**TO ALL WORLD ARCHERY MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS,**

Dear Presidents,

As President of the Archery Federation of the Dominican Republic (FEDOTA), and in representation of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 2023 Copa Merengue, to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on April 11-15, 2023, I would like to invite you all to be part of one of the most important archery events to take place in the Americas in 2023.

The Copa Merengue is a World Ranking Event and will be the Second Qualifier Tournament for the Pan Am Games. The tournament will be held at the Archery Facility at the Parque del Este sports complex in Santo Domingo.

With the support of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the Ministry of Sports (MIDEREC), we are working hard to give your archers an extraordinary experience inside the competition field as well as a cultural opportunity to know our rich Caribbean culture.

Enclosed you will find all the necessary information to register for the 2023 Copa Merengue, official fees, hotel reservations, tournament schedule, etc.

You can also contact us at: fedota74@gmail.com for information, or further questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in April!

Sincerely yours,

**José Miguel Robiou**

**President**

**Archery Federation of the Dominican Republic**

Important Dates:

Please find enclosed information regarding the details of this event and how to complete registration. To register participation, please complete all the necessary sections in WAREOS (<https://extranet.worldarchery.sport>) within the deadlines listed below:

Summary of deadlines:

Start date for online registration WAREOS 14 December 2022

* Preliminary Entries 11 January 2023
* Final Entries 21 March 2023
* Late entry fees 29 March 2023
* Hotel Reservation and 50% payment 11 February 2023
* Transportation 27 March 2023
* Visa Support 26 January 2023
* Final Hotel Reservation & Payment 20 March 2023
* Full refund cancellation deadline 27 March 2023

¨\*after this deadline, the LOC is allowed to retain all amounts due by the Member Association.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Santo Domingo!

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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| 10 April 2023Monday11 April 2023Tuesday | **Arrivals. Unofficial practice****Official Practice, Team Managers’ Meeting and Equipment Inspection.** |
| 12 April 2023Wednesday13 April 2023Thursday | **Qualification Round (all categories)****Mixed Team Elimination Rounds** **Individual Elimination Rounds (all categories)**  |
| 14 April 2023Friday | **Team Elimination and Finals WRE + PAG Qualifier****Individual Qualifier Pan American Games** |
| 15 April 2023Saturday | **Individual and Mixed Team Medal Matches**  |
| 16 April 2023Sunday | Departure of teams |

**NOTE:** This preliminary programme is subject to change according to participation and TV requirements. All changes will be published and distributed in good time.

PRELIMINARY & FINAL REGISTRATION

All entries, accommodation reservations, transport needs, flight arrival/departure information and visa invitation letter requests are to be completed using the World Archery Online Registration System WAREOS <https://extranet.worldarchery.sport> This system handles the entire registration process for this event. No entry forms, hotel reservations or transportation forms will be accepted; all information must be entered into WAREOS.

Member associations can login to WAREOS at <http://extranet.worldarchery.sport> with the username and password assigned by World Archery. After entering WAREOS, selecting the event from the list will allow a member association to register their athletes. Select/press the “Entries” button to see the list of categories in the event. Select/press the “category” to enter the athlete and official numbers/details participating for that event. A WAREOS User Manual can be downloaded in PDF format (English) upon login.

Contact (wareos@archery.sport) with any questions regarding **technical problems on WAREOS**. For any question regarding the organisation of the event (transport, accommodation, meals etc.) please contact **directly the LOC**.

Athletes from a minimum of 4 different Member Associations shall be registered and participate in the event. Entries should be completed using WAREOS.

There is no limit in the number of athletes a country can register in each category.

The barebow categories will be included in this event, though their results will not be valid for the World Ranking as there is no Barebow World Ranking as such yet.

Member Associations can only use WAREOS to make any changes or amendments to entries and will be able to do so at any time. An email will automatically notify the Organising Committee and Member Association of any changes made in WAREOS.

**CLUB ARCHERS PARTICIPATION**

Other athletes (not competing as country but only as club) can register on Open WAREOS at <https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/> with their username and password if already registered in the past or register to get the log in details if it’s the first time. After the creation of the profile, follow the instructions to register to the event. Contact (wareos@archery.sport) in the World Archery Office with any questions regarding technical problems on WAREOS. For any question regarding the organization of the event (transport, accommodation, meals etc.) please contact directly the LOC.

ENTRY FEES

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| Individual: | **140 USD** per athlete |
| Officials:ENTRY FEES IN NON-OFFICIAL HOTELSIndividual:Officials:Airport Transfer\*: | **110 USD** per person**280 USD per athlete****220 USD per person****25 USD** per person each way |
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\*Entry fees **DO NOT** INCLUDE airport transfer to hotels.

Entry fees **DO** INCLUDE daily local transport to and from the practice field to/from official hotels during the qualification, elimination, and finals venues (timetable to be confirmed on site). Teams not arranging their accommodation with the Organizing Committee will not be entitled to airport transfers coordinated by the LOC.

Any changes that are made after the deadlines specified or if entries differ by more than 4 athletes from the preliminary entries, the following penalty fees will automatically be applied:

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| **Penalty fees to be paid to Organizing Committee:** | **Cost (USD):** |
| Penalty for late entries (after final deadline) | **50** per entry |
| If final entries differ from the preliminary entries by more than 4 athletes/officials.  | **150** per entry |
| Failure to have made preliminary entries before the deadline date but then have submitted final entries. | **150** per entry |

ACCOMMODATION & GENERAL INFORMATION

Whala Bocachica Hotel – 4 Star Hotel

* Single Room full board: USD 150 per room
* Double Room full board: USD 240 per room
* Check-in from April 9, 2023 4pm
* Hotel website:

Rooms are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the accommodation fee. All meals will be served at the hotel.

Important Note: Please refer to the accommodation pages below for detailed hotel information. Complete all necessary sections in WAREOS and make full payment for entries and accommodation by the specified deadlines. Bank transfers only, no credit cards will be accepted. In addition, the LOC will be responsible to provide any event information at this hotel and provide transportation to the venues.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided from Las Americas International Airport in Santo Domingo to the official hotel, if booked through WAREOS, from two days before the official practice day and until one day after the closing day. An airport pick-up / drop off fee will be charged (25.00 USD per person per ride).

Event Shuttle transport will be available between the official hotel, practice and competition venue starting April 9. Transport timetables will be confirmed.

Visa

All participants who need an entry visa to the Dominican Republic will be required to complete the **Visa Support sections** in WAREOS by no later than **January 26, 2023**. It is the applicants’ responsibility to supply the necessary information, ensuring all details are up to date, correct and submitted by the deadlines specified. All participants that require a visa are kindly requested to supply a copy of their latest/valid passport. Copies of each application can be uploaded on WAREOS. All passport copies and personal details entered/uploaded to WAREOS will be held securely and in the strictest of confidence and not shared with other parties

PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

Complete all necessary sections in WAREOS and make full payment by the specified deadlines. Bank transfers only. No credit cards will be accepted. All bank charges will be paid by the participants.

The entry fees should be paid in full before arrival.

To confirm hotels reservations, a minimum 50% deposit of the total amount is required to be bank transferred to the OC before 11 February 2023. Reservations after this date will be considered only according to availability. The final outstanding balance shall be made via bank transfer by March 20, 2023. Accommodation cannot be guaranteed after this deadline. A balanced invoice will be provided via WAREOS.

BANK INFORMATION for ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION and

ENTRY FEES:

A/C Name: Federación Dominicana de Tiro con Arco.

Federation’s Address: Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

Bank: Banco de Reservas de la República Dominicana

Account Number: 2500058659

Swift: BRRDDOSD

IBAN Code: DO02 BRRD 0000 0000 0025 0005 8659

Bank’s address: BALILO GOMEZ ESQ. PEDRO A RIVERA, LA VEGA, REP. DOM.

Bank’s Phone: +1 809-896-7576

City: La Vega, República Dominicana

**NOTE**: ALL PAYMENTS SHALL BE MADE IN USD BY BANK TRANSFER.

All bank charges will be paid by the participants. CREDIT CARDS are not accepted.

Cancellations & Changes

All cancellations and changes must be made through WAREOS / Open WAREOS:

* Cancellations received **before 27 March, 2023,** a full refund of the deposit payment will be made.
* Cancellations received **after 27 March, 2023**, no refund will be given.
* Refunds will be processed after the event.
* Name changes to team officials or athletes (same category) will be accepted up to two (2) days before the official practice without any additional charge or penalty, if it is after this, they will have a cost of 50 USD.
* Should flight arrival details change last minute, please contact the Organising Committee using the details indicated in the team managers’ booklet.
* If a participant’s arrival is later than the original scheduled arrival date, the room will be charged from the date of the original booking in WAREOS.
* An email will automatically notify the Organising Committee and Member Association of any changes made in WAREOS.

HEALTH REGULATIONS (COVID-19)

INFORMATION

Everybody should follow the Government/public health authorities measures (national and sport-specific regulations) and be aware of the travel restrictions.

Training

Training facilities will be available starting on **9 April, 2023** at the Qualification Elimination Field located approximately 30 minutes from the official hotel. Transport to training will be made available from 9 April 2023 at no additional cost.

Weather

Temperatures in April are expected to range between 21 and 30 degrees Celsius. On average there are 10 days of precipitation in the month of April.

Media Registration

Media representatives can apply for registration by emailing info@archery.sport

Internet

Will be available in the official hotel for free (in hotel rooms and in the lobby). There will also be Wi-Fi available for access to results on venue.

Water

Each participant with receive clean bottles of water. Bottled water will be available.

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH ADVICE

* Anyone due to participate in the event who is feeling ill should not attend.
* Participants (athlete, volunteer, official etc.) should proactively and regularly monitor their health status (including taking their temperature and monitoring for any symptoms).
* Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms for 10 days or more depending on national protocols, when showing any symptoms (fever, tiredness, dry cough, headache, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, difficulty breathing).
* Contact a healthcare provider immediately if any respiratory illness is noted.
* Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
* Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and wash your hands.
* Avoid touching high-contact surfaces such as door handles, walls or windows, etc.
* Avoid crowded places.
* Avoid steam rooms or saunas.
* No spitting, as the main mode of transmission of the virus is in respiratory secretions.
* No handshakes, high fives and any other personal contact.
* Athletes should not share clothing, bar soap, sports equipment, water bottles or other personal items.

TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

* Avoid using public transport to go to the hotel and between the hotel and the venue. Use the LOC Shuttles provided.

VENUE

* Access to the venue might be revoked at any time in the event of a positive test, exposure or close contact.
* Limit contact/interactions with others.
* Handwashing/alcohol- based hand gel will be available at multiple locations in the event facility and accommodations.
* Regular toilet cleaning will be done (at least once per session).
* Trash bins will be available to dispose of used tissues and masks on transport to the venue, at the venue, and accommodations.
* Medical personnel will be on site to assess on an as needed basis.
* An isolation room/space to hold any symptomatic person found at the venue will be available.
* Space on shooting line shall be 0.90 metre minimum per athlete.

PARTICIPANTS

* Maintain the staff/team to a minimum to minimise risk of transmission.
* Maintain social distancing, a 2m distance between yourself and others at all times.

For participants who require PCR or antigen tests to return to their countries, the LOC has made arrangements with a lab for the samples to be taken and processed. The cost is 75.00 USD for the antigen tests, and 110.00 USD for the PCR.

**HOSPITAL**

For emergencies, please contact the following Hospital:

Hospital Municipal de los Mina

Av. Marcos del Rosario, Santo Domingo Este 11906.

+1 (829) 747 6176 (Dr. Juan B. Felipe)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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