

# World Archery Africa Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear African Archery Family,

Welcome you to this new issue of the World Archery Africa Newsletter.

Things have been moving in since we last published the eighth issue of the newsletter, and it seems we will witness a very eventful year; especially with World Archery Congress which will be held next September in Korea with many key positions that will be up for elections. We will have a new president for WA after the end of the term of Prof. Ugur ERDENER, our current WA President. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to him for his remarkable services to develop archery worldwide. Here again, I strongly encourage all African Member Associations to participate in this Congress and take part in shaping the future of archery on the global stage.

I would like to congratulate South Africa over the last World games qualifier and the very successful 75th SA Nationals, an event that has become the biggest regional archery tournament to be organized each year in the southern region. It is really heart-warming to know that the competition started with all lines full.

A new edition of the African Archery Championships will be held this year. Cote d'Ivoire has presented a respectable bid to organize it, and it will be great to see this edition organized in the western region. Youth categories will be present in this edition as a preparation to the qualifier event for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympics. I take advantage of this opportunity to express how proud we are that this Olympic event will be held on our beloved continent and pledge to do our best as a continental confederation to make it a success.

Finally, we still have development projects for Africa by end of 2025. I kindly urge all African Member Associations to settle their membership fees and ensure they remain in good standing with WAAf to benefit from these projects.

God bless you all!

**Tarik AMIRY**

# T.R.U Ball 75th S A National Championships, RSA Regional Championships & World Games Trials, 2025



This year's edition of the event was special, and the hints as to the importance and stature of the event were laid when the first invite was sent out to call the Archery Family to gather at Marks Park on 4 to 6 April 2025.

The L.O.C. ensured that this event would be well attended when it was announced that this year's S A Nationals would also be a qualifier for the upcoming World Games in Chengdu. That cemented the quality of entrants and interest for a slot on the line. This actually explains why all the available slots were taken very quickly leaving no room for late entries.



Although the weather elements were not in favour of achieving outstanding scores, some rather serious totals were put up. It may have been cold, but the shooting was hot. Archers from Egypt, Mauritius, Namibia and South Africa made it very clear that they were there to compete.





One of the key elements of the success of this year's edition was the outstanding contribution from sponsors (who ensured that cost to archers were reduced), the field staff who dealt with the normal situations that arise during any event, the judging team who guided all during the event and of course the local organising committee. And while the final tallies were important, as was the medals, already there were whispers of till we see each other again.

With record attendance and thrilling matches, the 75th edition reinforced archery's growing appeal in Africa. Plans are already underway to expand next year's event, aiming for even greater regional participation.



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The complete results for the SA 75<sup>th</sup> Nationals <https://www.ianseo.net/Details.php?told=21787>

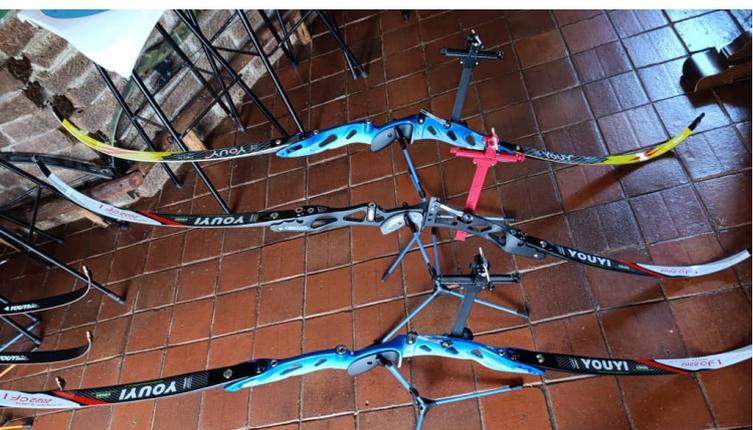
The live feed video done on the finals day <https://www.youtube.com/live/f2DRZWWtJ7Q?si=6-hxaD0L6gotxHkn>



# Zimbabwe

## ZAA receives equipment from WA

14 February 2025 – After some delay, Zimbabwe received World Archery beginner Kit. This is part of the 2022 Equipment Assistance programme application. The kit consisted of 12 entry level bows, arrows and accessories. This grant was way more than we expected, with complete set ups and some lovely more professional equipment, carbon arrows, stabilizers and so much more. Our current training bows were in the 30-to-50-year age, so to have this grant has meant so much to all involved in the sport of Archery here in Zimbabwe. A big thank you to World archery, World Archery Africa and our Zimbabwean Ministry of Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture for all the assistance in bringing in this equipment and the clearing procedures done. Having taken time to register the equipment - the first outing was an introduction to archery in the Midlands Province at MCC School in Gweru from the 14-16 March where over 100 athletes came to see and try the sport from the schools and community there. Five officials were there from ZAA and coaches to introduce the sport to very excited sport coaches and community



*Zimbabwe received the equipment as part of the Equipment Assistance programme for 2022.*

# Mauritius

## Highlights of its participation in the 75<sup>th</sup> SA nationals

### Mauritius Archery Shines at 75th SA Nationals

The Mauritius Archery Federation made a strong impression at the 75th South African National Archery Championships, held from April 4 to 6 in Johannesburg. Competing against top regional archers, the Mauritian team showcased their skill and determination especially across the recurve division.

Despite facing tough competition, the team delivered commendable performances, with several athletes reaching the elimination rounds. Their participation highlighted the growth of archery in Mauritius and strengthened ties with South Africa and other regional federations, including Zimbabwe.

The tournament provided valuable exposure for Mauritius' archers, reinforcing their commitment to competing at higher levels. Plans are underway for more international engagements as the federation aims to grow the sport domestically and regionally.

Medal tally:

- Recurve U18 – 1 Gold & 1 Silver
- Recurve Mixed Team – 1 Silver
- Recurve Women – 1 Bronze
- Recurve Men – 1 Silver



# Somalia

## Somali Archery Federation Promotes Sport Through Public Training

The Somali Archery Federation has launched a new initiative to popularize archery by organizing open training sessions for the public, with a special focus on encouraging female participation. The program aims to introduce the sport to beginners while fostering talent development in a country where traditional archery is deeply rooted while its modern as Olympic form is still emerging.

Held at a public sports facility in Mogadishu, the sessions provide equipment and coaching to participants of all ages and skill levels. Federation officials emphasized inclusivity, stating that archery promotes discipline, focus, and gender equality in sports.

“We want to break barriers and show that archery is for everyone,” said a federation representative. The initiative has drawn strong interest, particularly among women and youth, signaling growing enthusiasm for the sport.

With plans to expand to other regions, the federation hopes to build a competitive national team and elevate Somalia’s presence in international archery.



# Cote d'Ivoire

## FIVTA wins African Archery Championships organization bid

**The 14<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships will be held in Abidjan, CIV**

CIV's capital, Abidjan, will host the fourteenth edition of the African Archery Championships from 19 to 23 November 2025. During the last Executive Board Meeting, members agreed to accept FIVTA's bid document which presented a respectable package of services to be offered by the LOC in addition to a pledge to answer the requirements for the organization of such a continental event.

The Championships will be a World Ranking Event, which means that the LOC in Abidjan will also have to meet the requirements as specified by World Archery in order to enjoy the WRE status as was the case in the last two editions in RSA and Tunisia, respectively.

The fourteenth edition of the Championships will be the first to be organized in the Western zone where neighboring countries to CIV are expected to be among the first respondents to the invitation package to take part in this event. Registration for the event on Wareos will start very soon.

An event management course will be organized prior to the championships (17-18 November) where participants will put into practice what they learnt during the African Championships. This will be part of World Archery's Knowledge Sharing Program



*“We are confident CIV will organize a successful championship that will reflect a good image of African archery.”*

*T. Amiry, WAAf President*



*The Event Management Course will be part of World Archery's Knowledge Sharing Program*



**14TH AFRICAN ARCHERY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ABIDJAN 2025**



# Nigeria

## Archery activity is back



The Nigerian Archery Federation organized an archery event in partnership with the Ministry of Defense. The event was fully sponsored by the Nigeria Chief of Defense Staff, and it was entitled **Chief of Defense Staff Inter Service Archery Competition**. The event saw the participation of archers from the Nigeria Army, Nigeria Navy and the Nigeria Airforce.



After exciting competition, the Nigeria Army emerged as an overall winner of the event thanks to the good performance of its athletes.

The Federation handled the technical aspect and organizational structure of the event.

This event comes shortly after the re-election of Mr. Mohammed Baba Abdullahi as president of the Nigeria Archery Federation for the Olympic cycle 2024 - 2028 and the successful actions and negotiations he made to make the Nigerian Archery Federation "in good standing" back again with World Archery



# Egypt

## EAF to organize a WA Level 1 Coaches Course

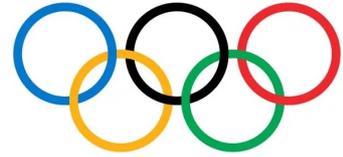
WAAf has decided to organize a WA Level 1 Coaches' Course in Cairo, EGY later this year in partnership with the Egyptian Archery Federation.

This course comes after successfully organizing beginner coach courses in Algeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Cameroon. It will be intended for coaches who are already exercising in their countries and who want to move a step forward to be certified by World Archery as confirmed Level 1 coaches. The course will take place from 3 to 9 August 2025.

The seminar is intended to have a continental scope. The following countries are expected to be represented in the course: (Algeria, Egypt, Kenya, Libya, Lesotho, Morocco, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Somalia, , Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe). 18 participants may benefit from some funding to help them cover the expenses of taking part in this course under the condition that 25% of the participants are females.

The invitation package for the course has just been sent to ALL African Member Associations.

*This course will be a good opportunity to increase the number of certified / qualified coaches on the continent, which would hopefully reflect on the technical level of African archers*



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# Mali

## Games of the Alliance of Sahel States



The first Games of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES) took place in Bamako, Mali, from June 21 to 28, 2025. Organized under the leadership of the Ministers of Youth and Sports from Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger, the games featured five athletes from each country competing in a 20-meter shooting event. This sporting occasion marked a significant milestone in regional cooperation, strengthening ties between the three nations.



Niger emerged victorious, winning the competition with a total of 111 points, followed by Burkina Faso with 59 points and Mali with 45 points. Several celebrities from the three countries were invited to cheer on the participants and celebrate this historic event. The AES Games not only showcased the region's sporting talent but also fostered a spirit of solidarity and brotherhood among the peoples of the Sahel.



# Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
3-9 August 2025	Level 1 Archery Coaches Course (OS, WA, WAAf, EOC partnership)	Cairo, Egypt
17-24 August 2025	World Archery Youth Championships	Winnipeg, Canada
2-3 September 2025	56th World Archery Congress	Gwangju, Korea
5-12 September 2025	World Archery Championships	Gwangju, Korea
22-28 September 2025	World Archery Para-Championships	Gwangju, Korea
12 October 2025	S A NATIONAL WA INDOOR CHAMPS	TBD, South Africa
20-25 October 2025	Para-archery coaching Seminar	Rabat, Morocco
19-23 November 2025	14 <sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

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