

PARAARCHERYREPORT2016/2018

Tournaments

There are a number of regular para archery events held throughout Europe. These are detailed below, with location and number of archers both overall and from WAE.

2016 (after WAE Congress)			
Tournaments	Location	Number of Athletes	Number from WAE
CZECH 2016	Nove Mesto and Metuji, Czech Republic	401	31/42 medals WAE archers
World Archery – Final Rio 2016 Paralympic Qualifying Tournament	Nove Mesto and Metuji, Czech Republic		10 places awarded to archers from WAE
Paralympic Games 2016	Rio de Janeiro	137 competitors	12 medals by archers from WAE
2017			
Para-Archery European Cup - 1st leg	Olbia	109 archers	27/27 medals won by WAE archers
Para-Archery European Cup - 1st leg	Nove Mesto	185	27/39 Medals by WAE archers
2018			
Campionati Italiani Indoor Para Archery	Palermo	73	
Andorran Open Visually Impaired Archers 2018	Andorra la Vella	5	3/5
Campionati Italiani Targa Para-Archery	Cologno Monzese (ITA)		
European Para-Archery Cup - 1st leg	Olbia	186	33/36

Projects:

A Para Coach training event was held in Serbia 9-14th April 2018

The event was successfully organised by Dimitrije Milović (Para-Archery Federation of Serbia) with support from World Archery Europe. Attendees included 14 coaches (10 male and 4 female) from across Europe (Czech Republic, Portugal, Sweden, Greece, Denmark) and 6 (male) Serbian para archers. Presenters were Vincent Hybois (Sport Director, French Handisport Federation), Charlotte Burgess (Archery GB), Michael Peart (International Archery Coach) and Hannah Bussey (Coaching Systems Manager, Archery GB)

A challenge of the event was the broad range of backgrounds that the attendees had. Some were coaching as an individual, others coach on behalf of their federation; some were interested in participation level coaching, while others were more interested in high performance coaching. This impacted on the extent to which the coaches could apply what they learned, and also meant the tutors needed to deliver wide ranging content.

The objective of the seminar was to develop coaches knowledge and skills of:

- Knowledge of how to teach archery for people with a disability
- Knowledge of shooting with poor standing balance
- Knowledge of shooting with a visual impairment
- Knowledge of shooting with difficulties taking the bowstring
- Experience implementing the principles of coaching an archer with a disability
- Knowledge of Archery GB's performance environment for Para athletes

Feedback from the attendees was generally very positive and World archery will be running a similar course in September in the Excellence centre in Lausanne.

Other news

The para areas of the Coaching manual at World Archery and other training materials are under review.

Classification continues to improve and progress with the new committee and steps are being taken to make sure all classifiers are trained in the most up to date methods.

Visually impaired archery continues to provide challenges. The Para archery committee at World Archery are considering some options around classification at a national level and possible consideration of looking at the classes again. Since it has been included in the World Championship programme, numbers have not grown as much as was hoped.

General comment

Many thanks to the WAE Executive Board Members for their confidence and constant support for Para Archery in Europe.

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