



RUN ARCHERY - EUROPEAN CUP 2026

SPECIFICATIONS AND RULES

World Archery Europe designates one competition each year as the RUN-ARCHERY EUROPEAN CUP.

The event follows the World Archery rules (Book 5, Chapter 34). The European Cup format specifies certain elements regarding participation and the structure of the competitions.

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition is open to all World Archery Member Associations.

All athlete and official registrations must be submitted by the World Archery Member Association through WAREOS system only. Athletes must be at least 15 years old by the date of official practice. Competitors will compete for the country they are recognized by World Archery, based on the WAREOS database.

The team manager must be appointed by the Member Association and declared as such in WAREOS.

Each country may participate up to 9 male and 9 female competitors, and with no limit on additional competitors in the U21 category.

Registered athletes must compete in both the Individual Sprint and Individual 4K races. The usual ranking time in 4K for male athletes must be under 35 minutes, and 45 minutes for female athletes. For organizational reasons, the Technical Delegate may declare that athletes exceeding these times as DNF (Did Not Finish) if necessary to maintain the competition schedule. In such cases, the Technical Delegate must inform the Team managers during the Team Managers meeting.

Some races are awarded by the Organizing Committee without consideration of age categories or the region (Continental Association) of the Federation.

However, only European countries are eligible to win the European Cup titles following the rules described below.

RACES FOR INDIVIDUALS

- SPRINT (Qualification + Semi-finals + Finals)
- 4K

Categories

- U21 WOMEN, WOMEN, 50+ WOMEN
- U21 MEN, MEN, 50+ MEN

TEAMS

- TEAM SPRINT WOMEN, TEAM SPRINT MEN
- MIXED TEAM SPRINT

Composition of teams

Teams are composed without consideration of age. The Team Manager must declare the composition of the team at least 2 hours before the start of each team race format.

For the TEAM SPRINT, teams are composed by athletes of the same gender (Women or Men) and from the same country. The Team Manager must also declare the order of running athletes when registering the team.

For the MIXED TEAM SPRINT, teams are composed of one woman and one man from the same country. The woman must start the race as the first athlete.

For World Archery Europe Member Associations: Each country may register one team. teams may be allowed depending on the number of available targets. If multiple teams are permitted, the team intended for the European Cup ranking must be specified in the team declaration form.

The Technical Delegate will inform the teams about the possible number of entries per country during the Teams Managers meeting.

For countries from other Continental Associations: If a country does not have enough athletes, the athletes are allowed to form Continental Teams based on the WA Continental Associations.

RACES SPECIFICATIONS

INDIVIDUAL SPRINT

Sprint race begins with a qualification round, organized as an individual start competition.

After the qualification, qualified athletes compete in the sprint finals using an elimination round as stated in the Run Archery general rules of WA.

For qualification round, athletes start at 30-second intervals. In the semi-finals and finals, group start format is applied. Finishing times shall be recorded to at least the nearest one-thousandth of a second. In the event of a tie at the qualification cutoff, both athletes will advance to the semi-finals.

Up to 10 participants

No qualifications and semi-finals. Only one final is organized.

11 to 20 participants

No semi-finals.

Final participants will be the 10 best athletes of the qualifications.

21 to 30 participants

Only the 20 best athletes of the qualifications will participate in the semi-finals.

Semi-finals are organized in 2 groups of 10 athletes, according to WA rules.

Final participants will include the 3 best athletes from each of the 2 semi-finals and the following 4 athletes from both groups who have the subsequent best times. (10 athletes in total)

31 participants and more:

Only the 30 best athletes of the qualifications will participate in the semi-finals.

Semi-finals are organized in 3 groups of 10 athletes, according to WA rules.

Final A participants will include the 2 best athletes from each of the 3 semi-finals and the following 4 athletes from all groups who have the subsequent best times. (10 athletes in total).

Final B participants will include the 10 following athletes in the semi-final rankings from all groups.

In the semi-finals, if 2 athletes tie for the cut-off position (10th place) with the same time, the athlete with the better time in qualification round will qualify for the final. If there is still a tie after that, both athletes will qualify for the finals.

INDIVIDUAL 4K

For individual races, athletes will be split into different groups. The size of each group will range from 4 to 20 athletes depending on the number of participants and the number of targets available. Each group will start with an interval of 3 minutes.

It is important to accurately determine the number of athletes in each group and the interval between groups to avoid any problematic issues on the shooting range.

TEAMS SPRINT AND MIXED TEAMS SPRINT RELAYS

When multiple teams from a single country registered for the race, those competing for the European Cup Ranking must be placed in the same starting group.

START LISTS, BIBS AND POSITIONS ON THE STARTING LINE

The start order shall be decided by randomly drawing the names of athletes.
Every athlete must be assigned a bib number randomly.

RANKING AND AWARDS FOR THE EUROPEAN CUP

FOR THE INDIVIDUALS: The ranking will be based on the cumulation of points allocated according to the standings of the SPRINT INDIVIDUAL and 4K races.

The races are run separately by gender without consideration of age. The athletes are ranked within each age category.

For the U21W, U21M, 50W and 50M Categories, the top 10 WAE athletes will get the following European Cup points in all individual competitions (WAE ranking):

1 st place	30 pts	4 th place	16 pts	7 th place	7 pts	10 th place	1 pt
2 nd place	25 pts	5 th place	13 pts	8 th place	5 pts		
3 rd place	20 pts	6 th place	10 pts	9 th place	3 pts		

For the W and M categories, the top 20 WAE athletes will get the following European Cup points in all individual competitions (WAE ranking):

1 st place	60 pts	6 th place	36 pts	11 th place	18 pts	16 th place	6 pts
2 nd place	55 pts	7 th place	32 pts	12 th place	15 pts	17 th place	4 pts
3 rd place	50 pts	8 th place	28 pts	13 th place	12 pts	18 th place	3 pts
4 th place	45 pts	9 th place	24 pts	14 th place	10 pts	19 th place	2 pts
5 th place	40 pts	10 th place	21 pts	15 th place	8 pts	20 th place	1 pts

To be ranked and eligible for these European Cup points, competitors must complete the competition (i.e., reach the finish line and not be marked as DNS, DNF, DSQ).

In the event of a tie in points in any standings, the athlete with more total hits in Sprint race and 4K race will take precedence. If there is still a tie, the athlete who has shot fewer arrows in Sprint Qualification will be considered in the higher rank. If the tie cannot be resolved using this method, the athlete with the lower combined total time from both individual races (Sprint Qualification and 4K) will be ranked in higher standing.

FOR THE TEAMS: WAE awards will be presented to teams representing WAE Member Associations, based on the rankings of the teams declared to compete for their respective countries in the following categories: WOMEN TEAM SPRINT, MEN TEAM SPRINT, MIXED TEAM SPRINT.

RANKING AND AWARDS FOR THE OPEN COMPETITION

FOR THE INDIVIDUALS: Awards will be based on the individual races without consideration of age:

- SPRINT MEN (Qualification + Semi-finals + Finals)
- SPRINT WOMEN (Qualification + Semi-finals + Finals)
- 4K MEN
- 4K WOMEN

FOR THE TEAMS: Awards will be given to teams representing WAE Member Associations, as well as to Continental or National teams from nations outside of WAE.

- WOMEN TEAM SPRINT
- MEN TEAM SPRINT
- MIXED TEAM SPRINT

If additional teams are allowed, all teams from each county or continent will be considered for the ranking and the awards.

SUMMARY OF THE RACES, RANKING AND AWARDS:

RACES	Categories	LOC	WAE CUP
SPRINT MEN Individual	All Categories of age from all countries	LOC Award	-
	U21 MEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Allocation of points on WAE athletes ranking
	MEN from WAE	-	
	50+ MEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
SPRINT WOMEN Individual	All Categories of age from all countries	LOC Award	-
	U21 WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Allocation of points on WAE athletes ranking
	WOMEN from WAE	-	
	50+ WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
4K MEN	All Categories of age from all countries	LOC Award	-
	U21 WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Allocation of points on WAE athletes ranking
	WOMEN from WAE	-	
	50+ WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
4K WOMEN	All Categories of age from all countries	LOC Award	-
	U21 WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Allocation of points on WAE athletes ranking
	WOMEN from WAE	-	
	50+ WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
TOTAL SCORE MEN	U21 MEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Cumulation of points Sprint + 4K AWARDS
	MEN from WAE	-	
	50+ MEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
TOTAL SCORE WOMEN	U21 WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	Cumulation of points Sprint + 4K AWARDS
	WOMEN from WAE	-	
	50+ WOMEN from WAE if 4 and more	-	
MEN TEAMS RELAY	All teams from all countries	LOC Award	-
	Declared (main) Team by WAE MA	-	AWARDS
WOMEN TEAMS RELAY	All teams from all countries	LOC Award	-
	Declared (main) Teams by WAE MA	-	AWARDS
MIXED TEAMS RELAY	All teams from all countries	LOC Award	-
	Declared (main) Teams by WAE MA	-	AWARDS

PROVISIONAL NUMBER OF MEDALS TO DELIVER:

European Cup (WAE medals)

Individuals:	3x Men + 3x women (1 per athlete)	6 Bronze	6 silver	6 gold
Teams:	1x Men + 1x women (3 per team)	6 Bronze	6 silver	6 gold
Mixed teams:	1 (2 per team)	2 Bronze	2 silver	2 gold
TOTAL :		14 Bronze	14 silver	14 gold

LOC medals

SPRINT:	1x Men + 1x women (1 per athlete)	2 Bronze	2 silver	2 gold
4K:	1x Men + 1x women (1 per athlete)	2 Bronze	2 silver	2 gold
Teams:	1x Men + 1x women (3 per team)	6 Bronze	6 silver	6 gold
Mixed teams:	1 (2 per team)	2 Bronze	2 silver	2 gold
TOTAL :		12 Bronze	12 silver	12 gold

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

SHOOTING RANGE

The event must be organized only with 20 drop-down targets along with two spare targets. All targets must get the same distance between the spots, center to center.

In addition to the moving spots, paper target faces must be fixed on the front sides of the spots to make the judgment easier in case of a protest.

Ground quivers must be placed at the entrance of the shooting range and also on the athletes' shooting zones for competitors who don't carry arrows on themselves.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

A permanent practice field with at least 10 targets set at 18m distance will be established. Drop-down targets are not mandatory. Paper target faces may be used. In any case, target faces must have the same colors and size dimensions as the official targets. The opening and the closing time of the practice field must be specified in the schedule.

TIMING SYSTEM

An electronic timing system must be used. The OC may ask for the approval of the Technical Delegate to ensure that the system complies with the competition's requirements. Time Measurement must be accurate to 1/1000 of a second.

Additionally, the timing service must provide the following features:

- Measurement of the time for each penalty loop
- Video coverage of the shooting line, including the spotters' area
- Video monitoring at the 10-meter limit for harness wearing upon exiting the shooting range
- photo-finish capability

RESULT SYSTEM

IANSEO software must be used with the online info system.

JUDGING

World Archery Europe appoints a Technical Delegate and three Continental Judges, with the coverage of their expenses defined in World Archery Europe policy.

Additionally, two national judges are required to assist in running the competition.

PUBLICATIONS

A board will be placed to have the information, with clear separate sections: SCHEDULE / START LISTS / RESULTS / OTHERS

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE COMPETITION

TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE

Day 1 - FRIDAY:

- Official Practice & Equipment Inspection
- Team Managers Meeting

Day 2 - SATURDAY:

- Familiarization on official targets
- Qualifications Sprint 3x400 (Men/Women)
- Semi-final Sprint 3x400 (Men/Women)
- Final Sprint 3x400 (Men/Women)
- Mixed Team Sprint
- LOC Awards Ceremony - Sprint Individuals and Mixed Teams Relay

Day 3 - SUNDAY:

- Familiarization on official targets (if enough time)
- 4K (Men/Women)
- Team Sprint Women
- Team Sprint Men
- LOC Awards Ceremony - 4K and teams
- European Awards Ceremony - Cup Individuals, Teams, Mixed Teams

STREAMING

The competition will be streamed, some races live and some in replay. The OC must be in touch with the WAE TD and media manager to define the needs in the field of play including the branding of the facilities and competition parts.

Streaming may affect the provisional schedule.