

ARCHERY SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

Archery

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.

Competition dates

Archery competition for Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD2026) offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in three disciplines.

The provisional Archery competition schedule is as follows:

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

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule for each age category will be developed throughout 2025.

Venue: Target and Field – Abu Dhabi Cricket & Sports Hub

Pin Location

Competition Events Format

The Archery competition consists of two disciplines. All registered athletes in Archery can compete in multiple disciplines. The age category you will compete in for Archery will be determined as of 31 December 2026. In line with the sport specific rules, an athlete can compete in a younger age group (of their choice), however can only enter one age category and one bow type per discipline.

The events and age categories for Archery at the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 are as follows:

Sport	Disciplines	Competition Format	Age Categories
	Target	Longbow - 50m	Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
		Barebow (Recurve Barebow) - 50m	Men's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Para Target	Recurve - 70m Compound - 50m	
		Compound (Open) Recurve (Open) W1 (Open)	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+

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 which they originally entered.

For those who have a World Archery national or international classification card, the classification must be included during the registration process. It must also be provided to Judges at the equipment inspection on the first day of the competition.

For those who do not have a World Archery classification, a provisional classification will be provided when the athlete completes the specific medical intake form that will be provided and then assessed by classifiers with the appropriate qualifications.

Para Archery

The disciplines may be combined, with the winners determined based on the points.

- Age groups can be combined if required.
- In the event of low registration numbers, the W1 event may be cancelled.

Hours of Competition

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

Scoring

- Compound – Cumulative
- Barebow - Set System
- Longbow - 50m distance, target face 122cm
- Recurve – Set System
- W1 - Cumulative

Rounds and Distances

Only individual events will be shot. The Target will be the 72 arrow round followed by the Olympic round (Recurve) and Compound round match play.

- Distances to be shot for the outdoor Target event will be:
 - Compound - 50m distance, target face 80cm diameter
 - Barebow - 50m distance, target face 122cm diameter,
 - Longbow - 50m distance, target face 122cm
 - Recurve - 70m distance, target face 122cm diameter, 72 arrow qualifier followed by knockout (Olympic round)

Competition rules

The rules covering the rounds, equipment, clothing, advertising and scoring for the target event will be governed by World Archery.

For the World Archery Marked Field round the distances, target face sizes, time limitations and the general running of the shoot will be the rules of World Archery.

To facilitate high-level competition, the World Archery bow types will be combined with some IFAA bow types. Where these bow types are combined, the rules used will be the equipment rules of World Archery. Where there are individual IFAA bow types, the IFAA equipment rules will be used.

The main differences include no stabilisers permitted; the unstrung bow must pass through a ring 12.2cm diameter, face and string walking are permitted. Combined Recurve (Freestyle Limited) must comply with World Archery Book. Major differences are no peep sights, no levelling devices and no magnified sights. Combined Compound (Freestyle Unlimited) must comply with World Archery Book. Major differences in no electric or electronic devices may be used, draw weight maximum 60lb.

Combined Longbow must comply with the World Archery Book.

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 and Field venues to appropriate World Archery / IFAA rules including target butts, target faces and timing equipment.

Uniforms

For World Archery events, no camouflage clothing may be worn. For all events, footwear must completely close the feet, so sandals and similar items will not be permitted. Advertising on clothing and personal Archery equipment must comply with World Archery rules.

Updates

The final version of the competition guide will be released by December 1st 2025. Important additional information will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae

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