

OLYMPIC GAMES COMPETITION FORMAT

A total of 128 athletes (64 men and 64 women) compete in four events, individual men's and women's and team men's and women's.

Day One – Ranking round

The 128 archers shoot the ranking round, 64 women in the morning and 64 men in the afternoon. The ranking round consists of 72 arrows shot in 12 ends* of six arrows at 70 meters on a 122cm target face. From the scores shot in the ranking round, archers are ranked 1-64. The shooting time limit in the ranking round is four minutes for each end of six arrows.

Day Two to Day Five – Individual Events

Following the ranking Round, the archers are grouped in pairs in a matchplay situation. As in the Ranking Round, they shoot at 70 meters on 122cm targets. The archers shoot matches against their opponent in ends of three arrows. After each arrow, the archers alternate shooting with each archer having 40 seconds time limit per arrow. The winner of the match progresses to the next round.

Day Two – Women's Eliminations 1/32 and 1/16

The archers compete in a series of elimination matches. The morning session sees the 64 women archers paired into 32 groups shooting the 1/32 eliminations according to a fixed match play chart based on the results of the Ranking Round. The top ranked archer is matched with the 64th ranked archer, #2 is matched with #63, etc. Each archer shoots six ends of three arrows (18 arrows). The 32 winners progress onto the 1/16 Eliminations.

The 1/16 elimination matches are shot in the afternoon in a similar format but with 32 archers paired into 16 matches. Again, the archers shoot six ends of three arrows (18 arrows). The 16 winners progress onto the 1/8 Eliminations.

Day Three – Men's Eliminations 1/32 and 1/16

The men shoot the 1/32 and 1/16 elimination matches in the same format as the women on the previous day.

Day Four – Women's 1/8 Eliminations and Finals

The 1/8 eliminations are shot in the morning. The 1/8 eliminations involve 16 archers, paired into eight matches gain shooting six ends of three arrows (18 arrows). The eight winners progress onto the Finals Round.

In the afternoon session, the remaining eight archers contest the quarterfinals. The four winning archers progress to the semifinals to determine who will compete in the bronze and the gold/silver matches. The shooting format for the quarterfinals, semifinals, bronze and gold/silver matches changes to four ends of three arrows (12 arrows).

Day Five – Men 1/8 Eliminations and Finals

The men shoot the 1/8, ¼, bronze and gold/silver matches in the same format as the women shot on the previous day.

Days Six and Seven – Team Competition

Each team consists of three archers. The teams are paired in groups of two and shoot at 70 metres on 122cm targets. A team match consists of three ends of nine arrows (27 arrows) with each archer shooting three arrows per end. There is a three-minute time limit for each end of nine arrows. The teams alternate shooting three arrows per team. The three minute clock for each team is stopped after each three arrows. The winning team progresses to the next round.

Day Six – Women's Team Event

Sixteen teams (the top 15 teams ranked from scores shot in the ranking round and the team from the host country) are first paired for the 1/8 eliminations (Team #1 vs #16, #2 vs #15, etc). This is followed by the ¼ team bronze and gold/silver matches.

Day Seven- Men's Team Event

The men contest their teams event. This is shot following the same format as the women's team event shot on the previous day.

*End – The number of arrows shot before the arrows are officially scored. A group of 3 or 6 arrows shot by an individual archer or a group of 9 arrows (3 per team member) shot by a team.