



ARCHERY

ARCHERY has been a medal sport since the inaugural Rome 1960 Paralympic Games.

BASIC RULES

The competition format for the Paralympic Games is identical to that of the Olympic Games for the sport of archery.

The qualification round features 72 arrows of cumulative scoring; recurve open archers shoot at a 122cm target at 70 meters, compound open archers shoot at a 6-ring 80cm target face at 50 meters and W1 archers shoot at a 10-ring target face at 50 meters. A perfect score in any division is 720 points. Archers are then seeded into brackets for individual and team head-to-head single elimination matches.

SCORING

Scoring for Paralympic archery is identical to its Olympic archery counterpart, in scoring procedures. A perfect qualification score is 720. After the 720 round (for both recurve, compound and W1 shooters) archers are bracketed for single elimination competition.

Recurve archers use set system scoring for match play where archers shoot sets of three arrows. Sets are scored two points for a win, one each for a tie and zero for a loss; the first to six set points wins an individual match, and the first to five set points wins a team match. A 5-5 tie in an individual match, or a 4-4 tie in a team match goes to a single arrow shoot off.

Compound and W1 archers use cumulative scoring for match play; they shoot five ends of three arrows for a total of 15 arrows and a perfect score of 150. The highest cumulative score wins, or a tie after 15 arrows results in a single arrow shoot off.

EQUIPMENT

The main equipment needed is bow and arrows. Additional equipment recommended (for example, sights and stabilizers) for accuracy and comfort but varies depending on the bow and the style of shooting.

GETTING STARTED

We encourage you to start by connecting with a local USA Archery club. To find a list of clubs in your area, please visit <https://www.usarchery.org/find-a-club>.

USA Archery also has a free online adaptive archery manual and adaptive video series – helpful resources to get you started for success. Learn more at www.usarchery.org/participate/adaptive-archery.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification provides a structure for Para competition. The system is designed to determine eligibility and group athletes according to their impairment to create a level playing field. If an athlete has a Paralympic eligible impairment, the athlete may be eligible for a classification appointment. Once an athlete is ready to compete regionally or nationally, an athlete should seek classification.

For more information on archery, please visit www.usarchery.org/participate/adaptive-archery.

PARALYMPIC ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS

- Ataxia, Athetosis and Hypertonia
- Impaired Muscle Power
- Impaired Passive Range of Movement
- Limb Deficiency

PARALYMPIC CLASSES

Open: Standing (ST) or Wheelchair 2 (W2) archers

- **ST:** has a disability that can affect either the upper body or lower body, but they stand or sit on a stool or chair to shoot (feet are on the ground)
- **W2:** shoot from a wheelchair with their feet on the foot rests (which cannot touch the ground)

Wheelchair 1 (W1):

- **W1:** shoot from a wheelchair but have more severe impairments than W2. To be classified as W1, an archer must have impairments in at least three limbs and the core.

PARALYMPIC DIVISIONS

Individual competition is required to shoot in all of the team events.

Recurve Open:

- Individual: Men & women
- Team: Recurve Open Mixed (one male, one female)

Compound Open:

- Individual: Men & women
- Team: Compound Open Mixed (one male, one female)

W1:

- Individual: Men & women
- Team: W1 Mixed (one male, one female)