Barebow Division as follows:*

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES

Barebow

	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	191	182	382	364
Brown	230	198	460	396
Grey	250	226	500	452
Black	273	250	546	500
White	294	275	588	550
Silver	316	299	632	598
Gold	335	312	670	624

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6.3.4.2 *These badges shall be awarded for the Barebow Division as follows:*

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES

Barebow

	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	191	182	382	364

n				
Grey	250	238	500	476
White	287	272	574	544
e				
Black	315	295	630	590
Gold	336	313	672	626

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6.3.4.3 These badges shall be awarded for the Compound Division as follows:

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES				
Compound				
	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	292	275	584	550
Brown	313	301	626	602
n				
Grey	334	318	662	636
Black	354	338	702	676
White	374	357	742	714
e				
Silver	389	377	778	754
Gold	399	388	798	776

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6.3.4.3 These badges shall be awarded for the Compound Division as follows:

WORLD ARCHERY ARROWHEAD BADGES				
Compound				
	24 targets		48 targets	
	men	women	men	women
Green	292	275	584	550
n				
Grey	340	325	680	650
White	367	352	734	704
e				
Black	387	373	774	746
Gold	401	389	802	778

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6.3.4.4 The Green and ~~Brown~~ Arrowhead may be obtained by the U18 on their specific rounds. U21 can obtain all Arrowheads since they shoot the same distances as the Men and Women.

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6.3.4.4 The Green and Grey Arrowhead may be obtained by the U18 on their specific rounds. U21 can obtain all Arrowheads since they shoot the same distances as the Men and Women.

6.5 Applications for Awards

6.5.1 Supplies of performance awards shall be sent to Member Associations in the numbers requested, except for the higher value performance awards.

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6.5.1.1 The higher value performance awards are:

- 1350 and 1400 Star Awards;
- 1350 and 1400 Silver Star Awards;
- Gold and Purple Target Awards;
- Gold and Purple Silver Target Awards;
- Gold ~~and Silver~~ Arrowhead badges.

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6.5.1.1 The higher value performance awards are:

- 1350 and 1400 Star Awards;
- 1350 and 1400 Silver Star Awards;

- *Gold and Purple Target Awards;*
 - *Gold and Purple Silver Target Awards;*
 - *Gold Arrowhead badges.*
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Chapter 7

Field of Play setup - Target Rounds

7.2 Venue Equipment and Scoring Zones

7.2.2 Target Faces

There are four outdoor target faces:

- The 122cm face, 122cm in diameter;
- The 80cm face, 80cm in diameter;
- The 80cm 6-ring face (for multiple set-ups with score zones 5-10);
- The Academic Round Hit/miss face.

There are 10 indoor target faces:

- The 60cm diameter face;
- The 60cm triangular triple face;
- The 60cm vertical triple face;
- The 40cm diameter face;
- The 40cm triangular triple face;
- The 40cm vertical triple face;
- The 40cm-R triangular triple face;
- The 40cm-C triangular triple face;
- The 40cm-R vertical triple face;
- The 40cm-C vertical triple face.

Only target faces produced by a manufacturer licensed by World Archery shall be used at World Archery competitions.

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7.2.2.1 Description:

The 122cm, 80cm, 60cm and 40cm faces are divided into five concentric colour zones arranged from the centre outwards as follows: yellow (gold), red, light blue, black and white. Each colour is divided by a thin line into two zones of equal width thus making 10 scoring zones of equal width when measured from the centre of the gold:

- 6.1cm on the 122cm target face;
- 4cm on the 80cm target face;
- 3cm on the 60cm face;
- 2cm on the 40cm face.

The dividing lines shall be entirely within the higher scoring zone in each case. There are no dividing lines between light blue and black, nor between black and white. The line marking the outermost edge of the white shall be made entirely within the scoring zone. The width of the thin dividing line and the outermost line shall not exceed 2mm on the target faces. The centre of the target face shall be indicated by a small “+” (cross). The lines of the cross shall not exceed 1mm in width or 4mm in length. An inner 10 ring, (which is marked as an X on the score cards) of 6.1cm in diameter for the 122cm target face and 4cm in diameter for the 80cm target face, is required to help determine ties in ranking. For indoor compound events the 10 ring is 3cm on the 60cm face and 2cm in diameter for the 40cm face.

- *Outdoors the 80cm 6-ring face may be used at 50m, 40m and 30m. The rings have the same dimensions as the 80cm faces, but with the 4 to 1 scoring zones removed. The lowest scoring zone is the light blue 5.*
- *Indoors triple faces may be used as follows. (For the Indoor Match Round, the 40cm triple face shall be used. R- and C-~~vertical triple faces are mandatory for the World Archery Indoor Championships~~). They have the same dimensions as the World Archery 60cm and 40cm faces respectively, but with the 5 to 1 scoring zones removed. The lowest scoring zone is therefore light blue 6. Each set consists of three small faces on a white background arranged symmetrically in a triangular pattern with the centres respectively bottom left, at the top, and at the bottom right, or in a vertical row. The centres of the golds shall be approximately 32cm distant from each other on 60cm faces and 22cm distant from each other on 40cm faces. There is a distinction between regular triple faces and Recurve (R) and Compound (C) 40cm triple faces. The 40cm triple face (both triangular and vertical) will differ in the size of the 10 ring: the 40cm-R has a 40mm 10 ring, the 40cm-C has a 20mm 10 ring and the combined triple face has the two 10 rings.*

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7.2.2.1 Description:

The 122cm, 80cm, 60cm and 40cm faces are divided into five concentric colour zones arranged from the centre outwards as follows: yellow (gold), red, light blue, black and white. Each colour is divided by a thin line into two zones of equal width thus making 10 scoring zones of equal width when measured from the centre of the gold:

- 6.1cm on the 122cm target face;
- 4cm on the 80cm target face;
- 3cm on the 60cm face;
- 2cm on the 40cm face.

The dividing lines shall be entirely within the higher scoring zone in each case. There are no dividing lines between light blue and black, nor between black and white. The line marking the outermost edge of the white shall be made entirely within the scoring zone. The width of the thin dividing line and the outermost line shall not exceed 2mm on the target faces. The centre of the target face shall be indicated by a small “+” (cross). The lines of the cross shall not exceed 1mm in width or 4mm in length. An inner 10 ring, (which is marked as an X on the score cards) of 6.1cm in diameter for the 122cm target face and 4cm in diameter for the 80cm target face, is required to help determine ties in ranking. For indoor compound events the 10 ring is 3cm on the 60cm face and 2cm in diameter for the 40cm face.

- Outdoors the 80cm 6-ring face may be used at 50m, 40m and 30m. The rings have the same dimensions as the 80cm faces, but with the 4 to 1 scoring zones removed. The lowest scoring zone is the light blue 5.
- Indoors triple faces may be used as follows. (For the Indoor Match Round, the 40cm triple face shall be used. R- and C). They have the same dimensions as the World Archery 60cm and 40cm faces respectively, but with the 5 to 1 scoring zones removed. The lowest scoring zone is therefore light blue 6. Each set consists of three small faces on a white background arranged symmetrically in a triangular pattern with the centres respectively bottom left, at the top, and at the bottom right, or in a vertical row. The centres of the golds shall be approximately 32cm distant from each other on 60cm faces and 22cm distant from each other on 40cm faces. There is a distinction between regular triple faces and Recurve (R) and Compound (C) 40cm triple faces. The 40cm triple face (both triangular and vertical) will differ in the size of the 10 ring: the 40cm-R has a 40mm 10 ring, the 40cm-C has a 20mm 10 ring and the combined triple face has the two 10 rings.

7.2.4 Size of target face at different distances and target set-up indoors. For indoor shooting at 25m, the target face of 60cm shall be used. For the distance of 18m, the target face of 40cm shall be used.

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7.2.4.1 Rounds and faces.

For the Indoor Match Round, the triple 40cm faces shall be used. In the Elimination and Finals Rounds the faces shall be set in pairs on each target butt. ~~Vertical triple faces shall be mandatory for the World Archery Indoor Championship.~~ The use of single or triple faces in all other competitions is the choice of the organisers, who can allow the athletes in the same class and division to shoot on a different type of face.

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7.2.4.1 Rounds and faces.

For the Indoor Match Round, the triple 40cm faces shall be used. In the Elimination and Finals Rounds the faces shall be set in pairs on each target butt. The use of single or triple faces in all other competitions is the choice of the organisers, who can allow the athletes in the same class and division to shoot on a different type of face.

REMOVED ARTICLES

Chapter 3 Championships

3.7 Entries

~~3.7.5.~~

Chapter 4 Competitions

4.5 Rounds

4.5.3 Field Archery Rounds

4.5.3.3 The World Archery Field Championship Round in which there are no walk-up or fan targets, consists of:

~~4.5.3.3.5 The winner of Pool A will shoot against the winner of Pool D and the winner of Pool C will shoot against the winner of Pool B for entry into the semi-finals.~~

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
3	5	4	6
10	8	9	7
11	13	12	14
18	16	17	15
19	24	20	22

4.5.6 The 3D Rounds

4.5.6.2 The 3D World Archery Championship Round consists of a Qualification Round followed by an Elimination Round and the Finals Rounds for Individuals and the Elimination Round and the Finals Round for Teams.

~~4.5.6.2.4 The winner of Pool A will shoot against the winner of Pool D and the winner of Pool C will shoot against the winner of Pool B for entry into the semi-finals.~~

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
3	5	4	6
10	8	9	7
11	13	12	14
18	16	17	15
19	24	20	22

Chapter 7

Field of Play setup - Target Rounds

7.2 Venue Equipment and Scoring Zones

7.2.6 Miscellaneous Equipment

The equipment outlined in the bylaws below is mandatory at International Events and is recommended for other important tournaments.

~~7.2.6.4 In the Olympic, Compound and the Indoor Match Round a name plate carrying the athlete's number or name in the individual events, or the official acronym of the Team, shall be displayed in front of the shooting line.~~

~~7.2.6.14 A small diameter television camera may be installed in the centre of the butt/target face other than when a shoot off is occurring.~~

Book 3

Target Archery

Chapter 13

Order of Shooting and Timing Control

13.2 At World Championships, Archery World Cups and other major International Competitions:

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13.2.2 In the Team Event (both teams shooting at the same time):

- The left/right position for matches shall follow the match play chart. The team on the top line of each pair (of the chart) shall shoot on the left-hand side of that match. The target allocation for each round of the competition is the choice of the organisers;
- Both teams shall start each end of their match with the athletes behind the 1m line. The first athlete may only cross the 1m line when the Director of Shooting has given the signal to start the match;
- The athletes in the team shall shoot two arrows each in an order of their own choosing;
- One athlete shall occupy the shooting line, while the other athletes remain behind the 1m line. No more than one athlete at a time shall be in front of the 1m line;
- ~~Wheelchair~~ athletes may stay on the shooting line throughout the match. They indicate that they have finished shooting by raising a hand above the head (see [21. Chapter 21-Para-Archery](#));
- When moving forward to shoot, athletes shall not remove their arrows from their quivers until they are on the shooting line;
- In compound team matches, athletes shall not hook their release aids on the string until they are on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given. Once the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given, the release aid may be hooked either before or after the arrow nocked on the string. This restriction shall not apply to Para Athletes whose classification permits a mouth tab which is permanently attached to the string;
- Violations of the Team Event rules shall be handled according to [15. Chapter 15-Consequences of Breaking Rules](#).

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13.2.2 In the Team Event (both teams shooting at the same time):

- The left/right position for matches shall follow the match play chart. The team on the top line of each pair (of the chart) shall shoot on the left-hand side of that match. The target allocation for each round of the competition is the choice of the organisers;
- Both teams shall start each end of their match with the athletes behind the 1m line. The first athlete may only cross the 1m line when the Director of Shooting has given the signal to start the match;
- The athletes in the team shall shoot two arrows each in an order of their own choosing;
- One athlete shall occupy the shooting line, while the other athletes remain behind the 1m line. No more than one athlete at a time shall be in front of the 1m line;
- **Para** classified athletes may stay on the shooting line throughout the match. **If they do so**, they **shall** indicate that they have finished shooting by raising a hand above the head (see [21. Chapter 21-Para-Archery](#));
- When moving forward to shoot, athletes shall not remove their arrows from their quivers until they are on the shooting line;
- In compound team matches, athletes shall not hook their release aids on the string until they are on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given. Once the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given, the release aid may be hooked either before or after the arrow nocked on the string. This restriction shall not apply to Para Athletes whose classification permits a mouth tab which is permanently attached to the string;
- Violations of the Team Event rules shall be handled according to [15. Chapter 15-Consequences of Breaking Rules](#).

Chapter 14

Scoring

14.5 In the event of a tied score, the ranking of the results shall be determined in the following order.

14.5.2 For ties deciding the entrance to the Elimination Rounds, in Matches, or in the top 8 (in case of using Match play chart 1A and 1B, or Match Play Chart 5 - [Appendix 3-Match Play Charts, 1. Match Play Chart 1A \(104 athletes, byes are permitted\) in Book 2](#) or [Book 2-Events in Book 2](#)) there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties (the system of the number of 10's and X's (9's for indoors) shall not be used):

14.5.2.1 Ties deciding the entrance to the Elimination Round, or the entrance to top 8 shall be broken on the distance shot last as soon as the results of the Qualification Round have been made official.

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14.5.2.1.1 Outdoors the target set-up for the shoot-off shall be as follows:

- For individuals there shall be one athlete per target butt on neutral target butts in the middle of the field;
- ~~The 80cm six ring target face for compounds~~ will be placed in the middle of the target butt;
- For each team one target butt with one single target face, or three 80cm-centres with triangular set-up in the middle of the field shall be used. The individual team members shall decide which centre they shall shoot at when multiple centres are used.

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14.5.2.1.1 Outdoors the target set-up for the shoot-off shall be as follows:

- For individuals there shall be one athlete per target butt on neutral target butts in the middle of the field; for Compound, only one 80cm six ring target face will be placed in the middle of the target butt;
- For each team the following setup will be used on neutral target butts in the middle of the field:
 - For recurve or W1 (para), there will be one target butt with one single target face;
 - For Compound team, three 80cm-centres with triangular set-up;
 - For Compound Mixed team or Para Doubles, two 80cm-centres with horizontal setup;
 - The individual team members shall decide which centre they shall shoot at when multiple centres are used.

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14.5.2.1.2 Indoors the target set-up for the shoot-off shall be as follows:

- For individuals the shoot-off should take place on the same target face (~~A, B, C or D~~) and type (40cm vertical triple face, 40cm triangular triple face, 60cm face) on which athletes involved have shot in the Qualification Round. ~~If this is not possible, one or more butts shall be arranged, with a maximum of two faces each, for a maximum of two athletes per butt~~
- For individuals if triple faces are used the athlete shall shoot on the middle face;
- For the teams' shoot-off there shall be one butt per team. When using the triangular triple face the team shall have one face of which the lower centres shall be at 130cm above the floor. For vertical triple faces, it shall be turned horizontally. Each team member shall decide at which centre ~~he~~ shoots (one arrow per centre).

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14.5.2.1.2 Indoors the target set-up for the shoot-off shall be as follows:

- For individuals the shoot-off should take place on the same target face type (40cm vertical triple face, 40cm triangular triple face, 60cm face) on which athletes involved have shot in the Qualification Round;
- For individuals there shall be one athlete per target butt on neutral target butts in the middle of the field with the target face in the middle of the butt. If space is limited, then there may be two athletes per butt, with one target face for each athlete, positioned left and right on the butt;
- For individuals if triple faces are used the athlete shall shoot on the middle face;
- For the teams' shoot-off there shall be one butt per team. When using the triangular triple face the team shall have one face of which the lower centres shall be at 130cm above the floor. For vertical triple faces, it shall be turned horizontally. Each team member shall decide at which centre the athlete shoots (one arrow per centre).

Chapter 21

Para-Archery

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21.4 Classes

~~World Archery recognises~~ the following classes for para-athletes in the bow divisions:

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21.4 Classes

The following classes are recognised for para-athletes in the bow divisions:

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21.4.1 Recurve:

Individual:

- Women Open
- Men Open

Doubles:

- Women Open
- Men Open

Mixed Team:

- Recurve Open

Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules.

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21.4.1 Recurve:

Individual:

- Women Open
- Men Open
- Women U21 Open
- Men U21 Open

Doubles:

- Women Open
- Men Open
- Women U21 Open
- Men U21 Open

Mixed Team:

- Recurve Open
- Recurve U21 Open

Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules.

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21.4.2 Compound:

Individual:

- Women Open
- Men Open

Doubles:

- Women Open
- Men Open

Mixed Team:

- *Compound Open*
Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules.

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21.4.2 Compound:

Individual:

- *Women Open*
- *Men Open*
- *Women U21 Open*
- *Men U21 Open*

Doubles:

- *Women Open*
- *Men Open*
- *Women U21 Open*
- *Men U21 Open*

Mixed Team:

- *Compound Open*
- *Compound U-21 Open*

Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules.

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21.4.3 W1 Open:

Individual:

- *Women W1 Open*
- *Men W1 Open*

Doubles:

- *Women W1 Open*
- *Men W1 Open*

Mixed team:

- *W1 Open*

For the W1 class, recurve or compound bows may be used. Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules, with the following exceptions:

- *The peak draw weight of the bow is 45lbs;*
- *No peep sights or scope sights are allowed;*
- *Only one lip or nose mark is allowed;*
- *Level device is not allowed;*
- *Release aids are permitted.*

For the W1 50m round and W1 50m match play and the W1 doubles and mixed team rounds, the full 80 cm target face will be used with the 10 scoring zone used for all rounds.

The timing rules for doubles apply the same as for mixed team.

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21.4.3 W1 Open:

Individual:

- *Women W1 Open*
- *Men W1 Open*
- *Women U21 Open*
- *Men U21 Open*

Doubles:

- *Women W1 Open*
- *Men W1 Open*
- *Women U21 Open*
- *Men U21 Open*

Mixed team:

- *W1 Open*
- *W1 U21 Open*

For the W1 class, recurve or compound bows may be used. Equipment rules are the same as Target Archery Rules, with the following exceptions:

- *The peak draw weight of the bow is 45lbs;*
- *No peep sights or scope sights are allowed;*
- *Only one lip or nose mark is allowed;*
- *Level device is not allowed;*

- Release aids are permitted.
- For the W1 50m round and W1 50m match play and the W1 doubles and mixed team rounds, the full 80 cm target face will be used with the 10 scoring zone used for all rounds.
The timing rules for doubles apply the same as for mixed team.

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21.4.4 Visually Impaired (VI):

- VII
- VI2-3

There shall be no distinction between men, women, compound or recurve within either division.
For the equipment rules of this division see [21.12. Visually Impaired Athletes](#).

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21.4.4 Visually Impaired (VI):

- VII
- VI2-3
- VII U21
- VI2-3 U21

There shall be no distinction between men, women, compound or recurve within either division.
For the equipment rules of this division see [21.12. Visually Impaired Athletes](#).

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21.4.5 A para-archer may participate in an U21 Class in tournaments when the competition takes place up to and in the year of the athlete's 20th birthday.

21.8 Competitions

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- 21.8.1
- Paralympic Games;
 - World Archery Para Championships;
 - World Ranking Events;
 - Continental Championships.

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- 21.8.1
- Paralympic Games;
 - World Archery Para Championships;
 - World Ranking Events;
 - Continental Para Championships.

For the mentioned competitions, an athlete can compete in one class only. This applies to all classes for which the athlete is eligible.

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21.8.2 There may be 18m Para-archery events.

The competition can be shot Indoor or Outdoor.

Athletes compete in their age class as defined art 21.4.

The distance of shooting will be 18 meters and the target faces will be:

- for the Recurve Open classes, the same as for the Recurve classes ([7.2. Venue Equipment and Scoring Zones in Book 2](#))
- for the Recurve U21 Open classes, 40 cm 10 zones for qualification rounds and matchplay rounds
- for the Compound Open classes, the same as for the Compound classes ([7.2. Venue Equipment and Scoring Zones in Book 2](#))
- for the Compound U21 Open classes, 40 cm triple for qualification rounds and for the matchplay rounds.
- for the W1 Classes: 40 cm 10 zones for qualification rounds and matchplay rounds.
- for the W1 U21 Open classes, 60 cm 10 zones for qualification rounds and matches rounds

21.11 Venue

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21.11.4 For all Para-Archery Events the ground shall be marked as set out in the World Archery Rules except:

- Each athlete shall be allocated a minimum of 1.25m;
- Lanes for individual events shall be a minimum of 2.50m (~~or 3.75m~~);
- Lanes for doubles or mixed teams events shall be a minimum of ~~3.75m~~.

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- Each athlete shall be allocated a minimum of 1.25m;
- Lanes for individual events shall be a minimum of 2.50m;
- Lanes for doubles or mixed teams events shall be a minimum of 2.50m.

21.12 Visually Impaired Athletes

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21.12.4 The sighting device/stand must not represent an obstacle to other competitors.

The total width of the stand/foot locators shall be not more than 80 cms (31.5 inches).

The maximum depth of the functional part of the foot locators in contact with the athlete shall be not more than 6 cms (2.5 inches). There shall be a space of not less than 90 cms (35.5 inches) between each tactile stand (measured from the nearest point of each stand). The size of the tactile sight may not exceed 2 cms in any direction and shall only be in contact with the back of the athlete's hand ~~or forearm~~.

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21.12.8 Rounds to be shot.

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21.12.8.3 The VI Olympic Round is shot at 30m on the 80cm target face.

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21.12.8.3 The VI Paralympic Round is shot at 30m on the 80cm target face.

The Elimination and Final Rounds consist of:

- **The Elimination Round, in which the top 104 athletes (mandatory for World Para Archery Championships) are seeded according to their positions in the Qualifying Round (see Appendix 3, Book 2 - Match Play Charts). They shoot a series of matches in groups, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows.**
- **The Finals Round, in which the eight athletes remaining from the Elimination round shoot individual matches, each match consisting of the best of five sets of three arrows, culminating in the gold Medal match. At World Archery Championships the matches shall be shot one after the other. The athletes shall shoot alternately one arrow at a time.**
- **The format may be amended to fit special stadiums and locations that are very attractive for archery. It is necessary to notify Member Associations at least one year in advance of the event;**

Appendix 2

Adaptive Equipment

To accompany adaptive equipment rules, an Adaptive Equipment Resource Guide has been developed. (https://documents.worldarchery.sport/Para/v1.1_2023_Adaptive_Equipment_Resource_Guide.pdf) It provides insight on how and for whom the adaptive equipment should be authorised, and how the equipment is measured during equipment inspection.

10. Assistant

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10.1 With classification panel approval, ~~W1 or ST~~ athletes with severe upper limb disability who are unable to nock their arrows safely or efficiently or adjust their sight may be allowed an assistant for this purpose.

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Book 4

Field and 3D Archery

Chapter 22

Athlete Equipment

This article lays down the type of equipment athletes are permitted to use when shooting in World Archery competitions. It is the athlete's responsibility to use equipment which complies with the rule. Any athlete found to be using equipment contravening World Archery Rules may have scores disqualified. Described below are the specific regulations that apply to each division followed by the regulation that apply to all divisions. The dress regulations found in [Article 20.1. in Book 3](#) shall apply unless worded differently in [Book 4-Field and 3D Archery](#).

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22.6 Accessories for all divisions

For athletes of all divisions, ~~the following equipment is not permitted:~~

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22.6 Accessories for all divisions

For athletes of all divisions, use of the equipment described below is restricted as follows:

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22.6.1 Any electronic or electrical device that can be attached to the athlete's equipment.

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22.6.1 Any electronic or electrical device that can be attached to the athlete's equipment is not permitted.

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22.6.2 Any electronic communication device (including mobile phones), headsets or noise reduction devices at any time on the course.

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22.6.2 No electronic communication devices are permitted at the following events: World Ranking Events, Continental and World Championships. Dispensation may be given by World Archery Medical Committee to permit the use for the monitoring a medical condition. For other events, electronic communication devices are permitted on the course for the sole function of monitoring medical conditions or the promotion of the sport on social media.

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22.6.2.1 In order to use a device to monitor medical conditions the athlete must first inform the Chair of Judges that this is the athlete's intent and demonstrate how the app/device works. For international events, the permission must be asked from World Archery Medical Committee.

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22.6.3 Any type of range finders or any other means of estimating distances or angles not covered by the current rules regarding athlete's equipment, or any written memoranda or electronic storage device for storing memoranda. An athlete may carry with him a copy of the World Archery Rules or any part thereof.

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22.6.3 It is not permitted to have any type of range finders or any other means of estimating distances or angles not covered by the current rules regarding athlete's equipment, or any written memoranda or electronic storage device for storing memoranda. An athlete may carry a copy of the World Archery Rules or any part thereof.

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22.6.4 Any part of an athlete's equipment that has been added or modified to serve the purpose of estimating distances or angles, nor may any regular piece of equipment be used explicitly for that purpose.

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22.6.4 Any part of an athlete's equipment that has been added or modified to serve the purpose of estimating distances or angles **is not permitted**, nor may any regular piece of equipment be used explicitly for that purpose.

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22.7 Binoculars

Binoculars and other visual aids may be used subject to the following:

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22.7.1 Binoculars, scopes and other visual aids may not have any visible scales or marks that can be used to range distances. Marks must be covered so that they cannot be seen or felt by the athlete, this includes those placed by manufacturers if they move when the focus dial is turned.

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22.7.2 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way to assist in aiming.

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22.7.3 Should the athlete need to cover the non-sighting eye and or glasses lens, plastic, film or tape may be used to obscure vision, or an eye patch may be used.

Chapter 23

Shooting

23.3 Number of arrows to shoot in Field and 3D rounds

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23.3.1 Individual competition:

- In field, three arrows per target will be shot in all rounds;
- In 3D, two arrows per target will be shot in ~~the qualification rounds, one arrow per target will be shot in elimination and final rounds.~~

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23.3.1 Individual competition:

- In field, three arrows per target will be shot in all rounds;
- In 3D, two arrows per target will be shot in **all rounds.**

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23.3.2 Teams:

- Three arrows per team shall be shot at each target in all rounds, one arrow by each team member. At the first target the higher ranked team decides who shall start shooting. Thereafter, the team with the lower cumulative score will shoot first at the following target and, if the teams are tied, then the team which started the match will shoot first.

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23.3.2 Teams:

- For Field, three arrows per team shall be shot at each target in all rounds, one arrow by each team member.
- For 3D, four arrows per team shall be shot at each target in all rounds, one arrow by each team member

At the first target the higher ranked team decides who shall start shooting. Thereafter, the team with the lower cumulative score will shoot first at the following target and, if the teams are tied, then the team which started the match will shoot first.

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23.3.3 Mixed Team:

- In the mixed team, ~~for field athletes shoot 2 arrows, and for 3D they shoot 1 arrow each. At the first target the higher ranked team decides who shall start shooting. Thereafter, the team with the lower cumulative score will shoot first at the following target and, if the teams are tied, then the team that started the match will shoot first;~~
- ~~In Field Mixed Team,~~ athletes must change after every arrow.

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23.3.3 Mixed Team:

- In the mixed team, athletes shoot 2 arrows each. Both teams shoot simultaneously, with only 1 athlete per team allowed at the peg at a time. For details see [Article 24.13.](#);
- Athletes must change after every arrow.

23.6 There shall be no discussion between athletes, coaches, team officials or any other person about distances, angles or other assistive information until the daily competition is complete.

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23.6.2 In the Team event, only a discussion between the three athletes and/or their coach on the field is allowed. No distances may be communicated by any other team official.

The team members may join the athlete who is shooting and stand well behind ~~him~~ at the shooting peg and the team can communicate within this group. One coach accompanying the team may also go forward to the shooting peg with the team and coach, but shall stay behind when the team goes to the target to score. Where there is an allocated "Coach Box/Area" then the coach shall remain in this area whilst shooting is taking place.

Should it be necessary to have more than one person per team to carry spare bows for the team, this (these) person(s) should stay outside of the designated shooting area and is (are) not allowed to coach during the shooting. A coach of a women's/men's/U21 team cannot go back to coach another team from the same Member Association.

There shall not be any communication between the coaches of women's and men's teams of the same Member Association during

the finals.

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23.6.2 *In the Team event, only a discussion between the team members and/or their coach on the field is allowed. No distances may be communicated by any other team official.*

The team members may join the athlete who is shooting and stand well behind at the shooting peg and the team can communicate within this group. One coach accompanying the team may also go forward to the shooting peg with the team and coach, but shall stay behind when the team goes to the target to score. Where there is an allocated "Coach Box/Area" then the coach shall remain in this area whilst shooting is taking place.

Should it be necessary to have more than one person per team to carry spare bows for the team, this (these) person(s) should stay outside of the designated shooting area and is (are) not allowed to coach during the shooting. A coach of a women's/men's/U21 team cannot go back to coach another team from the same Member Association.

There shall not be any communication between the coaches of women's and men's teams of the same Member Association during the finals.

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23.7 There is a limited access for coaches to courses during field and 3D rounds as follows:

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23.7.1 *There shall be no coaches permitted on qualification or elimination courses. Coaches must remain outside the boundaries set by the Technical Delegate.*

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23.7.2 *Coaches are permitted on the finals field, however must remain in the coach area defined by the Technical Delegate unless required to shade the athlete and permission from the Chair of Judges has been granted prior to the session commencing.*

Chapter 24

General Order of Shooting and Timing Control in Field and 3D Rounds

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24.8 Only when an athlete, or a group of athletes, is causing undue delay for that group or for other groups during the ~~Qualification and Elimination~~ Rounds, will the judge observe and time the athletes. If the athletes exceed the time limit, they shall warn the athlete or group with a first written warning on the scorecard.

- The following time limits apply:
 - Field Rounds: a time of ~~three minutes~~ is allowed for qualifications;
 - Field Rounds: ~~two minutes is the time limit during elimination rounds;~~
 - Field Mixed Team the time limit for four arrows is ~~160 seconds;~~
 - 3D Rounds: ~~two minutes~~ will be allowed for qualifications;
 - ~~3D Rounds: one minute is allowed for eliminations;~~
 - Field and 3D Team Elimination: ~~two minutes is the time limit;~~
 - ~~For 3D Mixed Team the time limit for 2 arrows is 90 seconds.~~
- A Judge, having observed an athlete exceed the time limit, or cause undue delay despite the above procedure, shall caution the athlete and give a second written warning indicating the time and date of the warning;
- At the third and all subsequent warnings during that stage of the competition, the athlete shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- The time limit may be extended in exceptional circumstances.

The judge's decision as to whether there is undue delay under this section is final.

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24.8 Only when an athlete, or a group of athletes, is causing undue delay for that group or for other groups during the Qualification Rounds, will the judge observe and time the athletes. If the athletes exceed the time limit, they shall warn the athlete or group with a first written warning on the scorecard.

- The following time limits apply:
 - Field Rounds: a time of **180 seconds** is allowed for qualifications;
 - 3D Rounds: **120 seconds** will be allowed for qualifications;
- A Judge, having observed an athlete exceed the time limit, or cause undue delay despite the above procedure, shall caution the athlete and give a second written warning indicating the time and date of the warning;
- At the third and all subsequent warnings during that stage of the competition, the athlete shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- The time limit may be extended in exceptional circumstances.

The judge's decision as to whether there is undue delay under this section is final.

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24.10 In the Elimination and Semi-Finals Round:

- Whenever a judge accompanies a group, he will indicate to the athlete which shooting peg he is to shoot from and which target he is shooting at;
- When the match is manually controlled ~~by~~ the judge ~~he~~ shall start and stop the shooting verbally ("go" for the start and "stop" when the time has passed). The Judge shall show a yellow card as an indication when 30 seconds of the appropriate time limit remain. The time will begin when the athletes are on the peg;
- If shooting is controlled by a DoS, then the timing system will display time remaining and there is no requirement for judge to display yellow card;
- In Field Rounds, the time limit for individuals and teams is ~~two minutes~~;
- In 3D Rounds, the time limit for individuals is ~~one minute~~ and for teams ~~two minutes~~;
- When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.
- No shooting shall be allowed after the time limit has expired;
- If an athlete shoots an arrow after the judge has stopped the shooting, the athlete or team shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- In the Individual matches, the two athletes will shoot simultaneously;
- In the Team rounds, the teams will shoot one at a time with the highest ranked team choosing who shoots first, at the next and subsequent targets the team with the lowest score will shoot first and when there is a tie in score the team who shot first at target one will shoot first.

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24.10 In the Elimination and Semi-Finals Round:

- Whenever a judge accompanies a group, the judge will indicate to the athlete which shooting peg to shoot from and which target to shoot at;
- When the match is manually controlled, the judge shall start and stop the shooting verbally ("go" for the start and "stop" when the time has passed). The judge shall show a yellow card as an indication when 30 seconds of the appropriate time limit remain. The time will begin when the athletes are on the peg;
- If shooting is controlled by a DoS, then the timing system will display time remaining and there is no requirement for a judge to display a yellow card;
- In Field Rounds, the time limit for individuals and teams is 120 seconds, and for mixed team is 160 seconds; ;
- In 3D Rounds, the time limit for individuals is 90 seconds, for teams 120 seconds, and for mixed teams 160 seconds;
- When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.
- No shooting shall be allowed after the time limit has expired;
- If an athlete shoots an arrow after the judge has stopped the shooting, the athlete or team shall lose the highest scoring arrow at the target;
- In the Individual matches, the two athletes will shoot simultaneously;
- In the Team rounds, the teams will shoot one at a time with the highest ranked team choosing who shoots first, at the next and subsequent targets the team with the lowest score will shoot first and when there is a tie in score the team who shot first at target one will shoot first.

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24.11 The Medal Matches:

- Medal matches may be controlled by a DoS or by a judge;
- In Field, the time limit for individuals and teams is ~~two minutes~~;
- In 3D, the time limit for individuals is ~~one minute~~ and for teams ~~two minutes~~;
- When controlled by a judge the time will start for the individuals when they are standing at their appropriate peg and for the team when they are standing at the red peg, shooting one at a time with red peg athletes shooting first;
- When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.

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- In Field, the time limit for individuals and teams is 120 seconds, and for mixed team is 160 seconds;
- In 3D Rounds, the time limit for individuals is 90 seconds, for teams 120 seconds, and for mixed teams 160 seconds;
- When controlled by a judge the time will start for the individuals when they are standing at their appropriate peg and for the team when they are standing at the red peg, shooting one at a time with red peg athletes shooting first;
- When the match is DoS controlled the judge will signal to the DoS that the athletes are ready and when the sound signal is given, the athletes have 10 seconds to walk to the peg on the red light. Shooting will commence on the green light and the sound signal, and conclude on the red light and on the start of sound signal.

24.13 Mixed Team

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24.13.2 In matches with electronic timing control (Medal matches):

~~For Field:~~

- Each team has to alternate between their members after each shot so that each member has shot one arrow in each phase of the rotation;
- When the first team has shot two arrows and the athlete has stepped off the peg the clock of that team is stopped, displaying the time remaining;
- When the athlete is clear of the peg, the clock of the second team is started and the first athlete of that team may approach start shooting;
- This is repeated until both teams have shot four arrows or their time has expired;
- The team that shot first in the match shall start shooting the shoot-off and the alternation between the teams shall take place after every shot arrow.

~~For 3D:~~

- ~~Each team has to alternate between their members so that each member has shot one arrow;~~
- ~~When the first team has shot two arrows and the athlete has stepped off the peg or the time has expired, the clock of that team is stopped;~~
- ~~When the athlete is clear of the peg, the clock of the second team is started and the first athlete of that team may approach start shooting;~~

- ~~When the second team has shot two arrows or the time has expired, the signal to score arrows is given;~~
- ~~The team that shot first in the match shall start shooting the shoot-off and the alternation between the teams shall take place after every shot arrow.~~

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24.13.2 In matches with electronic timing control (Medal matches):

- Each team has to alternate between their members after each shot so that each member has shot one arrow in each phase of the rotation;
- When the first team has shot two arrows and the athlete has stepped off the peg the clock of that team is stopped, displaying the time remaining;
- When the athlete is clear of the peg, the clock of the second team is started and the first athlete of that team may approach start shooting;
- This is repeated until both teams have shot four arrows or their time has expired;
- The team that shot first in the match shall start shooting the shoot-off and the alternation between the teams shall take place after every shot arrow.

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24.13.3 Forfeiture of matches: a forfeited match is a match in which one of the two athletes/teams is not present at the start of the match (both athletes/teams shooting at the same time). The start of the match is determined at the point the judge is giving the pre-match briefing. The athlete/team present during the briefing shall be declared the winner of that match.

Chapter 25

Scoring

25.3 Except for those ties as set out in [Article 25.3.2.](#), tied scores in all rounds are ranked using:

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25.3.2 For ties regarding the entrance to the Elimination Rounds, ~~entrance into the top two there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties:~~

- For Field rounds, the shoot-offs shall take place on a target at the maximum distance or the division;
- For 3D rounds, the shoot-offs shall take place at distance placed by the judge;
- Shoot-offs shall be shot as soon as it is practical after all scorecards for the division, within which the tie has occurred, have been recorded. Any athlete who is not present for the shoot-off within 30 minutes after ~~he or his~~ Team Manager has been notified, shall forfeit the shoot-off. If the athlete and ~~his~~ Team Manager have left the field, in spite of the results not being officially verified, and thus cannot be notified of the shoot-off, the athlete shall forfeit the shoot-off.

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25.3.2 For ties regarding the entrance to the Elimination Rounds, there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties:

- For Field rounds, the shoot-offs shall take place on a target at the maximum distance or the division;
- For 3D rounds, the shoot-offs shall take place at distance placed by the judge;
- Shoot-offs shall be shot as soon as it is practical after all scorecards for the division, within which the tie has occurred, have been recorded. Any athlete who is not present for the shoot-off within 15 minutes after the athlete or the Team Manager has been notified, shall forfeit the shoot-off. If the athlete and the Team Manager have left the field, in spite of the results not being officially verified, and thus cannot be notified of the shoot-off, the athlete shall forfeit the shoot-off.

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25.3.3 For ties for the progress from one stage of the competition to the next other than as provided in Article 25.3.2 or for deciding the Medal placements after a Finals Round there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties:

- Shoot-offs shall be shot ~~as soon as it is practical after all scorecards for the division, within which the tie has occurred, have been recorded. Any athlete who is not present for the shoot-off within 30 minutes after he or his Team Manager has been notified, shall forfeit the shoot-off. If the athlete and his Team Manager have left the field, in spite of the results not being officially verified, and thus cannot be notified of the shoot-off, the athlete shall forfeit the shoot-off.~~

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25.3.3 For ties for the progress from one stage of the competition to the next other than as provided in Article 25.3.2 or for deciding the Medal placements after a Finals Round there shall be shoot-offs to break the ties:

- Shoot-offs shall be shot at the completion of the match after the judge has declared the tie.

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25.3.3.3 Mixed Team shoot-offs:

- An end of two arrows (one by each athlete) shoot-off for score;
- Athletes in the team will shoot alternately;
- If the score is still tied, the team with the arrow closest to the centre shall win; and, if still tied, the second closest to the centre arrow shall determine the winner;
- The time limit shall be 80 seconds for Field rounds and 90 seconds for 3D rounds;
- This shoot-off will take place on the course where the match occurred.

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25.3.3.3 Mixed Team shoot-offs:

- An end of two arrows (one by each athlete) shoot-off for score;

- *Athletes in the team will shoot alternately;*
 - *If the score is still tied, the team with the arrow closest to the centre shall win; and, if still tied, the second closest to the centre arrow shall determine the winner;*
 - *The time limit shall be 80 seconds for Field rounds and 3D rounds;*
 - *This shoot-off will take place on the course where the match occurred.*
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Chapter 27

Consequences of Breaking Rules

Set out below is a summary of the penalties or sanctions applied to athletes or officials when rules are broken.

27.6 An athlete proved to have knowingly broken any rules and regulations may be declared to be ineligible to participate in the competition. The athlete shall be disqualified and shall lose any position gained.

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27.6.4 An athlete found to be using a mobile communication device to attempt to calculate distance or angle, or communicate distances or angles will be disqualified. Should the concern be raised to a judge, the judge has the right to examine the device in question.

REMOVED ARTICLES

Chapter 22

Athlete Equipment

This article lays down the type of equipment athletes are permitted to use when shooting in World Archery competitions. It is the athlete's responsibility to use equipment which complies with the rule. Any athlete found to be using equipment contravening World Archery Rules may have scores disqualified. Described below are the specific regulations that apply to each division followed by the regulation that apply to all divisions. The dress regulations found in [Article 20.1. in Book 3](#) shall apply unless worded differently in [Book 4-Field and 3D Archery](#).

22.1 Recurve Division

For the Recurve Division, the following items are permitted:

~~22.1.9 Binoculars, scopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows:~~

~~22.1.9.1 Provided they do not have any visible scales or marks that can be used to range distances. Marks must be covered so that they cannot be seen or felt by the athlete, this includes those placed by manufacturers if they move when the focus dial is turned.~~

~~22.1.9.2 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way to assist in aiming.~~

~~22.1.9.3 Should the athlete need to cover the non-sighting eye and or glasses lens, plastic, film or tape may be used to obscure vision or an eye patch may be used.~~

22.3 Barebow Division

For the Barebow Division, the following items are permitted:

~~22.3.9 Binoculars, scopes and other visual aids for spotting arrows:~~

~~22.3.9.1 Provided they do not have any visible scales or marks that can be used to range distances. Marks must be covered so that they cannot be seen or felt by the athlete, this includes those placed by manufacturers if they move when the focus dial is turned.~~

~~22.3.9.2 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way to assist in aiming.~~

~~22.3.9.3 Should the athlete need to cover the non-sighting eye and or glasses lens, plastic, film or tape may be used to obscure vision, or an eye patch may be used.~~

22.4 Traditional Division

For the Traditional Division, the following items are permitted:

~~22.4.8 Binoculars, scopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows:~~

~~22.4.8.1 Provided they do not have any visible scales or marks that can be used to range distances. Marks must be covered so that they cannot be seen or felt by the athlete, this includes those placed by manufacturers if they move when the focus dial is turned.~~

~~22.4.8.2 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way to assist in aiming.~~

~~22.4.8.3 Should the athlete need to cover the non-sighting eye and or glasses lens, plastic, film or tape may be used to obscure vision, or an eye patch may be used.~~

22.5 Longbow Division

For the Longbow Division, the following items are permitted:

~~22.5.8 Binoculars, scopes and other visual aids may be used for spotting arrows:~~

~~22.5.8.1 Provided they do not have any visible scales or marks that can be used to range distances. Marks must be covered so that they cannot be seen or felt by the athlete, this includes those placed by manufacturers if they move when the focus dial is turned.~~

~~22.5.8.2 Prescription glasses, shooting spectacles and sunglasses may be used. None of these may be fitted with micro hole lenses, or similar devices, nor may they be marked in any way to assist in aiming.~~

~~22.5.8.3 Should the athlete need to cover the non-sighting eye and or glasses lens, plastic, film or tape may be used to obscure vision, or an eye patch may be used.~~