

OPEN MASTERS GAMES

ABU DHABI 2026

ARCHERY



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1. General Information

A test of focus, precision, and control. Archery brings together competitors who have mastered the art of aiming and accuracy. Participants will showcase their skills using traditional and modern bows in a challenging yet rewarding competition.

Governance

The Archery events of the Games will be conducted in line with the competition rules of World Archery (W.A), the U.A.E Archery Federation and this document.

Eligibility

- It is recommended that participating athletes have experience in archery and can safely shoot the required distance for the competition.
- In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with their age determined as of 31 December 2026. For example, if you are 39 years old during the Games time but turn 40 by 31 December 2026, you would compete in the 40-44 age category.
- In line with the sport specific rules, an athlete can compete in a younger age group, however, can only enter one age category and one bow type per discipline.
- If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, individuals will still be awarded medals in the age category in 3 which they originally entered.

Health Declaration

Athletes should carefully evaluate whether their physical condition is suitable for participating in the competition. If they suffer from cardiovascular or other diseases that make them not suitable to engage strenuous exercise, seeking doctor's advice is recommended to evaluate whether they can safely participate in OMGAD events.

Dates

	February 8 Sunday	February 9 Monday	February 10 Tuesday	February 11 Wednesday	February 12 Thursday
Official Practice (all duties)			Day Off		
Target			Day Off		

Venue

[Abu Dhabi Cricket & Sports Hub, Khalifa City A](#)



2. Competition Information

2.1. Disciplines, Events & Grading

Discipline	Competition Format	Distance	Target	Category			
				Classification	Gender	Age	
Target	Longbow	50m		N/A	Male	30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+	
					Female		
	Barebow	50m	122cm		Male		
					Female		
	Compound	70m	80cm/6 rings		Male		
					Female		
	Recurve	70m	122cm		Male	30+, 40+	
					Female		
		60m			Male	50+, 60+, 70+	
					Female		
Para Target	Compound (Open)	50m		Male	30+, 40+, 50+		
				Female			
	Recurve (Open)	70m	122cm	Male	30+, 40+		
				Female			
		60m		Male	50+		
				Female			
	W1 (Open)	50m	80cm/6 rings	Male	30+, 40+, 50+		
				Female			

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2.2. Format

The Archery competition consists of one discipline, Target.

The Organizer will decide whether to use synchronized shooting or alternate shooting during the qualification rounds and head-to-head matches based on the actual number of participants. Synchronized shooting will be used for medal matches. Besides, athletes will shoot alternately in medal matches.

2.2. Schedule

The Target event will begin with Practice at 0800hrs, and the competition will start at 0900hrs.

February, 2026				
February 8th	February 9th	February 10th	February 11th	February 12th
Formal Training	Qualifying Stage	Day off	Elimination Stage	Final rounds and medal matches
Schedule applies to all categories daily				

2.3. Rules

All equipment is subject to a technical inspection before the competition.

Para-Sport athletes should present their Sport Class during equipment check, and the referees will conduct the inspection based on the approved assistive devices listed on the Sport Class.

2.4. Timing System

- 20 seconds per arrow in the qualification stage
- Two minutes to shoot three arrows in the elimination stage

2.5. Scoring System

Each event will begin with a qualification round followed by elimination matches. The number of athletes advancing to the elimination matches will be announced after the Technical Meeting

The barebow and recurve events will adopt a point system for the elimination matches, while the compound events will use a scoring system for the elimination matches.



3. Technical Details

3.1. Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate, who will be endorsed by the UAE Archery Federation, will be announced in the final version of the competition guide.

3.2. Other Technical Details

4. Equipment & Clothing

4.1. Equipment

All athletes are required to supply their own equipment and ensure it complies with the relevant rules. Equipment checks will be carried out by the Technical Delegate / Technical Officials. Athletes with non- conforming equipment will not be able to compete. OMGAD2026 will provide Target venues to World Archery/IFAA standards including target butts, target faces and timing equipment.

All competition equipment used by athletes and Para archers' assistive devices (such as wheelchairs, prosthetics, etc.) must comply with the equipment rules and regulations of World 7 Archery (WA).

4.2. Clothing

- Clothing and equipment must comply with the regulations of World Archery (WA).
- It is recommended that athletes wear sports clothing and shoes.
- During the competition, athletes are required to attach their number bibs on their archery bags or on a visible location such as their thighs

5. Awarding

5.1. Medals

The top 3 athletes will be awarded the gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal respectively.

5.2. Ceremonies

- In OMGAD2026, athletes are individuals and represent themselves. National flags and anthems will not be included in medal ceremonies.
- The medal ceremony will be held after each final.
- The medal ceremony will be conducted in Arabic and English.

6. Protests and Appeals

6.1. Protests

- Competition-related disputes and protests shall be handled according to rules and related regulations of the international association of the sport. If there are no rules regarding such disputes and protests in place, the competitor may first make verbal protest and submit written protest to OMGAD within 30 minutes after the end of a contest.
- No protest can be lodged by any team members or staff against a judging (scoring) decision during the competition period.

6.2. Appeals

- Based on the principle of trust, the Organizer will not take the initiative to review the grade of athletes upon registration. Matters regarding athlete qualifications and grades should be submitted to the Organizer with relevant supporting materials before the Games or when the fact occurs. The complaint will be handled in accordance with the rules and relevant regulations of international sports federations and relevant regulations.
- Applications that are not submitted within the stipulated time or with incomplete materials will not be accepted

7. Doping Control

7.1. Regulations

- Doping Control should be conducted in accordance with WADA World Anti-Doping Code (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en>) and International Masters Games Association (IMGA) Anti-Doping Rules (<https://imga.ch/masterssports/anti-doping>).

- Participants are deemed to have agreed to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with the International Masters Games Association Anti-Doping Rules upon entry to the competition. Participants must obey antidoping rules and conduct themselves in a considerate manner.

8. Updates

The final version of the competition guide will be released by December 1st. Important additional information, including the sports schedule, will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae