



# World Archery News

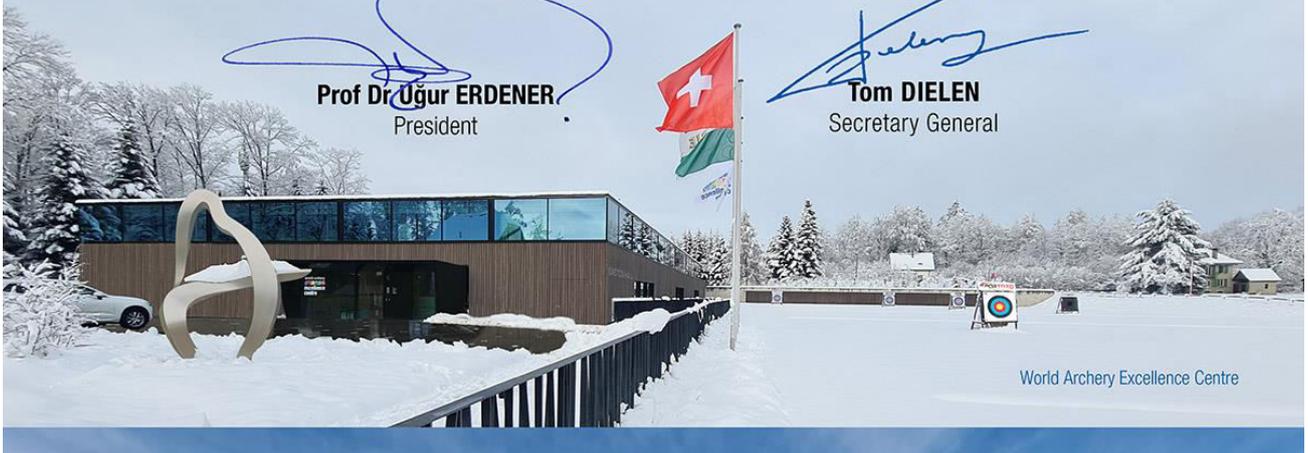


## 2021

*On behalf of the World Archery Executive Board,  
the staff and the World Archery Excellence Centre;  
Precision, focus and determination bring results  
in archery and in life.  
Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

**Prof Dr. Uğur ERDENER**  
President

**Tom DIELEN**  
Secretary General



World Archery Excellence Centre



**Message from World Archery President**

*This message comes at the end of a difficult year for all of us.*

*Many things we previously took for granted in life, let alone sport, were interrupted. International competition was suspended, the Olympic Games were delayed and many could not even enjoy the simple pleasure of shooting arrows in practice, let alone at tournaments.*



*COVID-19 is not yet over and there are still challenges we must all face. However, over the back half of 2020, we have proven that archery has its place in this post-pandemic society.*

*Our successful tests of protocols to protect participant well-being, starting in Antalya and continuing with the invitational stages of the Indoor Archery World Series, have provided a path to get back to archery and a safe route back to international competition in 2021. But, more than that, they provided an opportunity to innovate.*

*How we, as a worldwide archery community, emerge from this challenging time will shape the sport for years to come. World Archery is bringing sustainability and development into stronger focus across all its activities – as we believe these key principles will build a better federation and sport for the future. What about you?*

*At every level, from the grassroots athlete to those involved in the leadership of national and continental federations, I encourage you to reflect deeply on what it is that makes this sport great.*

*The values of precision, repetition, control – and of friendship, community and support make archery evermore relevant in a world in need of positivity.*

*I celebrate every one of you that has embodied these values throughout 2020, be it running virtual (or some of the first live) events, volunteering to get clubs and ranges ready for use under local health restrictions, or even just protecting one another from harm. Every action, no matter how small, matters.*

*This sport has a community that it should be intensely proud of.*

*We all want to get back to normality as quickly as possible. I am confident in the return of international events in 2021 – and I'm very much looking forward to watching our best athletes compete at the Olympic Games – but things won't be easy.*

*Together, though, archers and archery will weather this storm – and we will emerge stronger for it.*

*Look after yourselves and one another, and have a happy New Year.*

*Prof Dr Ugur Erdener  
World Archery President*

## World Archery

### Office closure

The World Archery office (physical and virtual) will be closed from Friday evening on 18 December 2020 and reopen on Monday morning on 4 January 2021. Any urgent queries related to the Indoor Archery World Series during this time should be directed to [support@archery.sport](mailto:support@archery.sport).

### Vision and mission update

World Archery's executive board has approved an update to the federation's mission and vision statements during its virtual meeting held on 12 December 2020. The existing mission has been extended to recognise the importance of competition and promotion in achieving the vision. The updated statements will be used to guide the development of a new strategic plan for the federation as communities around the world emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eleven bylaw changes, including the removal of the double-shoot-off, were also approved.



Read more: <http://archy.re/3ajh3Zz>

### Joint committee meetings

At least every two years, permanent committees and ad hoc commissions meet – usually at the federation's headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland – to discuss the future of the sport. Due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic and buoyed by the ongoing move towards more sustainable operations, these joint meetings moved online in 2020. More than 50 conference calls were held during 15-29 November 2020. The programme started with an introduction from World Archery President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener and progressed into 15 days of meetings of both individual committees and combined sessions.



Read more: <http://archy.re/3nu5MJI>

## Rules

### Updates effective from 1 January 2021

Following the decisions made by the executive board during its meetings on [15 July](#) and [12 December](#), there will be changes to some bylaws. The new version of the rulebook will come into effect on 1 January 2021. The most important changes include:

- Anti-Doping Rules – new version of Book 6 to comply with new WADA code.
- Target Archery – removal of double shoot-off (Article 14.5.2.2).
- Target Archery – update to world ranking tournament rules (Book 2, Appendix 1).
- Field and 3D Archery – specification on shooting time, shoot-offs and team positions.
- Para Archery – editorial change replacing "mouth release" with "mouth tab" (Article 13.2.2).

Further changes to the para archery rules, including those related to assistive devices, will not be implemented on 1 January though they are mostly editorial. This avoids changing rules during the qualification period for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The [World Archery Classifiers Handbook](#) acts as a bylaw and judges should refer to it in case of doubt on assistive devices.

The pdf files of updated Books 2, 3,4 and 6 will be [available to view in a public extranet by 21 December 2020](#).

### Interpretations

New interpretations related to dampeners and vibration absorbing devices, which were recently approved by the constitution and rules committee, are now [online](#) and attached as appendices to this newsletter.

## Members

### Online calls

**26 January 2021, 9h00 CET and 16h00 CET**  
**Olympic Solidarity and other development programmes (1-hour call)**  
*Aimed at: Federation leadership and administration*

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### Webinars

World Archery will hold the following two 1.5-hour webinars in January 2021:

**20 January 2021, 14h00 CET**  
**Webinar for Extranet Admin Users v2 – Focus on beginner and new users**  
*Aimed at: New users and beginner level users*

The link for registration will be sent to member associations and directly to extranet users.

**27 January 2021, 15h00 CET**  
**Rule Book translation**

*Aimed at: Translators and administration*

The link for registration will be sent to member associations and directly to current translators.

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### Croatia

The Croatian archery association held its general assembly and elections remotely on 21 November 2020. President Darko Uidl was re-elected for another four-year term. The federation has now achieved an equal gender split on its board, with four male and four female members.



### Russian Federation

The Russian archery federation held its general assembly remotely on 22 November 2020. Sixty-four member federations were represented by 54 accredited delegates. President Vladimir Esheev was re-elected unanimously and unopposed. Mariya Larkina was re-elected as secretary general and two new members were added to the 15-strong executive board.



### France

The French archery federation held its general assembly remotely on 12 December 2020. One-hundred-and-forty-five delegates representing 10,215 ballots took part in elections. President Jean-Michel Cleroy was re-elected for a second four-year term after winning 56.45% of a vote to challenger Thomas Naglieri's 43.56%. He will be president when France hosts the Olympic Games in 2024.



**Read more:** <http://archy.re/3mvkz5A>

## IPC Archives

### Call for objects

In an effort to increase the knowledge on the history of the Paralympic movement and to safely store artefacts of the past, the International Paralympic Committee is looking for contributions to its historical archives.



The IPC archives, based in Bonn, Germany, are the main repository of documents, images and objects related to the history of the Paralympic Games and the Paralympic movement at large. Organisations and individuals who have documents or items they would like to donate or share digitally can reach out to coordinate a potential transfer to IPC archives, in which case IPC will cover all cost of transportation. For any questions regarding the IPC archives or this call for objects, contact IPC records & information manager directly at [jan.coenen@paralympic.org](mailto:jan.coenen@paralympic.org).

## Indoor Series

### Online stage 2

This year's online incarnation of the Indoor Archery World Series is already a resounding success. Nearly 3000 archers registered for the first stage in November, with over 2000 scores ratified for the results, and more than 5000 people have entered the second, which runs on 18-20 December 2020. Malaysia and Indonesia have the most archers entered into the second stage of this remote circuit, with 578 and 511 respectively, followed by the USA on 253. Archers can compete remotely from local tournaments, clubs or even at home.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/37tcvOw>

### Nimes 2021

Following the French government's decision to extend pandemic-related restrictions on sports and events, the upcoming Sud de France – Nimes Archery Tournament has been postponed by two weeks, from 15-17 January to 29-31 January 2021. This does mean that the event in Nimes is now taken out of sync with the online stages of the 2021 Indoor Archery World Series. It was previously scheduled to coincide with the third remote competition. Instead, the Nimes Tournament will now count as a bonus stage for the open and team rankings.

**Read more:** <https://archy.re/37IEcaU>

### Vegas 2021

The Vegas Shoot will no longer take place on its traditional second weekend of February in 2021 but move to a split format, which will run virtually for the amateur flight and junior events and delayed for the professional championship divisions. The replacement virtual event is expected to last multiple weeks, require an entry fee and feature prize money. The National Field Archery Association, which organises the event in Las Vegas, is currently refining the rules for the online competition. More details on both the flights and the schedule for the delayed championship tournament are expected at the start of next year.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/34mpPT0>



## Other Events

### Koper 2021

World Archery Europe has cancelled the 2021 European Indoor Championships, scheduled to be held in Koper, Slovenia on 22-27 February, due to ongoing restrictions caused by the pandemic. The decision was unanimously approved by the executive board during a conference call on 26 November 2020. The board will meet every two months for progress reports regarding tournaments on next year's outdoor calendar, which are currently still planned to take place.



**Chandigarh 2022**

During the opening address for the online general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the organisation's president Dame Louise Martin said the archery and shooting championships planned for January 2022 set an "exciting precedent for the future". The Indian city of Chandigarh is set to host the pioneering event. It was proposed following a decision not to include either invitational sport on the programme of the upcoming Games in Birmingham. Medals won in Chandigarh will be included in a final medal table combined with the results of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

**Read more:** <https://archy.re/36m1Q7P>

**Santiago 2023**

Archery has been officially announced as one of 17 sports on the programme of the 2023 Para Pan American Games in Santiago de Chile, marking its return to this multisport event after it was left off the schedule in 2019. The Para Pan American Games, for impaired athletes, are held immediately after the Pan American Games, for able-bodied athletes, in the same host city. In 2019, Lima hosted the two events – and compound archery made its successful debut at the able-bodied Games. A total of 48 para archers will compete at Santiago 2023, which is nearly double than in Toronto in 2015.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2KfSHWb>

**Paris 2024**

The Olympic archery programme is to remain unchanged at five medal events for Paris 2024, following the approval of the sports line-up and athlete quotas for the event by the executive board of the International Olympic Committee. Archery will award medals in men's individual, women's individual, men's team, women's team and mixed team competitions. The athlete quota also remains the same at 128 in total and an equal gender split of 64 men and 64 women. Paris will crown archery's 50th Olympic Champion since the sport rejoined the programme in 1972.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/37tjg34>

**Open for bids**

Event	Period	Deadline
Hyundai Archery World Cup Final	Autumn 2022	31 May 2021
Hyundai Archery World Cup Final	Autumn 2023	31 May 2021
World Archery Congress	Autumn 2023	31 May 2021
Hyundai Archery World Cup	April-July 2024	31 May 2021
Hyundai Archery World Cup Final	Autumn 2024	31 May 2021
World Archery Field Championships	2024	31 May 2021
World Archery Congress	2025	30 September 2021
World Archery Championships	2025	30 September 2021
World Archery Youth Championships	2025	30 September 2021
World Archery Para Championships	2025	30 September 2021
World Archery 3D Championships	2025	30 September 2021

All event bidding information can be found at <https://worldarchery.org/event-bidding>.

## Judging

### Assignments 2021

The full list of appointments for the 2021 international season has been announced. Two additional alternates have been added to the team of technical officials, known in archery as judges, for each of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo, following their postponement by one year. The additional personnel is to mitigate ongoing issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both original selections remain unchanged, having already been approved by the World Archery executive board at the end of 2019.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/3mtyoD>



### Newsletter

The 103rd issue of the Judge Committee Newsletter is available for download from the extranet. It includes a summary of the committee annual meeting held online on 28 November 2020 as part of the joint committee meetings, the list of appointments for the 2021 season, some recent interpretations and bylaws, and some hints on visual impaired archers' classification and continental association activities.

**Download:** <https://archy.re/2LtX8wG>



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## Event highlights

The international calendar has been suspended until 31 August. World ranking events can be held from 1 September, but no world ranking points will depreciate until at least 1 April 2021.

### 2021

29-31 January	<b>Nimes Tournament</b>	Nimes (FRA)
<del>10-14 February</del>	<del>Vegas Shoot</del>	<del>Las Vegas (USA)</del>
<del>22-27 February</del>	<del>European Indoor Championships</del>	<del>Koper (SLO)</del>
22-28 March	<b>Pan &amp; Parapan American Championships + OG/PG CQT</b>	Monterrey (MEX)
14-18 April	South American Youth Games	Rosario (ARG)
19-25 April	<b>Hyundai Archery World Cup stage 1</b>	Guatemala City (GUA)
17-23 May	<b>Hyundai Archery World Cup stage 2</b>	Shanghai (CHN)
TBC	<b>Oceania Championships + OG CQT + WG QT</b>	TBC (FIJ)
10-13 June	<b>Emerald Isle Cup</b>	Limerick (IRL)
18-20 June	<b>Olympic Games final qualification tournament</b>	Paris (FRA)
22-27 June	<b>Hyundai Archery World Cup stage 3</b>	Paris (FRA)
4-11 July	Final qualification tournament for Paralympics (PG FQT)	Nove Mesto (CZE)
23 July-8 August	<b>Olympic Games (Archery: 23-31 July)</b>	Tokyo (JPN)
18-29 August	<b>World University Games (Archery dates TBC)</b>	Chengdu (CHN)
<b>24 August-5 Sept.</b>	<b>Paralympic Games (Archery: 27 Aug.-4 Sept.)</b>	<b>Tokyo (JPN)</b>
9-12 September	Pan American Youth Games	Cali (COL)
17-18 September	World Archery Congress	Yankton (USA)
19-26 September	<b>World Archery Championships</b>	Yankton (USA)
Sept.-Oct. TBC	<b>Hyundai Archery World Cup Final</b>	TBC
9-10 October	Run Archery European Cup	Nove Mesto (CZE)
11-17 October	World Archery Youth Championships	Perth (AUS)
16-23 October	Gymnasiade (Archery included)	Jinjiang (CHN)

### 2022

January	<b>Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships</b>	<b>Chandigarh (IND)</b>
18-27 February	<b>World Archery Para Championships</b>	Dubai (UAE)
1-5 April	<b>South American Games</b>	Asuncion (PAR)
TBC	World Masters Games & World Archery Masters Championships (outdoor + indoor) (Archery included)	Kansai (JPN)
25 June-5 July	<b>Mediterranean Games (Archery included)</b>	Oran (ALG)
7-17 July	The World Games (Archery dates TBC)	Birmingham (USA)
5-11 September	World Archery 3D Championships	Terni (ITA)
10-25 September	<b>Asian Games (Archery included)</b>	Hangzhou (CHN)
October	<b>Pan American Championships</b>	Santiago de Chile (CHI)
TBC	World Archery Field Championships	Yankton (USA)

### 2023

28 July-7 August	<b>World Archery Championships</b>	Berlin (GER)
8-19 August	<b>World University Games (Archery included)</b>	Ekaterinburg (RUS)
TBC	World Archery Youth Championships	Limerick (IRL)
<b>20 Oct.-5 Nov.</b>	<b>Pan &amp; Parapan American Games (Archery included)</b>	<b>Santiago (CHI)</b>

### 2026

TBC (postponed)	Youth Olympic Games (Archery included)	Dakar (SEN)
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Red = Last Updates  
Green = Indoor World Series  
Blue = Para Archery Events  
Bold = World Ranking Events

OG / PG / YOG = Olympic Games / Paralympic Games / Youth Olympic Games  
QT / FQT = Qualification Tournaments / Final Qualification Tournament  
CQT = Continental Qualification Tournaments  
TBC = To Be Confirmed (= NOT CONFIRMED YET)

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**INTERPRETATIONS**  
**WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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**Book 3, Chapter 11, Articles 11.4.6.1, 11.4.6.2, and 11.4.10.1 and Book 4, Chapter 22, Articles 22.3.6.1, 22.3.6.2 and 22.3.10.1**

*World Archery Judges Committee has requested an interpretation as to whether shock absorbers and limb dampeners can be considered synonymous to interpret WA rules on equipment?*

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

**Response from the Technical Committee:**

It is the unanimous decision of the World Archery Technical Committee that all of the references to limb dampeners, vibration dampeners and shock absorbers noted in the rules, most of which are provided below, are to be considered to have the same basic function, that of reducing felt shock or vibration. The function of these devices is the same, to reduce or displace residual vibration energy felt by the athlete. Therefore, the terms related to shock absorption, vibration damping and limb dampening devices are to be considered the same basic components that serve the same basic function.

Definitions:

- **Shock Absorber** – A device for absorbing jolts and vibration.
- **Vibration Dampener** – vibration dampeners are used to absorb vibration emanating from machinery (in this case a bow, which is a machine). Vibration dampening is the process of absorbing or changing vibration energy to reduce the amount of energy transmitted to equipment, (or in our case to reduce vibration or shock that would be experienced by the user of the device).

Application of Rules:

- **Vibration dampeners** fitted as part of the bow are permitted provided that they do not have stabilisers (see Articles 22.3.6.1/11.4.6.1).
- Weight(s) may be added to the lower part of the riser. All weights, regardless of shape, shall mount directly to the riser without rods, extensions, angular mounting connections or **shock-absorbing devices** (see Articles 22.3.6.2 /11.4.6.2).
- Accessories are permitted - also permitted are **limb dampeners**. (see Articles 22.3.10.1 /11.4.10.1).

**World Archery Technical Committee, 18 November 2020**  
**Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 21 November 2020**  
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# INTERPRETATIONS

## WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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### **Book 4, Chapter 22, Article 22.4.1**

*World Archery Norway indicated that a bow is being produced with two adjustable tiller bolts. Around both bolts there is a rubber-piece that seem to function as a dampener for limb-vibrations. This can be replaced by a brass bolt and nylon-washer to avoid the dampening-function. If one of the two rubber-spacers is replaced with a brass-bolt as described, can the other tiller bolt be left with the rubber-spacer under the Instinctive Bow Division? Or do you have to change both rubber-spacers with fixed material to avoid any dampening on the limbs?*

The Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”) finds the question presented to be within the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

C&R has determined that the following interpretation is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the unanimous decision of the Technical Committee that the riser as shown in the photo below may not incorporate a rubber dampener in the limb pocket that must be locked down. The intent of the Instinctive Bow division was to have a simple bow, where one limb could be adjusted to set bow tiller, but without the ability to adjust limb poundage during a competition. Limb dampeners are allowed, but not in the location of the limb pocket that must be immovable for each competition the athlete participates in. The Technical Committee does not consider the rubber components to be simply “spacers” as they would provide some dampening capabilities for the limb that requires non-adjustment. To be legal, the rubber spacer/dampener will require replacement with a solid component on the limb that must be locked down. The other limb pocket does not require modification and may incorporate a rubber dampener in that limb pocket.

**World Archery Technical Committee, 8 August 2020**

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