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*to the*  
PAN AM  
GAMES



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## **Venue**

Varsity Stadium on the University of Toronto main campus

## **Venue acronym**

VAR

## **Landmark status**

*High*

The University of Toronto's main athletic complex has been open in some capacity since 1898. The original Varsity Stadium hosted 30 Grey Cup football games, the 1976 Olympic soccer semi-finals and the Toronto Rock and Roll Revival of 1969.

## **Other events at venue**

Archery (Parapan Am)

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## **Transit options**

Museum Station (on Line 1 of the subway) and St. George Station (on Line 1 or 2) are the closest to the venue.

For exact directions, try:

[Triplinx.ca](http://Triplinx.ca)

[TTC trip planner](#)

## **Schedule**

*July 14* Individual and team qualifying

*July 15* Women's individual elimination rounds and quarter-finals

*July 16* Men's individual elimination rounds and quarter-finals

*July 17* Team competitions

*July 18* Individual semi-finals and bronze- and gold-medal finals

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[See the full competition schedule at the Pan Am website](#)

## **How it works**

Archers draw their bow and aim at a target 70 metres away. Easy, right? Obviously not — and the difficulty is compounded by the size of the bull's-eye, which measures just 12.2 cm in diameter. (The whole target is 122 cm.)

Shooting one at a time, archers are allotted between one to 10 points for a successful hit, depending on the shot's proximity to the bull's-eye. A pinpoint strike is worth the full 10 points.

## **Teams/Nations competing**

A total of 64 archers (32 men and 32 women) from 15 countries

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have qualified. Seven countries will send six athletes, including Canada.

## **Canada's team**

### *Women*

Virginie Chénier, Laval, Que.;  
Georcy-Stéphanie Thiffeault Picard, Montreal; Kateri Vrakking, Toronto

### *Men*

Crispin Duenas, Scarborough, Ont.; Jay Lyon, Winnipeg; Patrick Rivest-Bunster, Montreal

## **Tournament format**

There are four events: individual and team for both men and women. Individual competitions start with a qualifying round, ranking the archers in order, after which the top 16 are bracketed

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and face off in one-on-one elimination showdowns. Team competitions are formatted the same way, with the cumulative score of three archers forming their country's total.

## **Results from 2011**

The United States won both gold medals on the men's side, just as Mexico's women shot their way to two firsts. Duenas earned silver in the men's individual event.

## **Why it's worth watching**

Regardless of your thoughts on wealth redistribution, everyone can marvel at athletes that amount to modern-day Robin Hoods. One of the best is Duenas, a University of Toronto physics grad returning to Varsity Stadium

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for the Games.

## **Competition outlook**

American Brady Ellison won individual gold in 2011 and is the world's second-best men's archer, based on international rankings. Duenas, the reigning runner-up, ranks ninth, only surpassed at the Pan Ams by Ellison and Brazil's Marcus Dalmeida (eighth). Two of the three will likely be forced to face off in the semi-finals.

Mexican duo Aida Roman and Alejandra Valencia could rule the women's podium once again. Valencia won gold in 2011, but Roman (who took bronze) is the highest-ranked Pan Am archer, entering Toronto at fourth in the world. Khatuna Lorig of the

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U.S., who is ninth in the world and placed fourth in 2011, will attempt to mount an upset bid.



**Crispin Duenas at the 2012  
London Olympics**

**Photo: Jean Levac, Postmedia News**



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