

Para Archery Information Sheet

About the sport

Para archery consists of both standing, sitting and wheelchair events. Athletes shoot from a distance at a target marked with 10 scoring zones. The object of the sport is to shoot arrows as close to the centre of a target as possible, from varying distances between 30 - 70 metres. Athletes use both recurve bows – where the bow curves outwards at the top – and compound bows, which feature mechanical pulleys, telescopic sights and release aids to assist in accuracy.

Athletes compete in individual, team and doubles events, with competition formats conducted in accordance with current World Archery rules.

Who can compete?

Para archery is open to athletes with a physical or vision impairment. Athletes are required to submit medical reports and meet the minimum impairment criteria in order to compete.

Eligible impairments	Description	Minimum Impairment Criteria
Impaired Muscle Power	Muscle weakness or paralysis from conditions such as muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, nerve damage, spinal cord injury or other spinal condition or change in muscle origin/insertion.	Measurable loss of muscle power affecting one or more upper or lower limbs, resulting in activity limitation relevant to archery.
Impaired Passive Range of Movement	Restricted movement or tightness in a joint/s from conditions such as joint fusions and other restricting conditions.	Measurable restriction of passive range of movement in one or more joints, resulting in activity limitation relevant to archery.
Limb Loss	Partial or complete absence of bones or joints due to amputation or deficiency from birth.	Partial or complete absence of a limb segment, or significant shortening of a limb, resulting in activity limitation relevant to archery.

Eligible impairments	Description	Minimum Impairment Criteria
Co-ordination impairments: Hypertonia/Spasticity, Motor Ataxia, Dyskinesia	Impairments from neurological conditions such as acquired brain injury, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis that affect co-ordination and smoothness of movement and balance.	Observable and measurable impairment of coordination, balance or movement control affecting one or more limbs and resulting in activity limitation relevant to archery.
Vision Impairment	Impairment of the eye structure, optic nerves or pathways, or vision area of the brain, resulting in a loss of vision in both eyes. Caused by conditions such as albinism, macular degeneration, macular or cone rod dystrophy and retinitis pigmentosa.	Best corrected visual acuity in the better eye of LogMAR 1.00 or greater (equivalent to 6/60 or worse).

The examples above are provided as a general guide only and do not guarantee eligibility.

Para Archery Sport Classes

Sport Class	Description (Guide Only)
Athletes with Physical Impairment	
PI1	Athletes with a physical impairment resulting in significant activity limitation in archery tasks. Impairment commonly affects limb function and trunk control. Athletes may compete seated and may use approved assistive equipment.
PI2	Athletes with a physical impairment resulting in activity limitation in archery tasks. Athletes may compete standing or seated depending on functional ability and may use approved assistive equipment where permitted.

Sport Class	Description (Guide Only)
Athletes with a Vision Impairment	
VI1	Athletes with the most severe eligible vision impairment (visual acuity lower than LogMAR 2.60). Athletes compete wearing a blindfold or blackout glasses and may use tactile sights and must use an assistant/spotter
VI2	Athletes with an eligible vision impairment (visual acuity LogMAR 1.00 to 2.60 inclusive). Athletes compete wearing a blindfold or blackout glasses and may use tactile sights and an assistant/spotter.
Not Eligible	
Not Eligible (NE)	Athlete does not meet the minimum criteria for Para archery classes but may still be able to compete. Please contact Archery Australia for more information.

Find out more

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Note: The classification information provided is intended as a guide only. Only authorised classifiers are able to provide a formal classification in accordance with the rules of the sport. Not all classes may have events at the Paralympic Games.