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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear African Archery Family,

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

As planned last year, 2026 has begun with an ambitious lineup of projects and activities. We are determined to stay the course and see these through to success.

We are once again approaching the opportunity to meet and compete at the 15th African Championships in Oran, Algeria. This will be a special event as it will be held just before the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar this November.

As we come together for this important event, we aim to achieve our shared goals while benefiting from the various support programs offered by WAAf and World Archery. Please keep in mind that the Preliminary Registration Deadline is approaching on 21 April 2026.

In an exciting first for Africa—and in cooperation with World Archery and the WA Para Archery Committee— An International Classification will be offered to all African Para-athletes free of charge from 20–22 July 2026 in Oran, Algeria, just before the African Championships. I strongly encourage all Member Associations to take advantage of this great opportunity.

God bless you all!

Tarik AMIRY

In the spotlight: 76th S A National Championships

The 76th South African National Archery Championships, organized by the South African National Archery Association (SANAA), took place from 27th to 29th March 2026 at the scenic Marks Park in Johannesburg, reaffirming South Africa's position as a premier hub for archery on the African continent. This historic edition brought together over 150 archers from four nations—Kenya, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and host country South Africa—competing across all categories, including a dedicated and fully integrated para-archery division. The inclusion of para-archers was particularly significant, as it underscored SANAA's commitment to accessibility and competitive equality, providing athletes with physical impairments the same platform to shine as their able-bodied counterparts.

Marks Park, known for its sprawling green spaces and excellent sporting infrastructure, proved an ideal venue, with multiple target ranges set up to accommodate recurve, compound, and barebow disciplines simultaneously. Over three intense days, archers battled not only each other but also Johannesburg's late-summer breezes, testing their concentration, technique, and mental fortitude. For the visiting nations—Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Namibia—the championships offered invaluable exposure to high-level regional competition, allowing their archers to benchmark themselves against South Africa's well-established talent pool.



This year's edition of the Nationals saw a record number of 150 participants compared to last year's 105



In the spotlight: 76th S A National Championships



Beyond the medals and rankings, the 76th edition served as a vital gathering for Southern African archery, fostering technical exchange among coaches, athletes, and federation officials. Discussions held on the sidelines touched on standardization of classification for para-archery, joint training camps, and pathways to continental events like the African Archery Championships. For South Africa, hosting such a well-attended regional championship on home soil was both a point of pride and a strategic move to deepen archery's grassroots footprint ahead of future international bids. As arrows flew across the Johannesburg skyline, the 76th South African National Championships proved that archery in Africa is not only growing but doing so with unity, diversity, and a shared vision for excellence—one precise shot at a time.



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Algeria

The 15th African Archery Championships to be held in Oran

The 15th African Archery Championships is set to make history as Algeria welcomes the continent's finest archers for a landmark edition that fully embraces inclusivity and future talent. Algeria's hosting duties highlight its growing commitment to developing archery across all levels, from promising young athletes to elite para-athletes seeking continental glory.

A key highlight of this edition is the official classification session for para-archers, a crucial process that ensures fair and competitive matches by grouping athletes according to their functional abilities. This classification, often a barrier at previous regional events, will allow more para-archers than ever to compete on an equal footing and earn recognized rankings. The championships will serve as a vital qualifying route for major international competitions, including the World Archery Para Championships and future Paralympic Games. With Algeria providing top-tier facilities and organizational expertise, the event promises to showcase not only precision and focus but also the unifying power of sport. By integrating youth, para, and open categories under one roof, the 15th edition sets a new standard for African archery, inspiring a generation and proving that talent knows no boundaries.

In addition to its historic inclusivity, the 15th African Archery Championships represents a crucial milestone for nations that have already secured quota places for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, scheduled for November 2026. For these countries, the event offers a rare and invaluable opportunity to test their young archers under high-pressure, continental-level conditions well ahead of the Games. Competing against Africa's best—including rising stars in the youth category—will allow these quota-holding nations to fine-tune techniques, assess mental readiness, and benchmark their progress against regional rivals. The championships also serve as a vital preparation ground, helping coaches and athletes identify areas for improvement while gaining experience in a formal multi-category setting that mirrors the intensity of the Youth Olympics. With Dakar 2026 on the horizon, every arrow shot in Algeria carries extra weight, turning this championship into a strategic stepping stone toward youth archery's biggest global stage.



Egypt

Outdoor National Archery Championships



Cairo, Egypt – The Egypt Outdoor National Archery Championships concluded this past weekend at the iconic Cairo International Stadium, running from April 3–4, 2026. A total of 196 athletes, representing 18 distinct clubs and sports academies from across the nation, gathered to compete for national titles in one of the season’s most anticipated events.

The championship featured a highly competitive structure, comprising 25 distinct categories that integrated various classes and divisions. This ensured fair and diverse competition for archers of different skill levels and equipment styles. Overseeing the precision and fairness of the matches was a team of seven highly qualified judges, whose expertise spanned both continental and national certification levels.

To celebrate the achievements of Egypt’s finest archers, awarding ceremonies were held at the end of each competition day. These daily ceremonies recognized the Egyptian champions as they stood atop the podium, receiving medals and accolades in front of their peers and supporters. The event not only highlighted the growing strength of archery in Egypt but also reinforced Cairo’s position as a premier host for major sporting events, with young talent from academies and clubs showcasing the promising future of the sport.





Nigeria

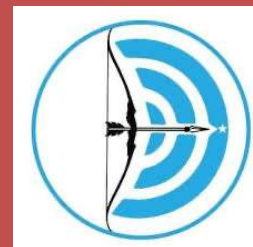
The Federation is activating local partnerships

In a major boost for archery's institutional growth in West Africa, the Nigeria Archery Federation (NAF) provided and supervised all technical services for the 2026 Nigeria Police Games, held in February 2026 at the Delta State Township Stadium in Asaba. As a biannual event, the Police Games brought together law enforcement archers from across Nigeria, competing in a professionally managed environment that featured standardized targets, certified judges, and electronic scoring systems—all overseen by NAF's technical team. The federation's role went far beyond mere organization; it ensured that police athletes competed under full World Archery regulations, thereby raising the competitive standard and identifying raw talent within the paramilitary ranks. Building on this success, the NAF is now preparing to deliver the same high-level technical services and partnership for the 2026 annual Armed Forces Games, scheduled for March in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory. This edition will feature archers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, marking the first time all three branches will compete together under unified technical supervision.

The federation views this as a strategic opportunity to promote archery within Nigeria's military establishments, where discipline and focus are already ingrained virtues. Crucially, all new champions discovered from both the Police and the Armed Forces Games will be selected to take part in the Nigeria Archery Federation's flagship event—the NATIONAL ARCHERY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, scheduled to take place from 20th to 26th April 2026. This championship will serve as a national talent identification and ranking platform, blending civilian, paramilitary, and military archers in one competitive arena. By bridging the gap between security services and civilian archery, the NAF is not only expanding the sport's grassroots base but also creating a pipeline of disciplined, battle-tested athletes who can represent Nigeria at continental and global events. The federation's proactive technical partnerships with the police and armed forces exemplify a model that other African nations can emulate to mainstream archery across all sectors of society.



Women archers honored



On 8 March 2026, the Somali Archery Federation made history by organizing a landmark archery competition at the Eng. Yarisow Stadium in Mogadishu, coinciding with the global celebration of International Women's Day. Against the backdrop of a nation often associated with rebuilding and resilience, the event brought together female archers of all ages and skill levels to showcase precision, focus, and athleticism in a sport that has long been male-dominated across much of Africa. The competition was more than a display of talent—it was a powerful statement on the importance of promoting female archers across the continent, where cultural and logistical barriers have historically limited women's participation in many sports.



By dedicating a full competition to women on such a symbolic date, the Somali Archery Federation sent a clear message: archery is for everyone, and Somali women are ready to aim high, both literally and metaphorically. The choice of the Eng. Yarisow Stadium, a key sporting venue in the capital, underscored the federation's commitment to visibility and legitimacy, offering female athletes a professional platform rarely afforded to them in the region. Beyond the competition itself, the event served as a catalyst for changing mindsets—encouraging families to support daughters in sport, inspiring young girls to pick up a bow, and urging other African nations to invest in women's archery programs.



For a continent rich with untapped potential, promoting female archers is not just about equality; it is about strengthening the entire sport. Women bring unique discipline, consistency, and focus to archery, and their increased participation raises the overall standard of competition while expanding the talent pool for future African and global championships. Moreover, events like this help break stereotypes, empowering women to be visible leaders in sports traditionally reserved for men. As archery continues to grow across Africa—from Algeria hosting continental championships to Somalia celebrating female archers—the message is clear: the future of African archery is inclusive, and days like 8 March 2026 at Eng. Yarisow Stadium are the arrows that light the way.

Archery Coaches & Judges' Course



For the first time, Mauritius Archery Federation (MAF), supported by WA, WAAf, Mauritius NOC and Olympic Solidarity organized TWO concurrent courses: a level 1 coaching course and National Judges Course.

The Level 1 coaching course run from 31 March to 6 April 2026. It was conducted by WA Coach Trainer, Carlos Freitas from Portugal who had already worked with MAF in the past. 25 participants from all over Mauritius, including Rodrigues Islands, attended and they are now ready to start helping to improve the quality of local archers.

By investing in quality archery education, WAAf Vice President and MAF president Mr. Yousouf Bayjoo and Mauritius NOC expects to increase the competitiveness of Mauritian archers both at National and International levels. The course followed WA International education program and included both practical and theoretical content.



Archery Coaches & Judges' Course

The National Judges Course was presented by Dr. Ahmed Koura, the International judge and WAAf Secretary General during 8 – 12 April 2026, and was attended by 11 Participants (8 Men and 3 Women).

After theoretical and practical sessions plus different types of evaluation, the new judges participated in organizing and judging a local tournament that was held on 12 April 2026.

The competition brought together 38 archers and was an occasion for the newly trained judges to put into practice what they have learned under the close supervision of Ahmed Koura, the Chairman of judges.

Mauritius has a huge potential to become a hub for archery development not only in East Africa Zone, but in the whole African continent as well.



Zimbabwe

A remarkable passage at the SA Nationals

Zimbabwe Archery continues to demonstrate remarkable growth and competitive spirit on the regional and continental stage. Recently, the Federation sent a dedicated team of eight athletes to the 76th South African Archery Association (SAANA) and regional championships, a prestigious event that drew over 150 competitors from across Southern Africa. Despite facing intense competition, Zimbabwe's young archers delivered an impressive performance, returning home with four medals. The standout results included a silver medal in the men's Under-21 recurve division and another silver in the women's Under-21 compound category. Additional bronze medals were secured in the Under-18 women's recurve and Under-21 men's recurve events, underscoring the depth of emerging talent.



Building on this momentum, the Federation has an ambitious international calendar ahead. A contingent will compete in the Namibia National Championships in June, followed by the Zen International Open Tournament in Nigeria later that same month. In July, attention turns to the African Championships in Algeria, where Zimbabwe's archers will face top-tier continental opposition. Closer to home, the Zimbabwe Nationals are scheduled for May 25th, serving as a crucial selection and preparation event. With promising youngsters stepping up alongside experienced adult archers, archery is unequivocally alive and well in Zimbabwe, signaling a bright future for the sport.



Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
7-8 May 2026	Diamond Arrow Championship	Cairo, Egypt
15-20 June 2026	Beginner Coaches Course	Bamako, Mali
27-28 June 2026	Namibia Outdoor Target Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
20-22 July 2026	International Classification	Oran, Algeria
21-26 July 2026	15th African Archery Championships & CQT	Oran, Algeria
25-30 July 2026	Olympic Solidarity Youth Training Camp,	Oran, Algeria
September 2026 (TBC)	Kenya Outdoor Championships	Nairobi, Kenya
10 October 2026	Namibia Indoor Target Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
TBC	Result Management Training Course (lanseo)	Tunisia
TBC	International Classifiers Course	South Africa
December 2026	2026 WAAf Congress	TBD
20 Jan - 07 Feb 2027	African Games	Cairo, Egypt
Jan - Apr 2028	16 th African Archery Championships & CQT	TBD

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