

ARCHERY SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

Archery

A test of focus, precision, and control, archery brings together competitors who master 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		
	Field			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

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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
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	Field	Longbow	Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
		Barebow (Recurve Barebow)	
	Target	Recurve	Men's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
		Compound	
		Longbow	Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
		Barebow (Recurve Barebow)	Men's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+
	Para Target	Recurve	
		Compound	
		Compound (Open)	
		Recurve (Open)	Men's/Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+
		W1 (Open)	

If there are insufficient entries in an age category, categories may be combined in order 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 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.

Competition Details

The rules covering the rounds to be shot, equipment, clothing, advertising and scoring for Target and World Archery Marked Field round will be those of World Archery.

For the IFAA Marked Field round, rules used will be those of the International Field Archery Association using the IFAA bow divisions of Compound Freestyle, Compound Freestyle Limited, Compound Barebow, Recurve Freestyle, Recurve Barebow and Longbow.

Hours of Competition

Generally speaking the Target event will begin with Practice at 0800hrs. All other events will begin with Practice at 0900 hrs. All events expect to finish at approximately 1700hrs or sooner.

Competition Format

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- Athletes will be split into three groups and will rotate through Target, World Archery Field and IFAA Field. Each day archers will shoot one of these three disciplines at the nominated venue.
- An athlete can enter as many or as few disciplines as you want.
- Only one bow type can be used per discipline, however, athletes can shoot with different bows in different disciplines.
- An athlete does not have to shoot in your actual age group i.e., you can shoot in a younger age group if you prefer. However, you can only select one age group in which you are eligible to compete.

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
 - Barebow
 - Longbow
 - Recurve

Competition rules

The rules covering the rounds to be shot, equipment, clothing, advertising, classification of Para-athletes and scoring for Target will be those of World Archery. In addition, the IFAA bowhunter unlimited bow type will also be permitted to shoot the Target events provided there is a maximum 60lb draw weight.

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. For the IFAA Field round, the rules used for distances, target face sizes and the general running of the shoot will be those of IFAA.

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.

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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 World Archery Book. For the following bow types, the IFAA equipment rules will apply: Barebow Compound, including Barebow Compound and Bowhunter Compound; Bowhunter Unlimited. Fingers Compound, including Bowhunter limited and Freestyle limited compound.

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

This guide will be updated Version 2 by 1 September 2025. Important additional information will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae