

ARCHERY

Get ready for the Summer Olympic Games with our new series and learn about different Olympic and Paralympic sports.

Archery is over 10,000 years old. How did it develop from warfare to Olympic sport?

Questions and answers

Archery? What's that?

A sport. You use a bow and shoot an arrow. You try to hit the target with the arrow.

Didn't people do that 10,000 years ago?

Yes. People had bows and arrows then in Japan, the Middle East and many other parts of the world. But it wasn't a sport. Soldiers used them in wars and hunters used them to shoot animals for food.

Then what happened?

In the 12th century people started making guns, which were much better than bows and arrows. So archery almost disappeared.

Almost? What do you mean 'almost'?

In the 1700s in England, medieval things became fashionable. Archery became popular again.

Lesson No. 9



Is this when archery became a sport?

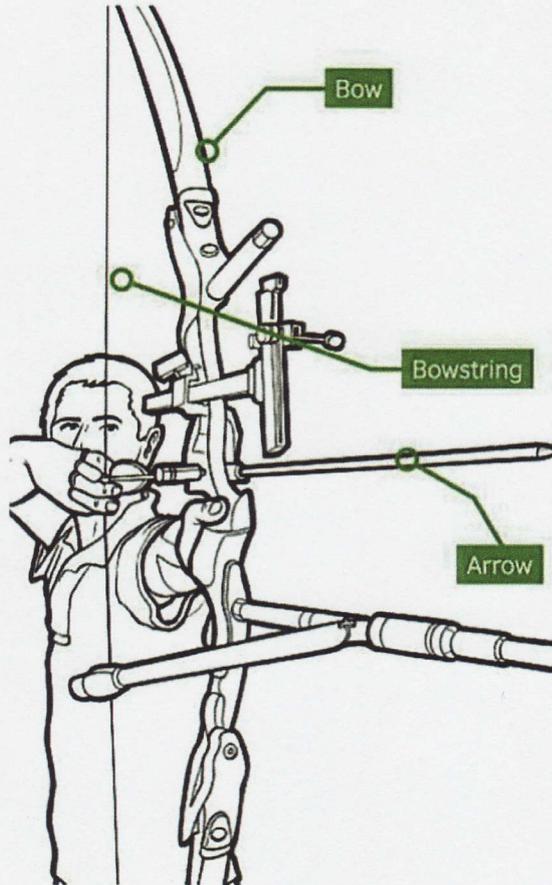
That's right. Archery competitions were a great social network then. Men and women used them to meet, flirt and fall in love.

So if someone wanted to get married, it was a good idea to take up archery?

Exactly. Apparently some people thought that women looked very beautiful when they were holding a bow!

How exciting! So I suppose it was a very popular Olympic sport then?

Not really. In the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgi-



Activity

Choose the correct answer(s) to the following questions and statements. Sometimes there is one correct answer and sometimes two.

- 1. What was archery originally used for?
A. Fighting
B. Hunting
C. Social networking
D. Sport
- 2. Did archery disappear when guns were invented?
A. Yes
B. No
- 3. According to the text, things from the Middle Ages became popular in the 1700s in England.
A. True
B. False
- 4. Only people who practised archery got married in the 1700s in England.
A. True
B. False
- 5. There were international rules for archery...
A. 10,000 years ago.
B. At the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp.
C. At the 1972 Olympics in Munich.
D. At the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.
E. In the 1700s in England.

um, only three countries sent archers. And they were all men. And then there were no Olympic archery competitions for many years.

Oh dear. So did archery go out of fashion again?

Well, the real problem was

that every country had its own rules about archery. Archery couldn't be an Olympic sport without international rules.

And are there international rules now?

Yes, there are. Archery

Rules for Archery

- There are individual and team competitions for both men and women.
- The target is placed at a distance of 70 metres.
- Preliminary rounds are held to select the best eight archers for the finals.
- In the finals, archers shoot four ends of three arrows each.
- Time is important too. The archer has a 40-second time limit per arrow.
- The target has ten rings, from very big on the outside to the small circle in the centre.
- Each ring on the target is worth from one to ten points. The smallest, in the middle, is worth ten points.
- The winner is the archer who scores the most points.
- The results of the preliminary rounds in the individual competition are also used to select teams for the team events.
- In the team competition, each team has three archers.
- Each team shoots three ends of nine arrows each. Each archer on the team shoots one end.
- Team members have three minutes each to finish their end.

Wordsearch

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Find these words in the grid: bow, bowstring, arrow, target, archer, end, round, ring

became an Olympic sport again in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.

So who are the best archers in the world nowadays?

The South Koreans have dominated the sport for several years now. The current

Olympic Men's Champion is Oh Jin-hyek from South Korea. A number of different countries won gold medals at the Paralympic archery events in the London 2012 Olympics including Finland, U.S.A, Russia, Italy, Britain, China and Iran.

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