

Para Archery Committee Report to the WAE Elective Congress 2026

Since the presentation of our 2025 report, the Para Archery Commission has continued working on the priorities identified by the Commission and supported by the Executive Board, with a clear focus on **education, youth development and the long-term growth of para archery in Europe**.

We are pleased to report that the goals we set last year are being followed and progressively achieved.

1. Youth Development Initiatives

Youth development remains one of the Commission's main priorities and an essential investment for the future of para archery.

A major next step is the **European Para Archery Youth Development Camp**, planned in **Rovereto ITA in August 2026**, for which organizational details are currently being finalized.

The camp aims to:

- support the development of young para athletes,
- provide technical and educational opportunities in an international environment,
- strengthen cooperation among Member Associations,
- and help build the next generation of para archers.

This project is a concrete example of the goals set by the Commission becoming reality, following the Para Archery Coaches' Course held last November in Pilsen, Czech Republic, and confirms our continued commitment to linking education with youth development.

At the same time, we are maintaining close contact with the European Paralympic Committee to ensure Para Archery remains part of the **European Youth Para Games 2029**, whose host city has not yet been assigned. Keeping archery within this event is an important objective for the continued growth of the youth sector.

2. European Para Games 2027 – Geneva

We are pleased to confirm that the **2027 European Para Games have been awarded to Geneva**.

This is an important achievement and a significant step for para archery in Europe.

Preparations have already started. A Technical Delegate has been appointed and Dominique Holman has already conducted a preliminary site visit, providing a positive first evaluation of the venue and logistics.

We are now waiting for confirmation from World Archery on whether this event will also serve as the **continental qualification event for the first quota places for the Los Angeles Paralympic Games**. If confirmed, this would further increase the importance of the event.

Work continues with partners to ensure the event meets all required standards.

3. Continuing Focus on Education

Education remains one of the pillars of our work. The progress made in coach education and classification confirms how important education is for the development and credibility of para archery.

The Committee remains committed to supporting:

- education opportunities for coaches and classifiers,
- technical development for athletes and support staff,
- and initiatives that strengthen expertise within Member Associations.

At the end-of-year Executive Board meeting, we will present proposals for **education projects for 2027**, based on the budget available, continuing to invest in this area in a sustainable and realistic way.

4. Strategic Direction

We believe the progress made shows that we are respecting the goals we set:

- supporting youth development,
- strengthening education,
- creating long-term opportunities for athletes,
- maintaining cooperation with key partners,
- and reinforcing the role of para archery in Europe.

We remain convinced that **education and youth development are the two main pillars for the future growth of para archery**, and we will continue working in this direction.

5. Acknowledgment

On the occasion of this Elective Congress, the Commission would like to sincerely thank Hervé Togwiler, who has decided not to stand again as a member of the Commission.

We thank Hervé for his commitment, support and valuable contribution over these years. His work and experience have been greatly appreciated and have contributed significantly to the development of the Commission.

6. Conclusion

The Para Archery Commission is encouraged by the progress made and by the fact that the objectives identified in previous reports are being translated into concrete actions.

Important work remains ahead, but the direction is clear. We will continue to support growth through education, invest in youth, and build strong foundations for the future of para archery in Europe.

Para Archery Commission

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