

WORLD ARCHERY AFRICA NEWSLETTER



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Word From the President

Dear African Archery Family Members,

Welcome to this second issue of World Archery Africa Newsletter.

The continental agenda is getting busier these days and we are trying our best to meet your expectations and hopes for the African archery.

Busy November ahead, too! First, WAAf is holding its first non-virtual Congress since the outburst of the Covid19 pandemic and the successive lockdowns and travel restrictions. The MA's presidents' and Secretary General's participation will be highly appreciated as we believe you are our major partner in shaping the future of archery on the Continent. Second, as you might already know, Pretoria, South Africa is hosting the 12th African Archery Championships. This is going to be the first World Ranking Event on the Continent since a long time, which we believe is one of the markers of our strategy to initiate a new era of African Archery that is able to keep the pace with fast-developing federations around the World. Finally, along with the Championships, WAAf is organizing a Continental Judges seminar. We believe that high-quality judges are essential to the success of any competition and a problem-free event in general. That is why we are putting training on top of our agenda as a Bureau.

It is going to be a real pleasure to see you all in Pretoria (RSA). Do not miss being an active partner of the Family!

Tarik AMIRY
FAA President



Activities in African Member Associations

Algeria (ALG)

A joint training camp has been held in Blida, ALG and brought together the Tunisian and Algerian national teams from 19 to 30 May, 2022. The training camp is part of both teams' preparations for the coming continental events including the Mediterranean Games, Oran 2022. Both coaches agreed on a training schedule with a variety of activities and tasks including head-to-head matches in real-like competition conditions. Both teams will continue training until June 25, date of the 19th Med Games.



Mediterranean Games, Oran 2022

The nineteenth edition of the Mediterranean Games took place in Oran, Algeria from June 25 to July 6. Four African countries participated in the archery competition that took place in the newly arranged archery field next to the Mediterranean Stadium in Oran. These countries are Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Algeria, the host country. They were represented by 12 recurve archers: 5 women and 7 men. The competition was marked by the Tunisian Rihab Elwalid's new personal record (628 points) after the 609 she had shot in Tokyo 2020+1. It also saw the Tunisian mixed team reaching the quarter finals after beating Algeria. In the individual elimination rounds, only Imad Bakri from Algeria was able to win his first match before losing his second one in front of Italia's Nespoli.



NADA AZZAM, EGY



YASSMINE BELLAL, ALG



RIHAB ELWALID, TUN



MARAN BAAYOU, LBA



ISRAA YASSEN, EGY

Uganda, UGA

An online National Judges training course has been set up and run by World Archery in cooperation with Archery GB and the European Union in Uganda. Participants endorsed by their respective MA's were registered and given access to the platform to follow the online course. Those who successfully finished the course and met the criteria set by the organizers, were given the opportunity to attend the **Para-Archery World Ranking Event and European Cup (First leg)** that took place in Nové Město, CZE. Congratulations to Amira Mansour, EGY, Ian Subramanien, MRI, and Paul Owino, KEN who made it to CZE to practice judging at a high-standard competition!



Democratic Republic of the Congo (COD)

On the occasion of the 62nd Independence anniversary of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, an archery competition took place on the second of July, 2022 between two schools of the capital, Kinshasa, at Collège St. THÉOPHILE. The Cup was won by the Lumumba Institute.



Tunisia (TUN)

The Tunisian Shooting Federation has organized Tunisia Cup 2022 on May 15, 2022 in Sfax. The Competition was open for all registered Tunisian male and female archers. The competition marked the end of the season except for the national archery teams who will carry on with training camps in preparation for the Mediterranean Games that will be held in Oran, ALG from 25 June to 6 July, and the African Youth Games that will be held in Ethiopia at the end of 2022.



Morocco (MAR)

The Royal Moroccan Archery Federation (FRMTA) organized the finals of the National championship for the 2021/2022 sports season. The competition took place in Tetouan for the first time and it was the coronation of four stages that had taken place in Salé, Meknes, Marrakech, and Kenitra. It brought together archers from the all over the Kingdom representing 12 clubs and witnessed the presence of Mr. Hamid Adda, president of the FRMTA and many sports personalities. The Royal Moroccan Army Archery club won the Moroccan championship for this season. The event was covered by different Moroccan mass media and social networks.



Mauritius (MRI)

A competition named "Training for elite" was held on the 26th June 2022 in Mauritius. As might be figured out from the name, MRI was still under Covid restrictions at the time of the event and there were restrictions on the number of participants and protocols to be adhered to. 13 archers including 2 women took part in the event and shot at distances of 30, 50 and 70m.

The next competition is scheduled for the 28th of August 2022. A much wider participation is expected as the country is no longer under Covid restrictions and all distances will be included.



Continental Judges Seminar

On the occasion of the 12th African Archery Championships, WAAf will organize a continental judges seminar for African judges who are already recognized by their MA's and who have been National judges for at least 2 years. An invitation package has already been sent to all MA's with all the necessary details and documents. The Seminar will also be open to non-African judges as it is recognized by World Archery.

Important dates to keep in mind:

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| 20 August 2022 | The deadline to receive the application for each candidate (NJ), undertake the WA online Judging course and receive its certificate. |
| 27 August 2022 | Online pre-test - The top (6) judges in scores will get a FREE accommodation during the seminar and the tournament (10 nights). |
| 1 September 2022 | The deadline for Visa support request and hotel booking form |

In the Spotlight: The 12th African Championships, Pretoria 2022

Earlier this month, WAAf has announced the long-awaited African major event: the 12th African Championships that are going to be held in Pretoria, South Africa from 5 to 10 November. The last major event on the Continent was part of the African Games that took place in Rabat, Morocco 2019 and it was a qualifying event for the Tokyo Olympics.

The event this time is bringing about new changes and hopefully it will mark a new era of African archery, as declared by the newly elected WAAf Council. In fact, the championships will be a World Ranking Event (WRE), a challenge that is so far brilliantly tried by the LOC (Local Organizing Committee) in South Africa. The preliminary registrations for the event are very encouraging and do meet the LOC's expectations, which foresees a successful event, especially with the organization of the first Congress and the Continental Judges seminar after the Covid19 pandemic and the successive lockdowns and travel restrictions.

Moreover, WAAf has already started contacts and negotiations to conclude partnerships with potential sponsors for the event and the organization in general. Hopefully, the D-day in Pretoria will bring about good news in this respect. 19 countries with more than 100 athletes have so far confirmed their preliminary participation in this major event. See you all in Pretoria soon!



WAAf Congress, Pretoria 2022

The official invitation package for the Congress of the Federation of African Archery (FAA) that will be held on 04 November 2022 (15:00 CET) in Pretoria, South Africa (RSA), just before the 12th African Archery Championships (5-10 November 2022), has been addressed to all member associations that are in good standing with the Federation.

The positions available and their number are summarized in the table below.



| Position | Available Positions | Term of election |
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| Vice-President West | 1 position | 2022 - 2026 |
| Vice-President South | 1 position | 2022 - 2026 |
| Council Member (There must be at least two women members among the five Council members) | 3 positions | 2022 - 2026 |
| First Vice-President (To be elected from the elected 4 Vice Presidents) | 1 position | 2022 – 2024 |

Important dates to keep in mind in relation with Congress:

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| ➤ Nomination forms submission | 15 September 2022 |
| ➤ Motions of law submission | 15 September 2022 |
| ➤ Publication of the list of nominees and motions | 20 September 2022 |
| ➤ Congress registration and eligibility forms | 15 October 2022 |
| ➤ Proxies to be sent to FAA Office | 15 October 2022 |
| ➤ Publication of the list of voting delegates | 25 October 2022 |

Any questions or information requests should be addressed to Dr. Ahmed Koura, WAAf SG: akoura@wafrica.org

African participation in the Islamic Solidarity Games, Konya 2022

The 5th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games which were originally scheduled in 2021 have finally been held from 9 to 18 August 2022 in Konya, Turkey under the umbrella of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation. It was the first time in history that the event is organized by the Turkish Olympic Committee. Archery was present in the current edition of the games and saw the participation of 5 African countries.



In fact, archers from Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Uganda, Guinea, and Sudan competed over 4 days with highly performing archers like the current Olympic champion, the talented Turkish archer, Mete GAZOZ. Although the technical results were not quite up to most expectations, the African presence and participation in such events remains highly appreciated and encouraged. It was an invaluable opportunity for WAAf president, Mr. Tarik AMIRY and Secretary General, Dr. Ahmed KOURA (who was at the same time present in Konya as an international judge in the competition) to meet with the African archers and officials and encourage them.



WAAf president, Tarik AMIRY and Secretary General, Ahmed KOURA in a group photo with archers from Chad, Sudan, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire, upon their participation in the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, Turkey (9-18 August, 2022)



WAAf Calendar

| Date | Event | Place |
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| November 2022 | Continental Judges Seminar | Pretoria – South Africa |
| November 2022 | WAAf Congress | Pretoria – South Africa |
| November 2022 | 12 th African Archery Championships | Pretoria – South Africa |

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