



Olympic Sports: Archery

About Olympic Archery

Two Individual Events:

men's and women's

Two Team Events: men's and women's

All Olympic archers shoot at targets 70 meters (about 76.5 yards) away.

In each event, archers shoot groups of 12 arrows, called an "end."

Archery is a sport where competitors shoot at targets with a bow and arrow. Archery events at the Olympics began with the 1900 Olympics in Paris, France. After the 1920 Olympics, archery was no longer included as an Olympic event. It was reintroduced in 1972 at the Olympics in Munich, Germany. It has been a part of the Olympics ever since.

In an archery event, the archer shoots a series of arrows at a target. The closer the arrow lands to the center of the target, the higher the score. After several rounds of competition, the archer or the team with the highest score wins the gold medal, second

place wins the silver medal and third place wins the bronze medal.

Since shooting arrows is dangerous, the rules for safety are very strict. Archers are not allowed to start shooting until given a signal. Archers are not allowed to pick up their arrows until a field captain announces that everyone has finished shooting.



Olympic archer at the 1900 Olympics



Modern archer

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about archery events. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

T	A	R	G	E	T
20	1	18	7	5	20

Secret code

1 = A	7 = G	13 = M	19 = S	25 = Y
2 = B	8 = H	14 = N	20 = T	26 = Z
3 = C	9 = I	15 = O	21 = U	
4 = D	10 = J	16 = P	22 = V	
5 = E	11 = K	17 = Q	23 = W	
6 = F	12 = L	18 = R	24 = X	

Q&A

What year was archery introduced in the Olympics?

1900

What are ends in archery?

A group of 12 arrows

How many meters is the archer from the target in the Olympics?

70

What do archers use to shoot an arrow?

A bow