

Archery

OLYMPIC DEBUT: 1900

The sport got off to a slow start at the games and after 1920 was taken off the program. It returned in 1972 at the Munich Olympics where the women's individual event was added to the bill.

ALL-TIME EVENT MEDALS

USA	14	8	6	28
S. KOREA	14	7	4	25
FRANCE	6	10	6	22
BELGIUM	10	3	6	19



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TODAY'S TV HIGHLIGHTS

+> 10 a.m.:

Men's basketball: USA vs. China; swimming; beach volleyball; women's cycling road race (live), NBC

+> 1 p.m.: Boxing: light welterweight and welterweight (taped), CNBC

+> 7 p.m.: Swimming: men's 4x100m freestyle final, men's 100m breaststroke final; women's gymnastics (live), NBC

+> 9 p.m.: Tennis: first-round singles and doubles (live), CNBC

+> 11 p.m.: Boxing: featherweight and lightweight (live), CNBC

+> 11 p.m.: Women's basketball: USA vs. China; rowing;

archery: men's team final;

women's volleyball: Brazil vs. Russia (live), USA Network

THE ARROW

The tapered tip is called the pile, and the notch on the back end for the bowstring is the nock. Fletching, the stabilizing feathers (usually made of plastic), help keep the arrow straight. Archers must use matching colors for each end.

ONE TO WATCH

South Korea's **Park Sung-Hyun** holds four outdoor women's world records

U.S. HOPEFUL

First-time Olympian **Brady Ellison**, who placed first at the trials in May

THE BOW

Men's bows weigh about 48.5 pounds while women's are 33 pounds. Both feature:

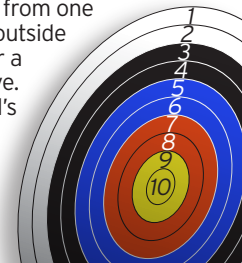
— **Mechanical sights** that may not optically enhance the target.

— **The riser**, or the bow handle, which acts as a chassis for the other components of the bow. The target side is the back, the archer side is the belly.

— **Stabilizers** help balance the bow

THE TARGET

The target is four feet in diameter and set at an angle 75-80 degrees off the ground. Each of the 10 concentric rings is 4.8 inches wide and increase in value from one on the outside to 10 for a bull's eye. The bull's eye is 4 feet off the ground.



THE OBJECT

Archery is a shooting sport in which contestants use a bow and arrows to try to hit a target set 229 feet, 8 inches away. Men and women each compete in individual and team events. The individual competition involves a seeding round followed by a 64-person tournament. Three-archer teams compete in a 16-team tournament.

GLOSSARY

Robin Hood: When a contestant hits an arrow already in the target with a shot. The legendary prince of thieves was said to have performed the feat in an archery competition.

Chest guard: The half vest worn to keep clothes from catching the bowstring.

Recurve bow: The type of bow used in Olympic competition. The ends of the shaft, where it meets the bowstring, bend away from the archer.

End: A grouping of arrows shot by an archer. In the preliminary round, archers shoot 12 ends of six arrows and are allowed four minutes per end. In the tournament round, athletes shoot four ends of three arrows each and have 30 seconds between arrows.

Quiver: The sheath in which arrows are stored. It hangs from the archer's back leg for easy access and quick reloads.