

## USA Archery National Championship and World Team Trials coming to Indy Area

May 7, 2024 – In just under a month, USA Archery and the Indiana Archery Corporation (or IAC, our state's USA chapter), will bring the Field Archery National Championships to Koteewi Archery in Strawtown. This event will take place over 4 days beginning June 2, just north of Indianapolis and Noblesville. Hundreds of archers will be vying for national titles, and the chance to represent their country at the Field World Championship event in Canada this coming September.

Field archery, while one of the lesser-known formats of the sport, is arguably the most physically grueling and exciting. It used to be much more popular and has seen interest decline as archers move their focus more to other formats. Fans of field archery are hoping the excitement of a national event and team trials in our area will spark a revival.

The national championship event is a 2-day competition, with competitors shooting 24 targets along a rugged course each day. Day 1 of the scoring will see the competitors challenged with targets set at unknown distances. They must use what they know about their equipment and the competition rules to judge how far the targets are and then shoot them accordingly, without the assistance of any range-finding electronics. On Day 2 of the competition, the archers will have the benefit of knowing how far away the targets are but will be challenged to shoot them at further distances.

At the conclusion of the 2-day, 48 target, National Championship event, the fields of competitors will begin to be whittled down over the next day through the World Team Trials. The top 8 competitors in each division (determined by age, gender, and equipment style) will begin shooting again, along a never-before-seen course designed to challenge them even further. This challenge will help prepare them for the difficult World Championship Competition. At the end of the Trials Competition, 3 athletes of each gender, age group and division (bow style), will be named to the National team. These archers will be afforded the opportunity to travel to Lac La Biche, Canada in September to represent the USA on the archery field.

Because this is an Olympic year, popularity in all forms of archery is expected to increase. The IAC and Koteewi Archery are very pleased to bring this lesser-known style of archery to central Indiana. Volunteers are hard at work preparing the field and fundraising to provide the necessary equipment and accommodations to safely conduct the event.

For more information about archery in Indiana, or to find out how to volunteer or donate to this event, you may reach out to the Indiana Archery Corporation at Indianaarchery.org, email IAC President Jim Shackelford at [jshackiv@outlook.com](mailto:jshackiv@outlook.com). To find

out how you can participate in archery, reach out to Koteewi Archery at 317-776-8472 or visit their website at [koteewiarchery.com](http://koteewiarchery.com). If you would like to learn more about the event, or field archery, you can find that information through USA Archery and World Archery's websites.

[USA Field Nationals and U.S. Team Trials](#)

[World Championship Event Info](#)

Photo 1: Indiana archers Anna Shearier of Plainfield (left) and Meredith Rossow (right) of Carmel recently competed in a field shoot.



Photo 2: Anna Shearier (left) and Meredith Rossow (right) shooting field in the woods. Field archery usually takes place in rugged, woody terrain.

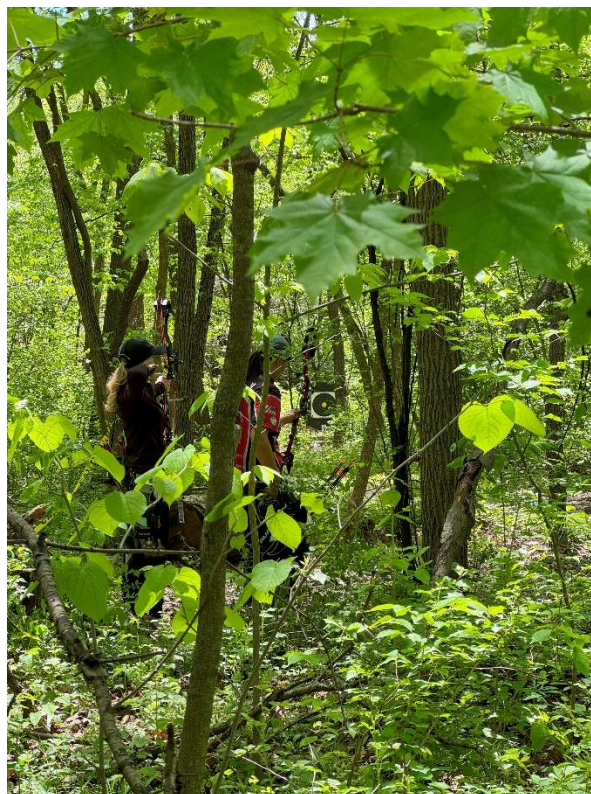


Photo 3: Meredith Rossow (left) and Anna Shearier (right) score their arrows at a recent field archery competition.



Photo 4: Courtesy of World Archery. Field archery is known for the potential of testing competitors with challenging angles and elevation. An archer competes in the 2022 World Championship Finals.

