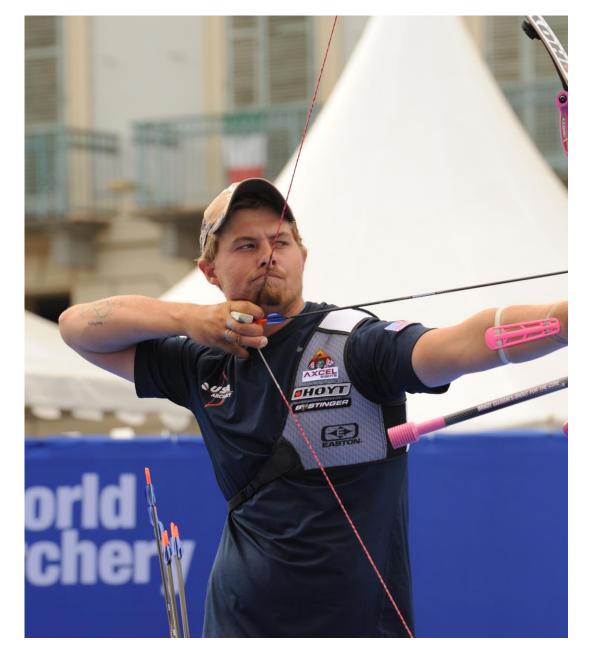


# World Archery Annual Report 2024

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### Introduction

This report analyses the performance of World Archery and its National Federations social media channels across 2024.

All content in 2024 — and comparisons made — were gathered on posts made from 1 January to 31 December 2024 across Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter and YouTube (including TikTok for World Archery pages).

Throughout the report, year-on-year comparisons have been made to 2023 (1 January to 31 December 2023).

Recommendations and best practices are provided to help facilitate social media strategy for the forthcoming year.

### The aim of this report is to:



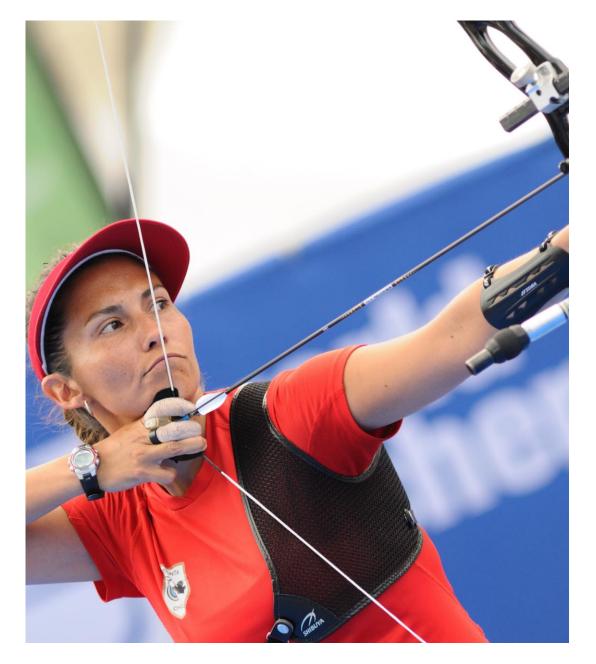
understand
Archery (owned
channel and National
Federation) audiences



measure
World Archery
National Federation
social media channel
performance



provide recommendations to improve future social media strategy



# Methodology

237 World Archery National Federation (NF) pages were monitored across Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter and YouTube.

A review of Archery NF handles was conducted to incorporate new pages into the 2024 report. The inclusion of new accounts must be considered when reviewing year-on-year data.

### **Channels & Metrics**

National Federation performance was analysed across 4 channels: Facebook, Instagram, X/Twitter, YouTube

### **Engagements**

on each platform are defined as:

Facebook = reactions, comments, shares

(Instagram = organic likes, comments, shares)

X/Twitter = likes, retweets, replies, likes

YouTube = likes, comments, shares

### **Followers**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter followers and YouTube subscribers

### **Video Views**

YouTube only due to platform changes

### **Continental Associations**

Data was analysed by National Federations within the 5 continental associations:

**Africa** 

**Americas** 

Asia

Europe

Oceania

### **Groups (based on number of athletes)**

National Federations were sorted into groups based on the number of athletes representing each nation at the 2023 World Archery Championships in Berlin, Germany

Group A: 11-12 Athletes (16 NFs)

Group B: 7-10 Athletes (20 NFs)

**Group C**: 3-6 Athletes (31 NFs)

Group D: 1-2 Athletes (14 NFs)

**Group E**: No Athletes (141 NFs)



# **Executive Summary**

## **Headlines**

# Archery NFs reached 1.3m total fans, growing by 10%

Facebook holds over 50% of the audience, followed by Instagram (30%) and YouTube 11%.

# National Federations generated 125.7k new fans across all platforms

Instagram was the biggest driver with 51.4k new fans, closely followed by Facebook (50.1k). YouTube saw the highest growth rate, adding 21.1k new fans – driven by NFs adopting Shorts to grow their audience.

# Republic of Korea rank #1 on YouTube for 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Republic of Korea ranked #1 for growth, engagements and video views, achieving 8x more video views and 4x more engagements than 2023. By focusing their strategy around increasing the number of Shorts alongside their popular long-form videos, Republic of Korea drove impressive growth, bringing in 21.1k new fans in 2024 (up from 900 in 2023).

# **USA lead in growth and engagements** overall

USA achieved the highest growth and engagements overall, including #1 for engagements on Facebook (811.5k) and Instagram (871.4k). With the largest Facebook audience, USA continued to grow it significantly, ranking #1 for growth on the platform, generating 3x more growth than the next best NF.

# Saudi Arabia dominate growth on Instagram and X/Twitter

Saudi Arabia ranked #1 for growth on both platforms, gaining 17.4k new fans on Instagram, nearly triple the next highest (6.3k)—and 1.4k on X/Twitter, almost 3x more than the runner-up (473).

# 4.9m engagements, a +33% increased compared to 2023

NFs increased their average engagement per post by +23% - with 50% of all NF engagements coming between July and September 2024

# **National Federation Social Media Executive Summary**

**1.3m** 

125.7k

28.2k

Engagements

4.9m

**4.7**m

Total followers

Growth

**Posts** 

ments Video views\*

### **Audience**

- NFs collectively have 1.3m followers, up +10% from 2023.
- Facebook accounts for the most fans (635.1k), followed by Instagram (377.5k) and YouTube (143.8k).
- NFs experienced the highest absolute growth on Instagram, followed by Facebook. YouTube was responsible for the highest growth rate (17.2%), followed by Instagram (15.7%).
- USA generated more growth than any other National Federation (51.2k), adding to their lead as the largest NF by audience size.
- Group A NFs achieved the most growth (79.6k), while Group C saw the highest growth rate (17%) – this was driven by Saudi Arabia's strong performances on Instagram and X/Twitter, ranking #1 for growth on both platforms.

### **Engagement**

- 4.9m overall engagements by NFs (33% year-on-year increase) from 28.2k posts (8% uplift)
- Instagram drove the most engagement (2.7m), followed by Facebook (2.0m) – however only 56 NFs have Instagram, compared to 109 on Facebook
- Group A NFs created the most content (12.5k posts, 44% of total) and in turn accounted for 82% of all NF engagements (4.0m)
- NFs from the Americas generated 2.2m engagements, followed by Europe (1.8m) and Asia (879.6k)
- 79% of active Group A NFs saw a year-on-year increase in engagement compared to 2023, compared to Group B (44%), Group C (37%), Group D (20%) and Group E (26%)

### Content

- The best-performing content throughout 2024 generally featured match highlights, medal moments, and behindthe-scenes stories.
- On Facebook, NFs showed a steering preference towards Reels instead of regular videos – reels increased by +188% compared to 2023, whilst videos decreased by -21%.
- Republic of Korea leveraged both long-form and shortform videos on YouTube, increasing their Shorts usage to over 50% of their content mix. They used long-form video to show the team's daily life during Paris 2024, and Shorts to post the best clips and behind-the-scenes moments from these videos.



# **Social Media recommendations**

### **Platform Prioritisation**

Understanding who your audience are on each platform and knowing their platform-specific content expectations is key to deciding which platforms to place the most resource into.

### **Facebook**

A key platform for many NFs, offering the largest potential audience, with over 3 billion monthly active users.

### <u>Instagram</u>

While 25% of NFs are on Instagram (compared to 50% on Facebook), the platform led in growth and engagement throughout 2024 and should be a key platform for NFs.

### X/Twitter

An important platform for many NFs, though some may have experienced declining engagement in 2024, so consider if the platform remains a priority or if resources to be better allocated to another channel.

### **YouTube**

As YouTube Shorts continue to gain popularity, both short-form and long-form content need to be considered to effectively engage the diverse audience.

### **Athlete Driven Storytelling**

Building compelling stories around athletes is essential to driving fan engagement and is possible to achieve by low & high resource NFs. By showcasing the personalities and journeys of athletes, NFs can connect with fans and create long-term engagement through authentic and simple content pieces surrounding athletes.

### **Before Events**

Introduce athletes early with simple, relatable content like training updates or personal stories. This builds anticipation and strengthens fan connections with the athletes ahead of the event, creating more meaningful conversations among fans

### **During Events**

Capture raw, real-time moments from the event, such as an athlete's quick reactions or brief behind-the-scenes content. These snippets, even if informal, can be very effective at keeping the narrative alive and engaging fans throughout the event. Connecting these moments to the athlete's pre-event story helps maintain a sense of continuity and keeps fans invested.

### **After Events**

Continue engaging with athletes by reflecting on their performances and looking ahead to future goals. This creates long-term fan engagement and offers opportunities for long-form content such as interviews or mini-documentaries.

# Social Media Overview

# **Topline Numbers (National Federations)**















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
2024	1.3m	125.7k	11.1%	28.2k	4.7m	4.9m	172.7
2023	1.1m	136.2k	13.5%	26.1k	2.5m	3.7m	139.9
Change	+10%	-8%	-18%	+8%	+90%	+33%	+23%

# **Topline Numbers (World Archery)**









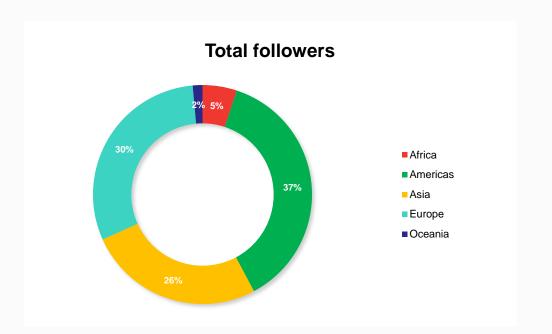






	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
2024	2.5m	418.5k	19.7%	3.2k	51.8m	12.7m	4.0k
2023	2.1m	230.9k	12.2%	4.1k	32.6m	10.3m	2.5k
Change	+20%	+81%	+61%	-23%	+59%	+24%	+61%

# **Continental Association breakdown**













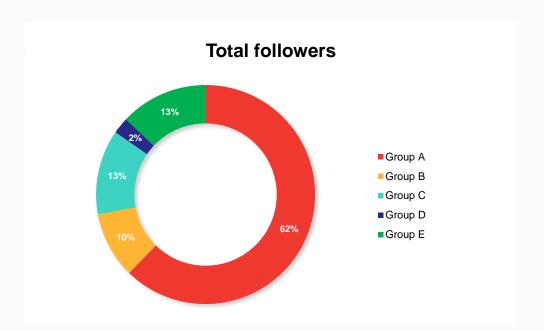


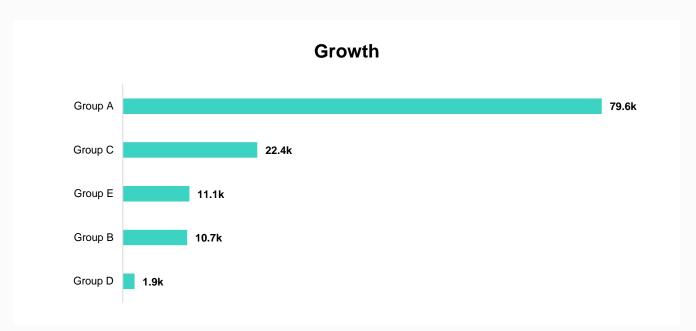




	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
Africa	64.0k	3.8k	6.3%	1.0k	0	36.4k	38
Americas	468.8k	34.7k	10.1%	6.3k	267.1k	2.2m	557
Asia	328.8k	43.9k	15.4%	5.9k	3.4m	879.6k	148
Europe	382.5k	41.8k	12.3%	14.4k	1.0m	1.8m	122
Oceania	18.1k	1.5k	8.9%	648	40	42.6k	66

# Athlete group breakdown



















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
Group A	786.3k	79.6k	11.3%	12.5k	4.2m	4.0m	317
Group B	124.1k	10.7k	9.5%	6.2k	237.6k	393.5k	64
Group C	157.7k	22.4k	16.5%	5.5k	31.6k	313.8k	57
Group D	30.7k	1.9k	6.8%	1.1k	24.7k	37.3k	35
Group E	163.5k	11.1k	7.3%	2.9k	195.3k	154.3k	53

### **Total followers**

	National federation	Total followers
4	United States of America	346.4k
	France	80.7k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	73.2k
	Italy	64.9k
	Republic of Korea	57.9k
	Indonesia	52.0k
•	India	44.9k
	Germany	40.6k
C+	Türkiye	38.5k
1741	Saudi Arabia	36.6k

### Growth

	National federation	Growth
	United States of America	22.3k
ניפינ	Saudi Arabia	18.8k
	Republic of Korea	12.5k
	France	9.4k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	9.3k
	Italy	7.5k
8	India	7.5k
	Germany	6.3k
C	Türkiye	3.1k
	Colombia	2.8k

### **Engagements**

	National federation	Engagements
	United States of America	1.7m
	France	563.2k
8	India	380.1k
	Germany	336.9k
	Italy	270.0k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	266.6k
C×	Türkiye	149.4k
•	Mexico	133.6k
	Colombia	102.4k
	Indonesia	89.4k

### Video views

	National federation	Video views
	Republic of Korea	3.2m
	France	259.9k
	United States of America	255.2k
	ROC	195.0k
	Italy	163.2k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	139.3k
	Spain	128.8k
8	India	116.9k
<b>+</b>	Iceland	86.6k
	Japan	30.1k

# Facebook

# **Facebook: Overall numbers**

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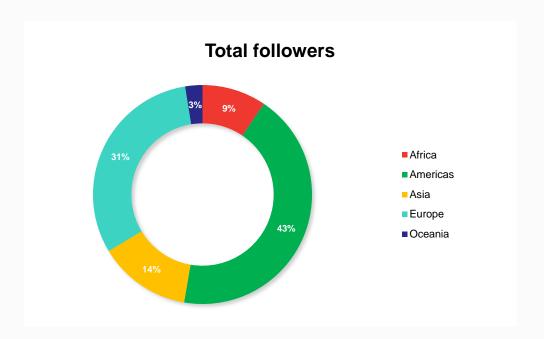
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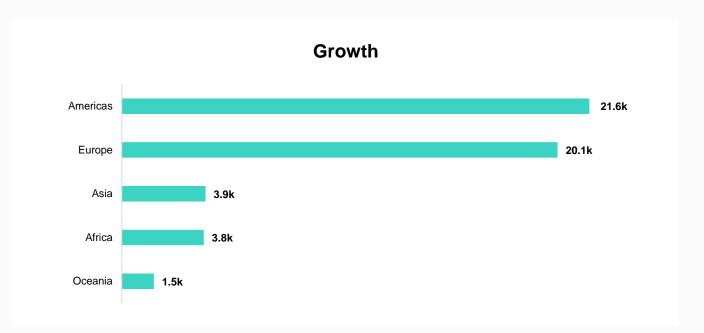
### **Key metrics**





# **Continental Association breakdown**











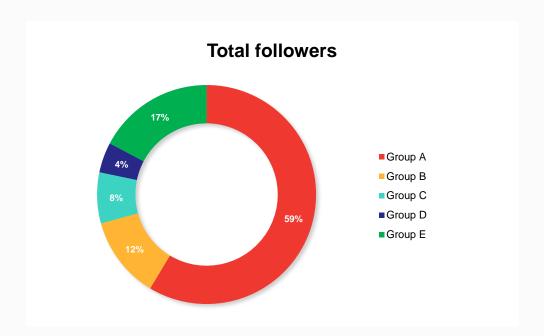


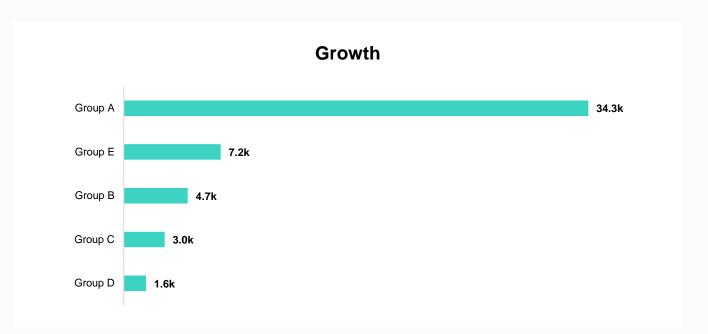




	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Africa	60.2k	3.8k	6.7%	886	36.0k	41
Americas	274.5k	21.6k	8.5%	3.7k	1.0m	400
Asia	86.8k	3.9k	4.7%	2.2k	141.7k	65
Europe	197.5k	20.1k	11.3%	7.4k	789.0k	106
Oceania	16.2k	1.5k	10.1%	634	42.2k	67

# **Athlete group breakdown**

















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Group A	372.3k	34.3k	10.2%	5.5k	1.6m	280
Group B	77.0k	4.7k	6.5%	3.8k	221.0k	58
Group C	47.8k	3.0k	6.7%	2.4k	102.3k	42
Group D	28.4k	1.6k	6.1%	1.0k	35.6k	37
Group E	109.6k	7.2k	7.0%	2.1k	107.4k	51

### **Total followers**

	National federation	Total followers
	United States of America	196.8k
	France	37.2k
	Italy	34.0k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	30.3k
<b>©</b>	Tunisia	19.2k
	Germany	19.0k
	Chinese Taipei	12.4k
<b>R</b>	Australia	9.9k
	Republic of Korea	9.7k
C*	Türkiye	8.5k

### Growth

	National federation	Growth	
	United States of America	15.5k	
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	5.0k	
	France	4.0k	
	Italy	3.7k	
	Germany	3.2k	
<b>©</b>	Tunisia	2.1k	
8	Guatemala	1.4k	
8	India	1.2k	
•	Algeria	1.1k	
(*)	Canada	1.0k	

### **Engagements**

	National federation	Engagements
	United States of America	811.5k
	France	210.7k
	Italy	124.4k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	118.7k
	Germany	111.6k
•	Mexico	49.4k
w	Guatemala	47.9k
<b>F</b>	Australia	36.3k
	Chinese Taipei	36.3k
	Sweden	29.3k

### **Engagements per post**

	National federation	Engagements per post
4	United States of America	873
	Chinese Taipei	370
	France	284
•	Mexico	228
	Italy	219
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	212
8	India	163
	Germany	145
	Malaysia	133
	Colombia	119

# **Example content**



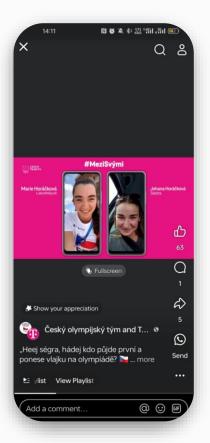
USA Archery Engagements: 1.3k



Great Britain Archery Engagements: 2.4k



Italy Archery
Engagements: 718



Czech Archery
Engagements: 26

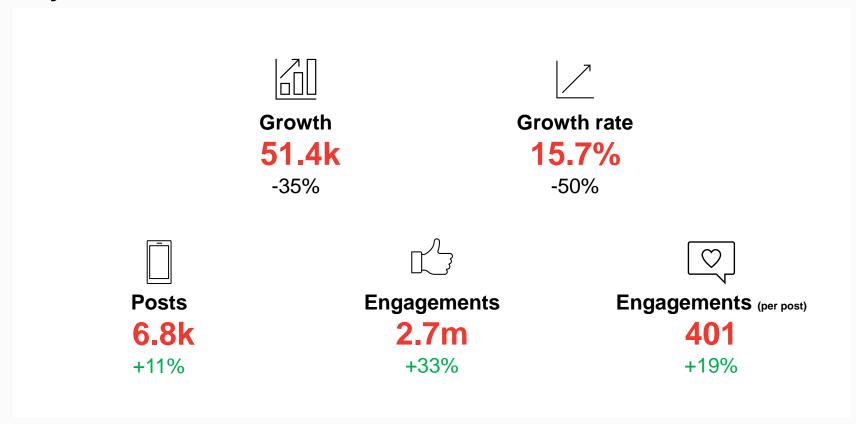
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# **Instagram: Overall numbers**

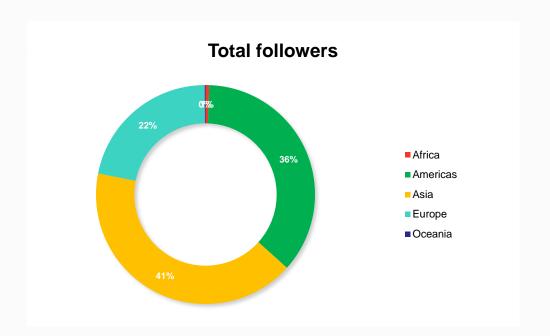
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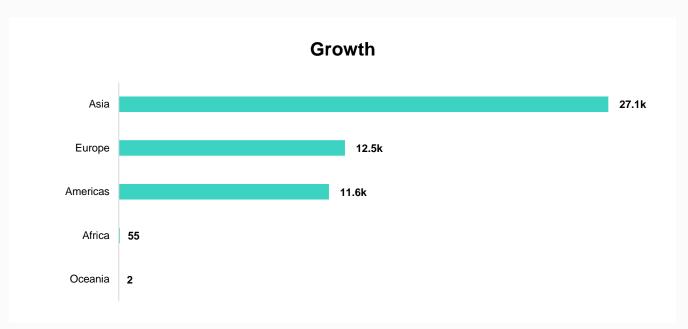
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### **Key metrics**



# **Continental Association breakdown**











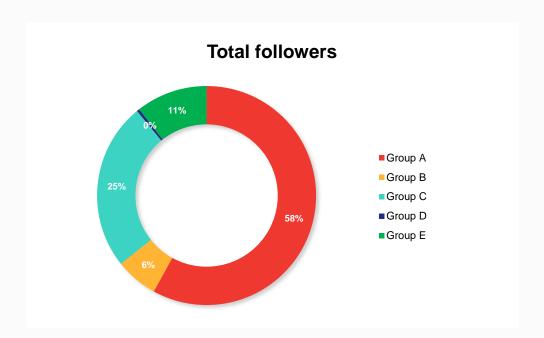


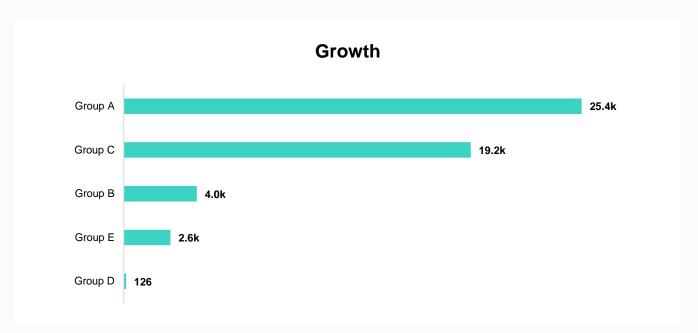




	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Africa	2.1k	55	2.7%	35	333	10
Americas	136.4k	11.6k	9.3%	2.1k	1.1m	978
Asia	156.4k	27.1k	21.0%	1.7k	665.6k	390
Europe	82.3k	12.5k	18.0%	2.9k	917.9k	318
Oceania	447	2	0.4%	13	398	31

# Athlete group breakdown

















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Group A	219.0k	25.4k	13.1%	3.3k	2.3m	692
Group B	23.7k	4.0k	20.6%	1.1k	160.0k	151
Group C	93.5k	19.2k	25.9%	1.7k	205.9k	118
Group D	1.5k	126	9.3%	20	1.6k	78
Group E	39.9k	2.6k	6.9%	629	43.0k	68

### **Total followers**

	National federation	Total followers
	United States of America	99.7k
	Indonesia	48.8k
UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (UI (	Saudi Arabia	25.9k
8	India	25.0k
<b>•</b>	Jordan	22.8k
C*	Türkiye	21.4k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	17.9k
	Germany	16.1k
	France	15.2k
	Italy	14.9k

### Growth

	National federation	Growth
ניפּנ	Saudi Arabia	17.4k
8	India	6.3k
	United States of America	5.7k
	France	3.1k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	2.8k
	Italy	2.5k
C	Türkiye	2.5k
	Germany	2.3k
	United Arab Emirates	2.3k
	Colombia	2.2k

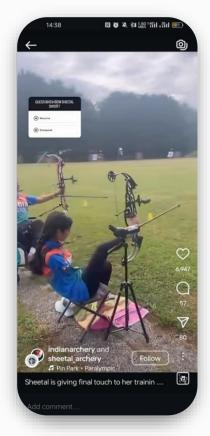
### **Engagements**

	National federation	Engagements
4	United States of America	871.4k
8	India	360.7k
	France	338.9k
	Germany	220.2k
	Italy	143.8k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	138.2k
C*	Türkiye	137.1k
	Indonesia	88.3k
•	Mexico	84.2k
	Colombia	79.1k

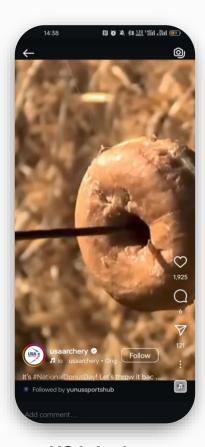
### **Engagements per post**

	National federation	Engagements per post
8	India	2.9k
	United States of America	1.6k
C+	Türkiye	783
	France	580
	Indonesia	522
	Colombia	463
	Italy	381
	Germany	380
	Mexico	379
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	266

# **Example content**



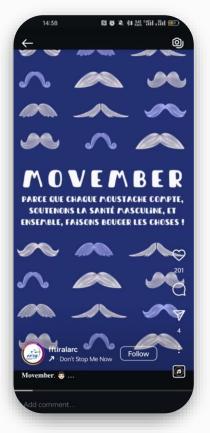
India Archery
Engagements: 7.1k



USA Archery
Engagements: 2.1k



Italy Archery
Engagements: 1.1k



France Archery
Engagements: 201

# X/Twitter

# X/Twitter: Overall numbers

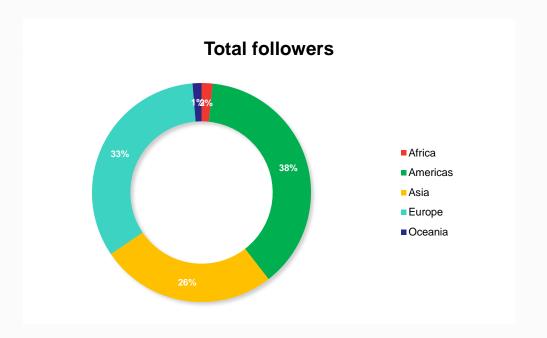
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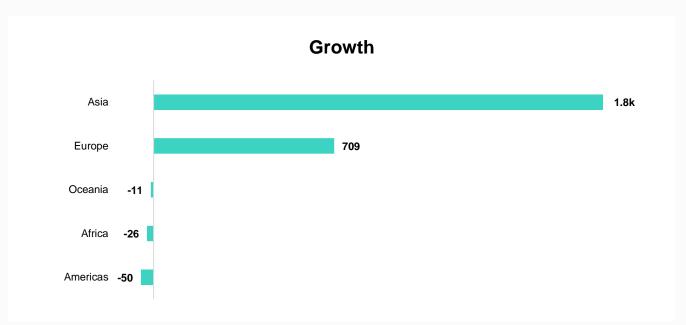
# Audience size 105.8k +7%

### **Key metrics**



# **Continental Association breakdown**











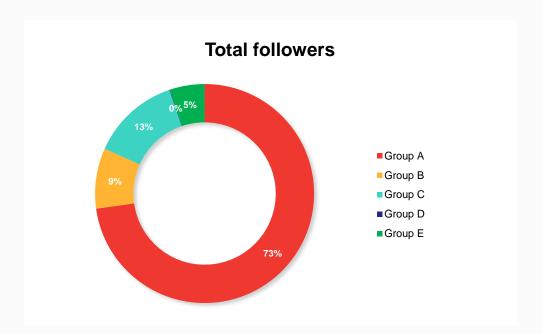


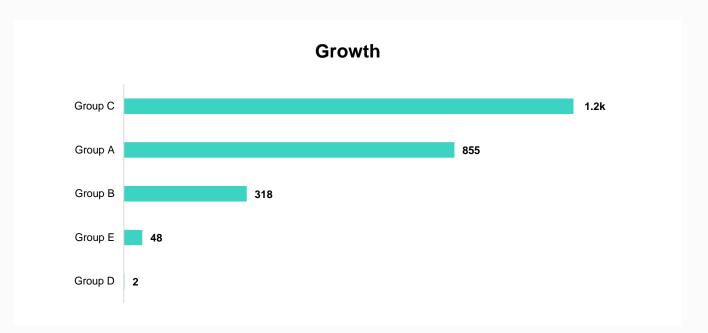




	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Africa	1.7k	-26	-1.5%	33	21	1
Americas	40.1k	-50	-0.1%	322	531	2
Asia	27.5k	1.8k	6.9%	1.8k	8.1k	5
Europe	35.1k	709	2.1%	3.5k	30.8k	9
Oceania	1.4k	-11	-0.8%	0	0	0

# Athlete group breakdown

















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Engagements	Engs. per post
Group A	77.0k	855	1.1%	3.1k	24.8k	8
Group B	9.5k	318	3.5%	996	9.3k	9
Group C	13.8k	1.2k	9.2%	1.4k	5.3k	4
Group D	73	2	2.8%	66	4	0
Group E	5.4k	48	0.9%	118	67	1

### **Total followers**

	National federation	Total followers
	United States of America	33.8k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	16.3k
LIMIT LIMIT	Saudi Arabia	10.7k
	France	7.2k
C*	Türkiye	5.9k
<b>®</b>	India	5.3k
(*)	Canada	3.4k
	Italy	3.1k
	Spain	2.8k
	Germany	2.7k

### Growth

	National federation	Growth
ניפּנ	Saudi Arabia	1.4k
C+	Türkiye	473
	France	373
	Spain	201
	Germany	137
(*)	Canada	97
	Qatar	46
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	42
	Kuwait	40
	United Arab Emirates	33

### **Engagements**

	National federation	Engagements
	France	9.7k
	Spain	8.8k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	6.7k
	Germany	4.9k
ניפינ	Saudi Arabia	4.8k
C+	Türkiye	1.9k
(8)	India	885
8	Netherlands	536
(*)	Canada	531
	United Arab Emirates	409

### **Engagements per post**

	National federation	Engagements per Post
	Spain	12
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	12
<b>®</b>	India	11
	France	9
C+	Türkiye	8
	Germany	7
נישַנ	Saudi Arabia	6
	Netherlands	3
	Indonesia	2
(+)	Canada	2

# **Example content**



**France Archery Engagements: 105** 



Saudi Arabia Archery





**Great Britain Archery** 

Engagements: 40



**India Archery** 

Engagements: 72

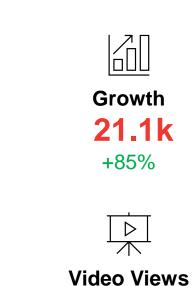
# YouTube

# YouTube: Overall numbers

### Size

# Audience size 143.8k +23%

## **Key metrics**



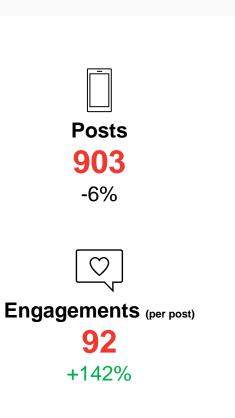
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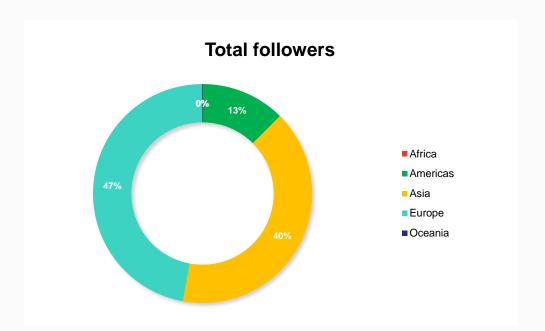


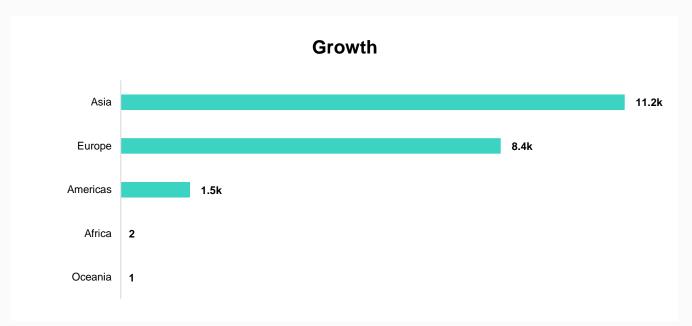


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# **Continental Association breakdown**













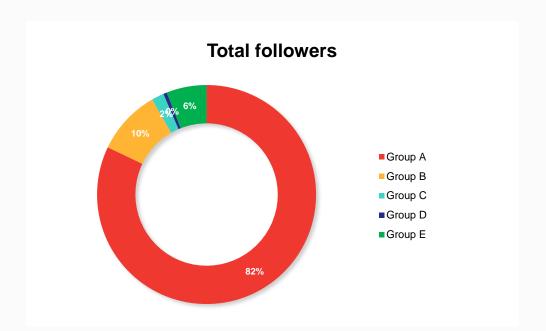


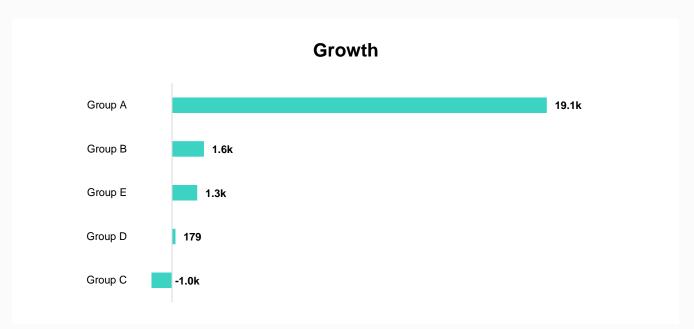




	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
Africa	84	2	2.4%	0	0	0	0
Americas	17.9k	1.5k	9.4%	66	267.1k	3.3k	63
Asia	58.1k	11.2k	23.8%	271	3.4m	64.2k	237
Europe	67.6k	8.4k	14.2%	565	1.0m	15.9k	28
Oceania	135	1	0.7%	1	40	0	0

# Athlete group breakdown



















	Total fans	Follower growth	Growth rate	Posts	Video views	Engagements	Engs. per post
Group A	118.0k	19.1k	19.3%	547	4.2m	75.9k	139
Group B	13.8k	1.6k	13.3%	258	237.6k	3.2k	12
Group C	2.6k	-1.0k	-28.5%	31	31.6k	271	0
Group D	747	179	31.5%	9	24.7k	208	23
Group E	8.5k	1.3k	17.8%	58	195.3k	3.9k	67

### **Total followers**

	National federation	Total followers
110 th	Republic of Korea	47.1k
	France	21.1k
	United States of America	16.1k
	Italy	12.9k
	Spain	9.8k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	8.8k
	ROC	7.3k
8	India	6.2k
	Germany	2.7k
C*	Türkiye	2.6k

### Growth

	National federation	Growth
	Republic of Korea	12.2k
	France	2.0k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	1.5k
	Italy	1.3k
	United States of America	1.3k
	ROC	1.3k
#	Iceland	640
	Spain	630
	Germany	620
	Japan	448

### **Engagements**

	National federation	Engagements
the th	Republic of Korea	61.5k
	France	3.9k
	ROC	3.9k
	United States of America	3.1k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	3.0k
<b>®</b>	India	2.4k
	Italy	1.6k
#	Iceland	1.5k
	Spain	1.3k
	Japan	242

### **Engagements per post**

	National federation	Engagements per Post
	Republic of Korea	347
	ROC	69
	United States of America	56
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	47
8	India	39
	France	39
	Czechia	30
	Germany	26
	Italy	25
	Bulgaria	23

### **Video views**

	National federation	Video views
	Republic of Korea	3.2m
	France	259.9k
	United States of America	255.2k
	ROC	195.0k
	Italy	163.2k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	139.3k
	Spain	128.8k
<b>®</b>	India	116.9k
<b>+</b>	Iceland	86.6k
	Japan	30.1k

### Views per post

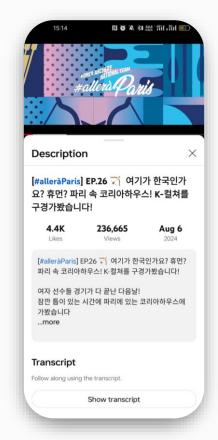
	National federation	Video views per post
	Republic of Korea	18.2k
	United States of America	4.6k
	ROC	3.5k
	Bulgaria	2.7k
	France	2.6k
	Italy	2.5k
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	2.2k
	Germany	1.9k
•	India	1.9k
	Czechia	1.8k

# **Example content**



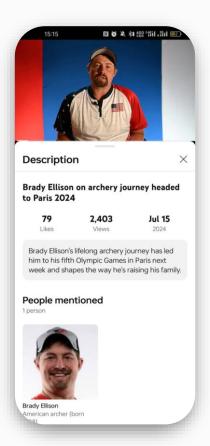
**Republic of Korea Archery** 

Engagements: 6.1k



Republic of Korea Archery

Engagements: 4.9k



**USA Archery** 

Engagements: 93



**Great Britain Archery** 

Engagements: 54





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