

## FIELD ARCHERY

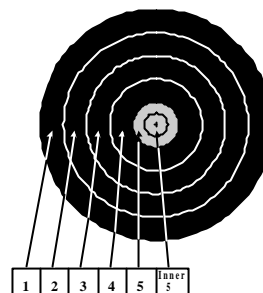
A brief description is provided in this press file.

### HISTORICAL SURVEY OF THE WORLD FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first World Field Championships were held in 1959, but the second championships was not held until ten years later. World Field Championships are now held every two years. The “3 best scores” can be found on the Internet ( [www.archery.org](http://www.archery.org) ).

### CHARACTERISTICS

- Shot with three divisions (compound, recurve and barebow)
- Marked (known) and unmarked (unknown) distances, going from 5 to 60 meters, depending on the division
- Target sizes and positions have to be recognised by the archer
- Requires shooting uphill and downhill, with varying shooting positions
- The arrow flight differs on a given distance due to the angle of the shot, which means that the archer must know by experience how much to subtract or add due to the effects of gravity
- The archer needs to plan and experiment with clothing and equipment in order to be prepared for “everything” as he/she is carrying everything with him/her
- The target faces have six scoring zones as you can see on the scheme shown above.



### INDIVIDUAL EVENT

The **Qualification Round** consists of two rounds of 24 targets each, one marked and one unmarked course. These targets shall be arranged along a course with such difficulties in aiming and shooting as the terrain presents and the spirit and traditions of the discipline require.

The top sixteen competitors in each division and class move to the **Elimination Round** and shoot twelve targets (6 marked and 6 unmarked). Thereafter, the top eight competitors in each division and class shoot twelve targets (6 marked and 6 unmarked).

In those two rounds, the time limit is four minutes. If a judge sees that an archer is taking too long to shoot, he will give him a warning. If this were to occur again, the judge would take away the archer's highest scoring arrow.

In the **Finals Round**, the top four competitors in each class and division shoot two matches (Semi-Finales) consisting of 4 marked targets. In the first match, the number one competitor shoots against the number four and the number two against the number three. Thereafter, the losers advance to the Bronze Medal Match, and the winners advance to the Gold Medal Match. Both matches consist of additional 4-marked targets. The four-minute limit is strictly applied and any arrow shot after the deadline will be withdrawn by the judge.

*Note : Throughout the qualification, elimination and finals rounds, each competitor shoots three arrows on each target.*

### TEAM EVENT

During the **Team Elimination Round** (Quarter Finals), the top eight teams\* in each class shoot four matches of 8 marked targets each. The winners of each match will proceed...

...to the **Team Finals Round** in which the top four Teams (Semi-Finals) in each class shoots two matches of 4 marked targets each. The losing teams advance to the Bronze Medal Match and the winning teams advance to the Gold Medal Match. Both matches are shot on additional 4-marked targets.

*Note : Throughout the elimination and finals round, each competitor shoots one arrow per target.*

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\* A team consists of three competitors (one from each division), seeded according to their position as determined by their total scores in the Qualification Round.