



2025 INDOOR ARCHERY WORLD SERIES RULES AND REGULATIONS



These rules were updated on 2 October 2024 after confirmation of the schedule for The Great Chicago Open and the Indoor Archery World Series Finals. The rules will be updated again once the rules for both events are final.

1. Introduction

The Indoor Archery World Series is World Archery's mass participation international 18-metre circuit. There will be six events held during the 2025 season¹, starting in November 2024 and ending in March 2025.

2. Format

- World Archery rules for all events.
- The use of triangular tri-spot 40cm target face is mandatory for televised finals and recommended for qualification and elimination rounds.

3. Calendar

-	250	Swiss Open	Lausanne , Switzerland	1-3 November 2024
-	250	GT Open	Strassen , Luxembourg	15-17 November 2024
-	250	Taipei Open	Taipei , Chinese Taipei	6-8 December 2024
-	1000	Nimes Archery Tournament	Nimes , France	17-19 January 2025
-	250	The Great Chicago Open	Chicago, USA	14-15 February 2025
-	1000	The Vegas Shoot	Las Vegas, USA	6-9 March 2025

4. Participation

Any athlete who is a member in good standing of a World Archery member association (national archery federation) may participate. Proof of licence or membership may be asked.

It is the responsibility of each member association to ensure that participants are registered members. In case an athlete who has entered to an event is not a valid member, member associations have the possibility to veto their participation through WAREOS.

An athlete may only compete in one division at each indoor world series event.

5. Rankings

There are three ranking lists, elite ranking, youth ranking and open ranking.

- An **open ranking** based on 60-arrow qualification scores, using each athlete's best three results across the season. Everyone who competes receives an open ranking.

The Vegas Shoot: Only the first 60 scoring arrows will count towards the open ranking. Only the inner X-ring will count as 10 points for the purposes of the ranking for compound archers. These rules adjust scores recorded under the Vegas Shoot format to the regular World Archery scoring system.

- An **elite ranking** based on accruing points according to final placing, using each athlete's best three results across the season. The 16 highest ranked archers in each division are invited to the Indoor Archery World Series Finals, held after the last stage.
- A **youth ranking** based on accruing points according to final placing, using each athlete's best three results across the season in an under-21 event.

5.1 Open Ranking (individual)

¹ [Schedule subject to change at any time.](#)



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World Archery will produce an overall open ranking list, listing all participants who that attended any stage, by their highest three (3) qualification scores (first 60 arrows) achieved in the season for all categories listed below:

- Barebow women
- Compound men
- Barebow men
- Recurve women
- Compound women
- Recurve men

A separate open ranking will also be published for the following categories:

- Compound women (under 21)
- Recurve women (under 21)
- Compound men (under 21)
- Recurve men (under 21)

5.2 Elite Ranking (individual)

World Archery will produce an elite Indoor World Series ranking list from the points accumulated from the positional points based on the final ranking achieved at each stage to identify who qualifies for the Indoor World Series Finals in Las Vegas.

The following table illustrates the distribution of elite ranking points. Elite ranking points will be available to the following categories: recurve men, recurve women, compound men and compound women.

Position	World Series 1000	World Series 500	World Series 250
1 st	1000 points	500 points	250 points
2 nd	600 points	300 points	150 points
3 rd	500 points	250 points	125 points
4 th	300 points	150 points	75 points
5 th	250 points	125 points	60 points
6 th	200 points	100 points	50 points
7 th	190 points	95 points	45 points
8 th	180 points	90 points	30 points
9 th - 16 th	90 points	45 points	20 points
17 th - 32 nd	45 points	20 points	
33 rd - 64 th	20 points		

Ties in the Indoor World Series Rankings to qualify for the Indoor World Series Finals will be solved on the following basis:

Between rank number one and number 15:

- A coin toss (performed by computer)

For rank number 16 (the cut):

- Ranking at the Vegas Shoot (stage of the Indoor Archery World Series)
- Best score at a IWS 1000 event
- Best score at a IWS 500 event
- Best score at a IWS 250 event

If the tie remains, a shoot-off will be made before the start of the first round of elimination for of the Indoor Archery World Series Finals in Las Vegas. The shoot-off will be conducted on a 40cm triangular tri-spot target face with each athlete shooting one (1) arrow. The archer whose arrow lands closest to the centre of the target wins as per the World Archery tiebreak rules for indoor competitions.

5.3 Youth Ranking (individual)

World Archery will produce a Indoor World Series Youth Ranking list from the points accumulated from the positional points based on the final ranking achieved at each stage.



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The following table illustrates the distribution of youth ranking points. Youth ranking points will be available to the following categories: under-21 recurve men, under-21 recurve women, under-21 compound men and under-21 compound women.

Position	World Series 1000	World Series 500	World Series 250
1 st	1000 points	500 points	250 points
2 nd	600 points	300 points	150 points
3 rd	500 points	250 points	125 points
4 th	300 points	150 points	75 points
5 th	250 points	125 points	60 points
6 th	200 points	100 points	50 points
7 th	190 points	95 points	45 points
8 th	180 points	90 points	30 points
9 th -16 th	90 points	45 points	20 points
17 th - 32 nd	45 points	20 points	
33 rd - 64 th	20 points		

There will be no final event for youth categories. Prize money will be awarded based on the final ranking, published at the completion of the Las Vegas event.

6. Indoor World Series Finals

- 6.1 The Indoor Archery World Series Finals will be held in **Las Vegas** (USA) on Sunday 9 March 2025.
- 6.2 The event will be open to the following four categories: **recurve men, recurve women, compound men and compound women.**
- 6.3 Athletes must compete in at least two events of the Indoor Archery World Series, including The Vegas Shoot, to be eligible to compete in the Indoor Archery World Series Finals.
- 6.4 Any athlete wishing to participate in the Indoor Archery World Series Finals in Las Vegas must register in the **compound open championship, compound women championship, recurve men championship or recurve women championship** categories of The Vegas Shoot. The athletes who have qualified for the Indoor Archery World Series Finals will be known after the third 30-arrow round of The Vegas Shoot in Las Vegas, which is the end of the stage for the purposes of the Indoor Archery World Series.
- 6.5 All recurve individual matches will use the sets system, consisting of the best of five (5) sets shooting three (3) arrows. Alternate shooting – twenty (20) seconds per arrow will be used to shoot one (1) arrow in the gold finals on a, triangular, tri-spot 40cm World Archery target face.
- 6.6 The Compound division will use cumulative scoring, five (5) ends of three (3) arrows. Alternate shooting – twenty (20) seconds per arrow – will be used to shoot one (1) arrow in the gold finals on a triangular tri-spot 40cm World Archery target face. Both women and men will score counting the X-ring as 10 points, and the recurve 10-ring as 9 points.
- 6.7 Following the *World Archery Rules*, arrow diameter will be limited to 9.3mm (not including arrow wraps); point diameter may be a maximum of 9.4mm.
- 6.8 In each category, athletes will be seeded from first to 16 according to their position in the Indoor World Series Ranking for the season. Athletes will be paired against each other, following the standard head-to-head elimination matchplay bracket (first seed against 16th, second against the 15th, and so on). The competition will start in the round of 16, followed by the quarterfinals, semi-finals and gold medal match. The losing semi-finalists will meet in a bronze medal match.



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6.9 In each category, the winner of the gold medal match will be awarded the title of Indoor Archery World Series Champion.

6.10 The exact competition schedule and details of the Indoor Archery World Series Finals will be communicated on World Archery's website and on-site at The Vegas Shoot.

7. Prizes

7.1 The top three participants in each category (recurve men, recurve women, compound men and compound women) at the Indoor Archery World Series Finals in Las Vegas on Sunday 9 March 2025 will receive the following prize money:

1 st place:	5,000 CHF
2 nd place:	2,500 CHF
3 rd place:	1,500 CHF

7.2 The top three participants in each youth category (under-21 recurve men, under-21 recurve women, under-21 compound men and under-21 compound women) at the completion of the Indoor World Series youth elite ranking, will receive the following prize money:

1 st place:	800 CHF
2 nd place:	400 CHF
3 rd place:	300 CHF

8. Dress regulations and camouflage

Compliant to the *World Archery Rules* for athletes and coaches:

- No hunting-type camouflage is permitted on the field of play. This includes bows, arrows, quivers, clothing, hats and shoes.
- No jeans, blue denim or opened-toe shoes are allowed on the field of play.

9. Clarification on events in Chicago

In 2025, there will be two indoor archery events in Chicago:

- The NFAA indoor nationals, organised by the National Field Archery Association Foundation in Chicago on 15 and 16 February 2025
- The Indoor Archery World Series event on Friday 14 February, with finals of the Indoor World Series portion of the event to be staged on the evening of Saturday 15 March 2025.

9. Clarification on events in Las Vegas

In 2025, there will be two indoor archery events in Las Vegas:

- The Vegas Shoot, meaning the annual mass-participation archery tournament organised by the National Field Archery Association Foundation in Las Vegas on 6-9 March 2025.
- The Indoor Archery World Series Finals in the evening on Sunday 9 March 2025.



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11. Legal Framework

The 2025 Indoor Archery World Series and the *Indoor Archery World Series Rules* follow all provisions set out in the *World Archery Constitution and Rules* unless explicitly detailed. In case of any misunderstanding due to translation of these rules, the English version will be referred to.

World Archery and the organisers reserve the rights to change these rules at any time.

Lausanne, 16 April 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Dielen".

Tom Dielen
World Archery secretary general