

# 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.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Greg Easton over his election as new president of WA. Same congratulations and wishes of success are also due to Mr. Juan Carlos Holgado and Mr. Raul Calin in their new missions.

What is more beautiful and delightful for a continental federation than ending the year with a big continental event? This was the case this year for WAAf. We have just declared the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships in Abidjan, CIV.

I would like to congratulate Cote d'Ivoire over this edition of the championships which brought together 16 African countries to compete for highly-wanted African medals in a World Ranking Event. Due thanks to the newly-appointed World Archery Executive Director, Mr. Juan Carlos Holgado and Secretary General, Mr. Raul Calin for their attendance and support for Africa.

As announced since the beginning of the year, we have been very busy: WAAf has organized a coaches' course in Lesotho, another in Egypt, a competition management seminar in Cote d'Ivoire, and a coaches' course in Senegal.

I would like to thank ALL African MA's for their dedication, commitment, and support for WAAf and African archery in general. Once again, thank you again for trusting me with the representation of Africa at the newly-elected World Archery Executive Board following the last Congress in Gwangju, KOR. I pledge to represent Africa and work to the best of my ability for the best of archery not only on the continent, but also worldwide.

God bless you all!

**Tarik AMIRY**

## In the spotlight:

# 14<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships, Abidjan, 2025

105 archers representing 16 countries were on the shooting line on 20 November with a dream of winning a continental medal in this fourteenth edition of the African Archery Championship hosted by Abidjan, CIV.

Being a WRE, this event was also a challenge for the LOC who are organizing this for the first time; their biggest organized event was until now the TIZOCATA, a regional event that has nothing to compare with the WREs.

Weather elements were there, too. Sudden heavy showers followed by a burning sun with high humidity... This was not the ideal climate to shoot but it was a good challenge for archers.

This year's edition was marked by including youth categories in the competition to give an opportunity for youth archers to increase the chances of being selected to represent their countries in the upcoming Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games. Realizing the MQS was just another challenge to take in addition to that of winning medals and end the competition on the podium.





The results of this edition reflect, to a great extent, the actual situation of archery in Africa. Although Cote d'Ivoire dominated the final medal standing thanks to an unprecedented number of archers who took part by full teams in every possible event, 11 other countries succeeded in having one or more archers on the podium.



Follow these links for:

The complete results of the 14<sup>th</sup> African Championships: <https://www.ianseo.net/Details.php?told=25399>

A photo album of the best moments of the Champs: <https://wafrica.org/en/14th-african-archery-championships/>



# 56<sup>th</sup> World Archery Congress

## Amiry elected EB member

Tarik Amiry has recently been elected as a member of the World Archery Executive Board. During the WA Congress held on September 2-3, 2025, in Gwangju, Korea, Tarik Amiry, President of World Archery Africa (WAAf), President of the Sudan Archery Federation, and First Vice President of the Arab Archery Federation, was elected to the WA Executive Board in the first round of voting with a total of 167 votes.

Tarik Amiry is the second African member of the WA Executive Board, after Aladin Gabr, who served two terms from 2013 to 2021 and from 2022 to 2023. The recent growth of archery in Africa backed his candidacy during the elections, along with his strong campaign and direct communication with all Member Associations.

Amiry was elected after a historic election of a new World Archery President, Greg Easton from the USA, who received two-thirds of the total votes from the Member Associations. The Congress saw the presence of 145 Member Associations, including proxies, with a total of 308 votes, marking a record turnout.

As President of World Archery Africa, Tarik Amiry honored both Ugur Erdener, the former WA President, and Greg Easton, the new president-elect.



**Tarik Amiry, SUD is the second African archery official to integrate the WA Executive Board after Dr. Aladin Gabr, EGY.**

# WAAf Executive Board Meeting



On the occasion of the 14<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships, The WAAf Executive Board held its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in Abidjan on 20 November 2025. Seven members were present in addition to the presence of Mr. Juan Carlos Holgado, World Archery CEO, and Mr. Raul Calin, World Archery's newly appointed Secretary General.

The meeting was opened by a minute of silence in tribute to Karim Farhat, WAAf's Executive Board Member who passed away last July. Mr. Tarik Amiry, WAAf's President took the floor to welcome the guests and proceed with the meeting agenda.

The meeting proceeded with Dr. Ahmed Koura, WAAf SG, who reviewed the main achievements of World Archery Africa since Mr. Amiry was elected president. The main focus was on the development projects that have been carried out successfully across the continent with the hope of increasing the number of practitioners and improving the technical level.



The floor was then given to Ms. Barbara Manning, First Vice President, who presented WAAf's development plan and agenda for 2026, assuring that WAAf will continue its support to MA's who need it on the basis of their proven activity and commitment to developing archery in their countries.

In his brief comments on what has been presented, Mr. Holgado congratulated team WAAf on what has been done and what is planned in 2026. He made sure that World Archery, too, will continue to support African MA's insisting that it should be done through WAAf and on the basis of an objective-achievement approach to optimize expenditures and ensure good governance.

During the meeting, it was also agreed to organize the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Archery Championships in 2026, and it will include youth categories to give young African Archers a chance to realize the MQS for Dakar 2026.



## Beginner Archery Coaches' Course

As a part of its archery development plan in Africa for the year 2025, World Archery Africa (WAAf) organized a new “Beginner Archery Coaches’ Course” in coordination with the Federation of Archery Lesotho from 7 to 12 October 2025. The course was held in “The Lepereng Olympafrica Centre” in Maseru, Lesotho, under the supervision of coach trainer Mr. Djaaffer Serir, ALG, and coordinated by Prof. Ahmed KOURA, EGY, WAAf Secretary General and International Judge.

20 candidate coaches and archers (11 males and 9 females) took part in the course, which was intended to help the Federation of Archery Lesotho create a national nucleus of coaches who can immediately start training young archers following World Archery’s Standard Teaching Process.



The end of the course saw different ways of evaluation, and certificates of attendance were distributed to all participants who were encouraged to start applying what they had learnt in training many competing archers with the hope of getting certified World Archery Level 1 Coaches as a next step. The president of Lesotho National Olympic Committee (LNOC) – Mr. Ntsibolane Letsatsi has attended the closing of the course and thanked all participants, then encouraged them to keep training, allowing them to use the facilities of the Sport Centre all over the year.

As a kind of additional support to archery in Lesotho, WAAf is currently working on the donation of (10) foam targets to help in archery training and development throughout Lesotho.

After the analysis of the current situation of archery in Lesotho, it was agreed with Doc. Lebohang Khomari – The President of the Federation of Archery Lesotho and a Member of LNOC on a road map to attract school students and young athletes from the areas around the Sports Centre to start training in archery under the supervision of the new group of coaches to be able to compete in SANAA Nationals in South Africa in April 2026 as a first International participation ever.

## OS Youth Training Camp & Event Management Course



An Olympic Solidarity Youth Training camp was organized in partnership with FIVTA, World Archery, and World Archery Africa. Youth Training Camp was held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire during 16-19 November 2025 before the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships.



The camp had 18 archers (9 boys and 9 girls) and 10 coaches (7 men and 3 women) from 10 countries: BEN, CHA, CIV, GUI, MRI, SEN, TOG, TUN, UGA, and ZIM.

All archers (except SEN) participated also in the African Championships. 81% of the archers (13 out of 16) improved their scores during the competition compared to the camp scoring. 5 archers achieved the MQS for Senegal. Moreover, the collected feedback from participants was very positive (this was done both through interviews and anonymous feedback forms).

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Part of World Archery's Knowledge Sharing Program, an event management course was organized in partnership with WAAF prior to the African Archery Championships (17-19 November) where 27 participants from Algeria, Cameroun, Cote d'Ivoire, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, Nigeria, Mauritius, Guinee, and South Africa followed a two-day training with Dominique Ohlmann, a WA Expert, Technical Delegate and Event Organizer for many International Archery Events.

The seminar included group work to organize a club tournament and other topics such as: Safety rules, Stakeholders and their expectations, Requirements according to the level of competition, risk management (anticipation), competition scheduling, and communication.

All participants helped in drawing the field of play and some of them worked for organizing the African Championships as a part of their practical application.



## EAF Organizes a WA Level 1 Coaches' Course

The Egyptian Archery Federation organized a WA Level 1 Coaches' Course in Cairo, EGY from 3 to 9 August 2025 in partnership with Olympic Solidarity, World Archery, and WAAf.

This course comes after successfully organizing beginner coach courses in Algeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, and Cameroon. It was 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 seminar was intended to have a continental scope. The invitation package for the course has just been sent to ALL African Member Associations encouraging them to send coaches of both genders.

The opening of the course was marked by the presence of Mr. Tarik Amiry, WAAf president, General Hazem Hosny, Secretary General of the Egyptian Olympic Committee, and Mr. Hany Hussien, President of the Egyptian Archery Federation.

21 participants representing five Member Associations (Libya, Mali, Morocco, Zimbabwe, and Egypt) took part in the course which was conducted by Tim Swane – World Archery Coaching Expert, assisted by Mohamed Khairat – Former head coach of the Egyptian Archery National team.



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For more photos about this event:

<https://waafrica.org/en/world-archery-coaches-course-level-14-8-august-2025-cairo-egypt/>

## A New Development Project in Dakar

World Archery Africa (WAAf) decided to grant a development project to Senegal (SEN) after their payment to the outstanding membership fees (2023 – 2025) before the start of the African Championships in Abidjan (CIV) that was held during 19-23 November 2025.

We could successfully arrange this project in a very short time with a great support from Mr. Fara DIOF – President of Senegal Archery Federation.

The “Beginner Archery Coaches Course” was held in Dakar, Senegal during 9 – 14 December 2025 under the supervision of Coach Trainer Djafer SERIR, ALG and coordinated by Dr. Ahmed KOURA – WAAf Secretary General. The course has (20) participants (10 men + 10 women). Yesterday, 14 December was the final evaluation (theoretical and practical).

As a Course Coordinator and with a full cooperation with Mr. Pape Malick POUYE – Sport Manager of Archery at 2026 Dakar YOG, and based on a personal request from Mr. Saber Ben Brahim – Technical Delegate, a meeting with LOC and a site visit to Archery venue could be arranged on Wednesday, 10 December 2025. A technical report has been provided to all concerned parties.

As we believe that having youth athletes from Senegal competing at YOG will be an added value and will attract spectators and local media to follow our sport, so that we spoke to all concerned parties in Senegal to cooperate to let the young athletes train every day. Coach Djafer SIRER from ALG volunteered to train and follow them online and may conduct a training camp in 2026 until they reach the required Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) before the coming African Championships by the end of July 2026. We also invited all youth athletes to come and shoot in front of him (during the course) but unfortunately, they could not come because of the school exams.

We received a promise from the Technical Director, that they will start training intensively next week under supervision of the Senegal Archery Federation, and will share videos with Coach Djafer for the technical follow up.



# Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
27-29 March 2026	South African National Championships	Johannesburg, RSA
11-12 April 2026	52 <sup>nd</sup> ZAA Outdoor Nationals	Zimbabwe
27-28 June 2026	Namibia Outdoor Target Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
10 October 2026	Namibia Indoor Target Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
3-4 April 2026	Egypt Outdoor National Championships	Cairo, Egypt
21-26 July 2026	15 <sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships & CQT	TBD
September 2026 (TBC)	Kenya Outdoor Championships	Nairobi, Kenya
December 2026	2026 WAAf Congress	TBD
20 Jan - 07 Feb 2027	African Games	Cairo, Egypt
Jan - Apr 2028	16 <sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships & CQT	TBD

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