

Paralympics Fact File

All About Archery

What is Archery?

Archery is a very technical Paralympic sport, which requires great skill and control.

Great Britain has shown they are world class champions in archery over the course of the last four Paralympic Games winning a range of medals.

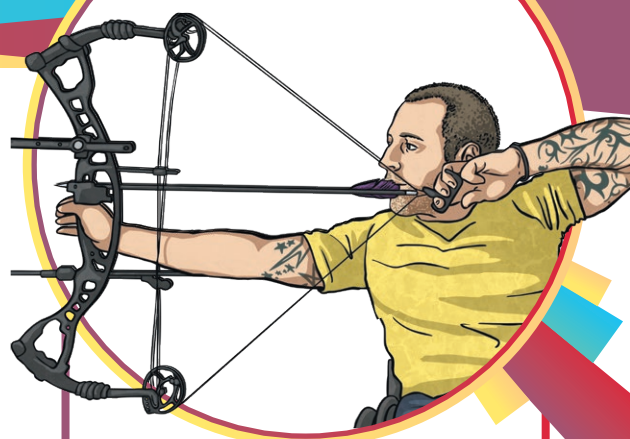
Athletes with all physical impairments can take part, including athletes that have spinal injuries and cerebral palsy. Amputees can also take part in the sport.

There are 3 classes of archers:

- 1) Standing Class- For athletes with no loss of movement in their arms, but loss of muscle strength and/or co-ordination in their legs. Archers may choose to compete sitting on a stool or chair with their feet on the ground or standing.
- 2) Wheelchair 1- For athletes that have a limited range of movement, strength and control in their arms and legs. These athletes require a wheelchair for daily use and compete in a wheelchair.
- 3) Wheelchair 2- For athletes that have limited mobility in their lower limbs but full movement in their arms. These athletes usually require a wheelchair for daily use and compete in a wheelchair.

The Rules

- The aim is to shoot arrows at a target with 10 rings. These rings increase in points value; the smaller the rings and the closer they get to the centre of the target, the more they are worth. A hit in the outer ring is worth 1 point, while a hit in the centre, the 'gold', is worth 10 points.
- Archers shoot at targets from 70 metres away, which is the same distance as in the Olympic Games.
- Each event includes a ranking round where each athlete shoots 72 arrows (12 ends of 6 arrows each) before moving onto the elimination rounds.



Facts About Archery:

- Archery first featured at the Paralympic Games in Rome in 1960.
- In London 2012, Russia finished top of the medal table in archery, followed by Korea, China and Team GB in fourth place.
- In London 2012, Danielle Brown won gold in the Women's Open Compound event and Mel Clarke won silver in the same event.
- Rio 2016 was a very exciting year for British Paralympians, with John Walker winning a gold medal in the Men's Individual event. Jessica Stretton won a gold medal in the Women's Individual event with Jo Frith taking silver and Vicky Jenkins taking bronze. Team GB also picked up a silver medal for the Mixed Team Compound Open event.