

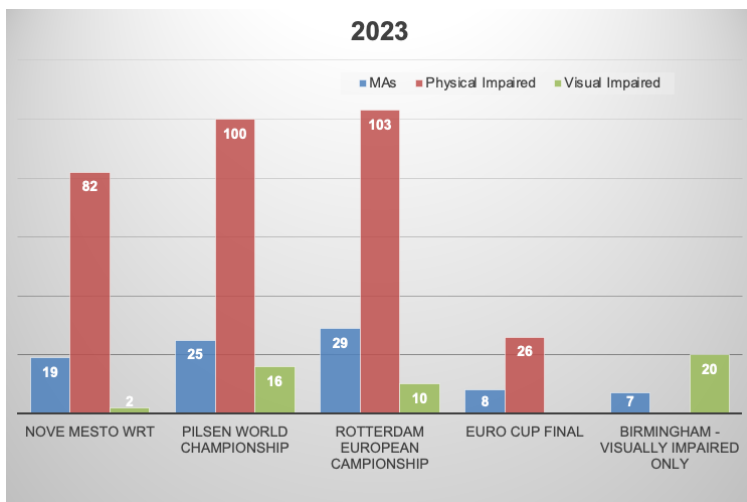


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PARTICIPATION OF EUROPEAN PARA ATHLETE



EUROPEAN EVENT (WAE SUPPORTED)



ROTTERDAM 2023

First European Para Championship with Multi sport event format.

- Format appreciated by athletes and team officials.
- As usual iconic venue for finals was appreciated.
- The choice to compete the qualification tournament on an asphalt parking area was very risky (only luck with the favorable weather meant that there was no health issue for the more impaired athletes). Even from an imagine (on social and on tv) point of view the feedback must be considered negative.
- Some difficulties on managing double registration have been reported by teams (required to manage classification duties and WA result registration);



IBSA WORLD GAMES – Birmingham GBR 2023

Event reserved for the exclusive participation of visual impaired archers

- Excellent numerical participation of European athletes (20 on 25).
- Great support from WAE MA GBR in the organization of this para-archery event (first time of our sport in this event).



PARA ARCHERY EUROPEAN CUP FINALS – Nove Mesto CZE 2023

- Event strongly supported by WAE and WAE Para Committee as part of development project for Para around the continent.
- Lack of participation due to impossibility to some team to support economically their athletes (when the participation is not predictable at the beginning of the season).
- Difficulty for LOC to cover the huge expenses despite the grant received from WAE (as for the previous edition in 2022). It was necessary to ask for extra coverage from WAE Executive Board.
- Para Committee won't longer support this format of Euro Cup with 2 legs and final as "separate" event. The new strategy of development will be realized with different proposal.

PROPOSED RULES FOR PARA EURO CUP 2024

PARA-ARCHERY EUROPEAN CUP CIRCUIT Rules V4.1 April 2024

Art 1 - Definition

- The Para-archery European Cup Circuit will consist of 2 European Para-archery events that will be shot according to World Archery (WA) and World Archery Europe (WAE) Rules.
- The 2 events will take place within a calendar year and will host Para-archery Divisions.
- The results of the Para-Archery European Cup will be based on an accumulation of the WRE rankings for individual archers, and national mixed teams.
- Archers and teams from countries who are not WAE MAs can attend the tournament but are not considered in the European Cup ranking results.

Art 2 – Organization

- Only Member Associations of WAE may apply to host a leg of the Para-archery European Cup.
- Standard WRE administrative procedures apply.
- WAE Executive Board will allocate the events. WAE will support application for World Ranking Status (WRS) for each leg.
- WAE Executive Board will appoint a Technical Delegate (TD) for each of the Para—archery European Cup events and request that 3 WAE Continental Judges are appointed by the WAE Judges Committee.
- A Jury of Appeal will be appointed by the TD at the event: a Chairman and 2 members as well as 2 alternates.

Art. 3 – Competition

- Each leg of the Para-Archery European Cup shall include individual and mixed team events (qualification rounds and elimination rounds to finals).

- A maximum number of 6 athletes per country are allowed to be registered into each category of the event. Only 4 archers per country will be included in the European Para Cup ranking.
- Awards will be made in all official WA categories, except the Visually Impaired divisions.
- The ranking of the European Cup will be based on an accumulation of points that archers and mixed teams obtained at both events.

Art. 4 – Allocation of points per event

For each leg, individual and mixed teams can obtain points and bonus points as follows:

- Top WAE MAs individuals/mixed team at the qualification rounds ranking:
 - 1st best ranked 10 points
 - 2nd best ranked 8 points
 - 3rd best ranked 6 points
 - 4th best ranked 4 points
 - 5th best ranked 2 points
- Bonus points on ¼ finals to finals results. 1 point will be awarded each time the archer or team wins a match. Points will be awarded even when opponents are from countries which are not WAE MAs.
 - Gold medal 3 points
 - Silver or Bronze medal 2 points
 - 4th place 1 point

Art. 5 – Para-Archery European Cup ranking

- The ranking and result of the 2024 Para-Archery European Cup is the accumulation of the points that each individual and team obtains in the 2 legs.
- For the mixed team, the result is by country. Archers making up the mixed team do not have to be the same at both events.
- For individuals and mixed teams, ties will be broken firstly by attendance at both events and secondly by cumulative qualification round score.

Art 6 – Award ceremony/Medals

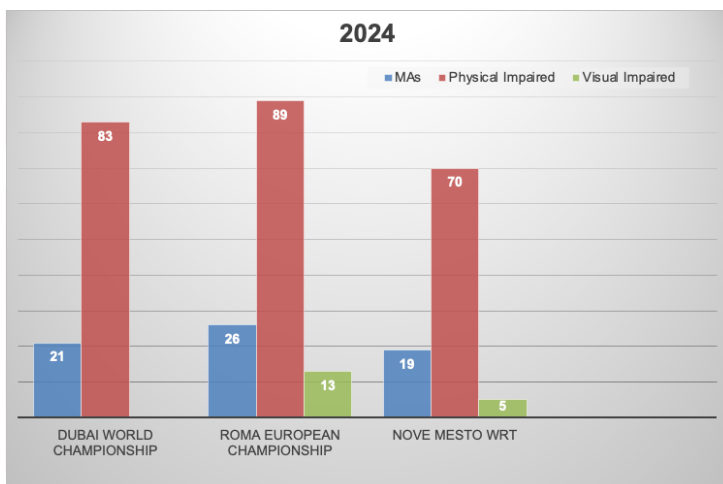
- An award ceremony for the European Para Archery Cup is organized at the end of the second leg award ceremony.
- The medals for the final ranking for the top 3 individuals in each category and 3 mixed teams will be provided by WAE.

NEW INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (or reclassification)

2022 20 physical impaired
9 visually impaired

2023 22 physical impaired
13 visually impaired


2024 4 physical impaired
(no VI because WA didn't offer any opportunities during the paralympic year).



In 2024 was observed a reduction in the participant's number. The analysis of this data will be studied at the end of the season.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

INCREASE NUMBER U21/JUNIOR

- The Para Committee participated at the online discussion with other continental association about development project for introduction on para u21 category recognized by WA.
- We took contact with EPYG organizer (multisport event for para youth) for introducing Para Archery as new sport at the next event (probably 2025 or 2027).
- We are in contact looking forward for an LOC who would like to organize the first indoor for youth during the next winter season)
 Bids open.
- Those projects are aligned with WA strategy.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

INCREASE NUMBER OF NATIONAL CLASSIFIERS AROUND EUROPE

- GBR will host a seminar for National Classifier trained by official WA International Classifier during the next winter season.
 - This project should have been carried out this spring, but it was necessary to postpone it later because IPC is going to release the new IPC code for International Classification very soon and World Archery must obtain compliance with the new standard before.
 - WAE might support participation of National Classifier from countries where no national classifier are actually present.
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Many thanks to the WAE Executive Board Members for their confidence and constant support for Para Archery in Europe, and a warm thank you to Hervé Toggwiler, member of this commission, who will not stand for re-election for the next cycle.