



# World Archery News



special Olympic edition





## Rio 2016 Olympic Games Archery: 5-12 August



### Day 0 Highlights



The ranking round at the Rio 2016 archery competition was held on Friday 5 August, ahead of the Opening Ceremony that was to take place at the Maracanã Stadium in the evening.

Korea's Kim Woojin scored 700 out of a possible 720 points, the first recurve score of 700 or more in history, and a world and Olympic record – the first of the Rio 2016 Games. The previous world record was set at 699 points by Im Dong Hyun, also from Korea, at London 2012.

Kim Woojin's 700/720 landed him a well-deserved top seed at the Rio 2016 archery competition. Brady Ellison finished second in the men's ranking round, with 690, David Pasqualucci third on 685, Sjef van den Berg fourth on 684 and Atanu Das fifth with 683.

Kim would shoot with Ku Bonchan and Lee Seungyun in Korea's top-ranked recurve men's team on 6 August. The USA and Olympic Champion Italy seeded second and third, respectively, over the men's team ranking round.

Korea's women took the top three spots in the individual ranking round and seeded first as a team at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Choi Misun was top with 669/720 points, Chang Hye Jin second with 666 and defending Olympic Champion Ki Bo Bae third on 663.

Chinese Taipei's Tan Ya-Ting seeded fourth with 656 and Tuiana Dashidorzhieva, of Russia, fifth on 654. Tuiana's Russia ranked second as a team, followed by China, Chinese Taipei and Mexico.

Defending Paralympic Champion Zahra Nematı was revealed in January to be the flag bearer for Iran. On the day of the opening, Shehzana Anwar and Karma were announced to be joining her in having the honour of carrying their nations' flags at the Rio 2016 Opening Ceremony.



### Day 1 Highlights

Three matches, three times a 6-0 scoreline. It was the perfect journey for the Korean men on the first medal day at Rio 2016. Korea won their first two rounds, making short work of the Netherlands and Australia, to book a ticket into the Olympic gold medal match.



Even stronger in the gold medal final, Kim Woojin, Lee Seungyun and Ku Bonchan left no chance for a USA squad that shot a good match in itself. A perfect first set with six 10s to ensure the first two points and consecutive sets of 58 and 59 closed it in style.

The Korean team was nearly perfect, dropping just three points in 18 arrows to take archery's first Olympic gold at Rio 2016. "This was teamwork. Everybody did good and you cannot say that just one person was outstanding," said Kim Woojin.



The USA bowed to their Korean opponents after losing the gold medal match, a poignant moment and a show of respect between the two best men's archery teams on the field in Rio.

Australia won the bronze medal match ahead of China. It marked Australia's first medal of Rio 2016 and the nation's first Olympic archery medal since Tim Cuddihy took individual bronze in Athens in 2004.

## Day 2 Highlights

Women's team finals day at Rio 2016 saw Korea win its eighth consecutive Olympic Champion title in the competition. The nation's winning streak in the event now extends 24 years – back since the team event was introduced in Seoul in 1988.

26: That's the number of 10s Choi Misun and Chang Hye Jin and London 2012 individual Olympic Champion Ki Bo Bae shot to win all their three matches, against Japan, Chinese Taipei and World Archery Champion Russia, each 5-1.



Chinese Taipei beat Italy in the bronze medal match. Chinese Taipei's women became the NOC's first medallists of these Games.

Host nation Brazil lost to Italy in the first round in straight sets. Despite the results, the crowd, including family, friends and fans from all around the world, never stopped cheering them on.

## Days 3 Highlights

The three days in the middle of the Olympic archery competition see archers take to the arena, for the first time alone, for the first and second rounds of individual eliminations.

The 128-strong field will be just to just 32: the 16 men and 16 women who gain the opportunity to compete on the individual medal days that conclude the archery tournament at Rio 2016.

Indonesia's Riau Ega Agatha was the orchestrator of the second-round upset, which saw the world number 29 dispatch the world number one in four sets, 6-2. Kim Woojin won the first set, then lost three consecutively, shooting an uncharacteristic seven and a run of three eights in the process.

Kim Woojin was the favourite in the men's individual event at the Rio 2016 Olympics. With Kim out of the competition, the USA's Brady Ellison – ranked second – became the highest remaining seed.

Ane Marcelle Dos Santos, the 26 seed, dispatched Nagamine Saori, from Japan, and Australia's Alice Ingley. After the first win, an emotional Dos Santos began crying on the shooting platform, hugging coach Evandro de Azevedo. Brazil had at least one archer shooting on women's final day.

Other upsets in the first session of individual eliminations included London 2012 silver medallist Aida Roman losing to Alexandra Mirca and Tripartite invitation athlete Htwe San Yu, from Myanmar, knocking out both Taru Kuoppa and Mackenzie Brown.



## Days 4 Highlights

The second day of the early rounds was capped by a coach-less match between two teammates as Ellison and Jake Kaminski contested a second round match at Rio 2016. The pair left the coaches off the field. Brady won the match, 6-2, and advanced to the third round for the first time in his three Games appearances.

Ricardo Soto, the youngest archer on the field at Rio 2016 at 16 years of age, made it through to the last 16 of the Rio 2016 archery competition. The 13th seed beat Anton Prilepov and Brazil's Bernardo Oliveira in the first two rounds matchplay.

Great Britain's Naomi Folkard, shooting at her fourth Olympics, guaranteed her best finish. The 32-year-old made the last 16 for the third time, but under the current rules would rank at least a career-topping ninth - even if she lost her next match.



## Days 5 Highlights

The third – and last – eliminations day at the Olympics completed the start lists for the third round of both the men's and women's individual archery events.

World number one Choi Misun of Korea finished first in the women's ranking round and won both her first two matches to secure a spot in the last 16. Five Korean archers - out of six – and three Indian athletes – out of four – made it to the finals days.

Seventeen Asian athletes reached the last 16 – a little more than half of the remaining 32-strong field – making Asia the most represented continent on the finals days of the Rio 2016 archery competition.

Europe took 25% of the final 32 athletes with eight still in the race for a medal, closely followed by the Americas with six. Australia's Taylor Worth was the lone athlete from Oceania still in, when Africa was out.



Twenty-one year-old Areneo David received one of six archery Tripartite invitations awarded by the International Olympic Committee to small or developing countries and came all the way from Malawi to compete in Rio. He is the first archer from the country to ever compete at the Olympics.

Seeded 62nd after the ranking round he had to shoot against third seed David Pasqualucci from Italy in the first round. Areneo lost the match 6-0 but the result did not matter.

## Days 6 Highlights

The three Korean women, seeded 1-2-3 after qualifications, were expected to deliver medals on women's finals day at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

They did, with Chang Hye Jin winning an Olympic Champion title over Lisa Unruh of Germany, 6-2. The 29-year-old archer became the eighth Korean athlete since 1984 to claim Olympic gold in the women's individual competition at the Games

Chang was knocked out defending Olympic Champion, and teammate, Ki Bo Bae in the semifinals. Ki went on to claim bronze, her fourth Olympic medal, by beating Mexico's Alejandra Valencia, 6-4.





Lisa Unruh is Germany's first individual medallist in archery at the Olympics – at her debut in the Games. The nation had won two medals prior to Rio, both in the women's team event: silver in Atlanta in 1996 and bronze at Sydney 2000.

IOC President visited women's finals day at the Rio 2016 archery tournament. Thomas Bach, who originates from Germany, by chance arrived just in time to watch Lisa Unruh claim the nation's first-ever individual medal in archery at the Olympic Games.



IOC Honorary President Jacques Rogge and ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti also joined President Bach and World Archery President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener at the competition session.

Ki Bo Bae, who won the women's individual event in London in 2012, claimed her fourth career medal in Rio – totalling three golds and one bronze.

Korea has won eight of the last nine women's titles at the Olympic Games, since 1984, and a total of 18 medals in that period, including Chang and Ki's in Rio.

Only China's Zhang Juan has been able to upset the Korean women's supremacy since Los Angeles 1984, when she won the Olympic title at Beijing 2008 on home soil.

## Days 7 Highlights

Ku Bonchan survived a pair of shoot-offs in the quarter- and semifinals, then beat France's Jean-Charles Valladont to Olympic gold in five sets, the last arrows of the Rio 2016 Olympic archery competition.

Ku became only the second Korean man to win the Olympic title, after Oh Jin Hyek in London in 2012. With victory in the men's event in Rio, Korea won all four titles for the first time at the Olympics.

Valladont is France's second individual medallist in the men's event after the Olympic title of Sebastien Flute in Barcelona in 1992.

Brady Ellison beat the Netherlands's Sjef van den Berg, 6-2 to the last spot on the podium. It is the first individual Olympic medal for the US archer, after being part of second-placed teams in both 2012 and 2016.



## Governance

### IOC Vice President

World Archery President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener was elected to one of two open IOC Vice President positions at the 129th IOC Session, held in Rio de Janeiro on 4 August.

"I am honoured to have been elected to the position of IOC Vice President," said Prof Dr Erdener.

"The principles of Olympism are ever-more relevant in the modern world, and I am committed to supporting the goal of the IOC in building a peaceful and better world through sport."

Prof Dr Erdener is now the second World Archery President to have become an IOC Vice President. Jim Easton served in the role from 2002 to 2006.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2aQRroz>



### World Archery Executive Board

During the early stages of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the World Archery Executive Board held a meeting in archery's Olympic venue in the Sambodromo to discuss issues related to clean sport, the upcoming Paralympic Games in Rio and appointed future technical delegates.

A decision was made to formulate a strategic plan, to be presented at the Executive Board meeting in December, that direct World Archery's future clean sport initiatives.

A number of bylaws were also approved, with more information coming in future World Archery Info newsletters.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2bxKhIX>



### Archery GB

Archery GB, the governing body for the sport of archery in Great Britain, has appointed Neil Armitage as Chief Executive Officer. He had been serving as Interim CEO since December 2015.

Neil was appointed Interim CEO in December 2015 and successfully developed a new strategic plan since stepping into the position.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2bUhhkol>



## Office

### Job Vacancy

World Archery is looking to appoint a full-time Communications Coordinator to work on video projects. The job vacancy is for a newly-created role designed to expand World Archery's capabilities in audio-visual production and support its member federations in developing productions at events.

He or she will have experience working in audio-visual productions, video editing and management, and be enthusiastic to develop new video broadcast projects. The role is based at World Archery's headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The closing date for applications is midnight on 30 September. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2c3r4dw>



## Events

### Odense 2016

The Odense 2016 Hyundai Archery World Cup Final will be available live online via the Olympic Channel. The event runs on 25/26 September and features the top-32 ranked recurve and compound athletes of the year.

The Olympic Channel, the new digital platform for fans to experience the power of sport and the Olympic Movement all year round, was launched via mobile apps for Android and iOS devices and at [olympicchannel.com](http://olympicchannel.com) on 21 August.

In addition to the on-demand feature and news content, the Channel has announced it will stream more than 35 live international sports events in 2016, including the Hyundai Archery World Cup Final in Odense, Denmark.

**Read more:** <http://archy.re/2bDjzKr>



### Buenos Aires 2018

The Youth Olympic Games will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2018. Only archers whose national federations have won spots in the qualifying events and who were born in 2001, 2002 or 2003 are eligible to compete.

The first qualification tournament will be the World Archery Youth Championships which will take place in Rosario, Argentina in October 2017. Only cadet archers born in 2001, 2002 or 2003 will be accepted to compete in the special qualifier to allocate YOG spots.



### Registration Deadlines

Event	Dates	Place	Preliminary	Final
World Field Championships	27 Sept.–2 Oct. 2016	Dublin	29 June	6 September



## Education

### Para Archery Coaching Seminar

The first continental para archery coaching seminar will be held in Santiago de Chile from 31 October till 4 November 2016.

The seminar will be conducted by US Coach M.J. Rogers, who has successful experience in para archery coaching. All archery federations of the Americas are invited to send coaches to this seminar.

Registrations shall be made by email to [worldarcheryamericas@gmail.com](mailto:worldarcheryamericas@gmail.com) before 15 September.

Hotel bookings and flight schedules for airport pickup will be handled with the Chilean Federation at [administracion@fehta.cl](mailto:administracion@fehta.cl).

### Judge Course in Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Arabian Archery Federation organised a level 1 course for new judges from 21-26 August 2016 in cooperation with the Leadership Institute in Riyadh. The instructor was World Archery international judge Ahmed Koura, from Egypt, who joined the course just a few days after serving at the Rio 2016 Olympics.

"This is the first step to qualify and develop our national judges as they are very important elements of the sport, especially as we plan to host big tournaments at regional and international levels," President of Saudi Arabian Archery Federation Mr Ibrahim Aldossary said.



Among eight participants, five successfully passed the course test given in Arabic. All participants showed passion and interaction to learn the judging updated rules and practical judging procedures.

### Archery Summer Festival in Libya

The first Archery Summer Festival was organised in Khoms City, Libya on 27 August 2016. The archers really enjoyed shooting on the beach.

"Despite the political, social and economic circumstances, we succeeded to gather 15 archers from all Libyan cities on the beautiful beach of Al Khoms," President of the Organising Committee. Mohamed Albuazzi explained.

The festival crowned the national archery federation's efforts to make archery one of the most popular sports in Libya and to increase the number of active archers.

Libyan Archery was represented at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games by one athlete.

Ali El Ghirari ranked 63rd in qualification and lost his first match to Brady Ellison, who later won the individual bronze medal after getting silver with USA in the team event.





## Members

### National Broadcasters

Archery hit record viewing figures during the 2016 Olympics. In France alone, four million people tuned in to watch JC Valladont in the men's gold medal match, while seven million watched the women's final in Germany, which featured Lisa Unruh.



Rights holding broadcasters in Korea and the USA also reported strong early results.

World Archery would like to ask all member associations that have statistics from their national broadcasters to provide them at [info@archery.org](mailto:info@archery.org).

### Female Athlete Health

The IOC launched an e-learning tool on Female Athlete Health. The objective of this tool is to educate female athletes and coaches on various components of the female athlete's health including injury prevention, overtraining, nutrition, sport psychology and several other aspects.

Learn more: [www.olympic.org/female-athlete-health](http://www.olympic.org/female-athlete-health)

### Affiliation

The June 2016 issue of World Archery News informed that the national archery federation of Togo applied to World Archery membership.

Since none of the World Archery member associations or members of the World Archery Executive Board has raised any objection to the World Archery office, this country becomes a temporary member as of 1 September 2016.

The final membership of the Togolese Archery Federation will be submitted to a vote at the next World Archery Congress in Mexico City 2017.

### Member Associations' Activities

31 Aug. – 2 Sept.	TIZOCATA	N'Djamena (CHA)
3-10 September	Level 1 Coach Course	N'Djamena (CHA)
19 Sept. – 21 Dec.	DNSS Programme	Ljubljana (SLO)
8-20 October	Starting Development Mission	Djibouti (DJI)
7-15 November	World Archery Africa Coach Trainer Course	Cairo (EGY)
21-28 November	Level 2 Coach Course	Dhaka (BAN)
TBD	Level 2 Coach Course	Tel Aviv (ISR)

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Complete member associations directory at: <http://archy.re/1WJHZT9>



## Calendar Highlights

### 2016

30 Aug.-3 Sept.  
7-18 September  
27 Sep.-2 Oct.  
24-25 September  
26-27 November  
10-11 December  
12 December

European 3D Championships  
**Paralympic Games (Para Archery: 10-17 September)**  
World Archery Field Championships  
Archery World Cup Final  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 1  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 2  
**Indoor Para Archery World Cup**

Mokrice-Catez (SLO)  
Rio de Janeiro (BRA)  
Dublin (IRL)  
Odense (DEN)  
Marrakesh (MAR)  
Bangkok (THA)  
Bangkok (THA)

### 2017

20-22 January  
10-12 February  
7-11 March  
**25-30 April**  
16-20 May  
6-11 June  
20-25 June  
1-9 July  
20-30 July  
8-13 August  
19-30 August  
22-26 August  
1-3 September  
5-9 September  
12-17 September  
19-24 September  
2-8 October  
13-14 October  
15-22 October  
17-19 November  
1-2 December  
3 December

Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 3  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2016/17 Stage 4 + Final  
European Indoor Championships  
**Archery World Cup Stage 1**  
**European Grand Prix, 1st leg**  
**Archery World Cup Stage 2**  
**Archery World Cup Stage 3**  
Mediterranean Games  
World Games  
**Archery World Cup Stage 4**  
**Summer Universiade (Archery: 20-23 August)**  
**European Grand Prix, 2nd leg**  
Archery World Cup Final  
European Field Championships  
**World Archery Para Championships**  
World Archery 3D Championships  
World Archery Youth Championships  
World Archery Congress  
**World Archery Championships**  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 1  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 2  
**Indoor Para Archery World Cup**

Nimes (FRA)  
Las Vegas (USA)  
Vittel (FRA)  
Shanghai (CHN)  
Legnica (POL)  
Antalya (TUR)  
Salt Lake City (USA)  
Tarragona (ESP)  
Wroclaw (POL)  
Berlin (GER)  
Taipei (TPE)  
TBC  
Rome (ITA)  
TBC  
Beijing (CHN)  
Robion (FRA)  
Rosario (ARG)  
Mexico City (MEX)  
Mexico City (MMEX)  
Marrakesh (MAR)  
Bangkok (THA)  
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### 2018

19-21 January  
9-11 February  
13-18 February  
16-21 April  
1-6 May *TBC*  
15-19 May  
5-10 June  
16-30 June  
20-25 June  
17-22 July  
18 Aug.-2 Sept.  
28 August – 1 Sept.  
4-9 September  
18-22 September  
1-12 October

Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 3  
Indoor Archery World Cup 2017/18 Stage 4 + Final  
World Archery Indoor Championships  
**European Grand Prix, 1st leg**  
**Archery World Cup Stage 1**  
**European Grand Prix, 2nd leg**  
**Archery World Cup Stage 2**  
European Youth Championships + CQT  
**Archery World Cup Stage 3**  
**Archery World Cup Stage 4**  
**Asian Games**  
**European Championships**  
World Archery Field Championships  
European 3D Championships  
Youth Olympic Games

Nimes (FRA)  
Las Vegas (USA)  
Yankton (USA)  
TBC  
Shanghai (CHN)  
TBC  
Antalya (TUR)  
TBC  
Salt Lake City (USA)  
Berlin (GER)  
Jakarta (INA)  
TBC  
Cortina (ITA)  
TBC  
Buenos Aires (ARG)

### 2019

3-9 June  
10-16 June

**World Archery Para Championships**  
**World Archery Championships**

's-Hertogenbosch (NED)  
's-Hertogenbosch (NED)

Red = Last Updates  
Bold = World Ranking Events  
Green = Indoor Events

Blue = Para Archery Events  
CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament  
TBC = To Be Confirmed (= NOT CONFIRMED YET)

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# **INTERPRETATIONS**

## **WORLD ARCHERY CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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### **Book 3, Chapter 11, Article 11.2.4**

#### **Clarification to Interpretation dated 13 February 2016**

On February 13, 2016, the interpretation set forth below was approved by the Constitution and Rules Committee (“C&R”). Subsequent to issuing this interpretation, a question arose as to whether or not the interpretation prohibits the release to be attached to the string before that arrow is placed on the string when the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given. The Target Archery Committee has issued the clarification below.

C&R has determined that the following clarification is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions.

#### ***13 February 2016 Response from the Target Archery Committee:***

*It is the decision of the Target Archery Committee that a release may not be left attached to the string before loading the arrow. The Target Archery Committee does not believe that there is a need for releases to be attached to the string of the bow until the arrow is ready to be shot. Athletes are not allowed to nock their arrows, so they do not need to ‘nock’ the release. Additionally, since only certain releases can be attached to the string in the manner described above, allowing this activity would provide an unnecessary advantage to those athletes using releases which can be attached.*

*The foregoing does not apply to Para-Archery where there is an existing interpretation to permit the use of a mouth release for athletes who have a classification which permits a mouth release. This requires the release aid to be permanently attached to the string.*

#### **Clarification:**

After the athlete is on the shooting line and the signal for shooting has been given, the release may be attached before the arrow is attached to the string. The 13 February 2016 interpretation was in response to the situation where athletes were attaching the release during the team rounds and alternating final matches before being on the shooting line or before the signal to shoot has been given. For the avoidance of doubt, this interpretation focuses only on when a release may be attached to the string and not when an arrow can be attached to the string. To the extent that the 13 February 2016 interpretation is in conflict with this clarification, this clarification controls.

**World Archery Constitution and Rules Committee, 13 August 2016**