



NINETY-NINE METRES. TWENTY SECONDS.

Kerecsen

EQUESTRIAN ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

CSIBA, MIERCUREA CIUC HARGHITA, ROMANIA

The horse decides how fast you learn.

Kerecsen is an equestrian archery association on the Vasfúvó hill at Csiba, on the western edge of Miercurea Ciuc. Its members range from children who have only just been trusted with a horse to Csiszér Ivett, who has won three world championship titles.

The discipline is old and the standard is exact. A rider covers a measured track at canter and shoots forward, to the side and behind, with both hands on the bow and neither on the reins. None of it can be faked. A horse knows within a stride whether the rider is ready, and the track keeps the score.

Around the riding sits everything else. Mucking out, mending tack, walking a nervous horse until it settles, standing back while somebody younger takes their turn. Children arrive able to do none of that and leave able to do most of it.

The association was founded on four ordinary words. Honour, work, fairness and elegance. They were chosen because they were quietly going out of use, and because a horse and a bow will teach all four to anyone patient enough to keep turning up.

2015

FIRST RIDERS ON THE HILL

2019

ROMANIA'S FIRST OFFICIAL TRACK

2021

PRACTICE GROUND COMPLETED



A hill above Csiba, and the work it took to level it.

Romania's first official equestrian archery track was recognised here in October 2019. The practice ground beside it was finished two years later, and finishing it took more than a decision. Earth was moved to true the run. Sand was carried up to the hilltop. Members made most of the specialist equipment themselves. Simon Szilárd backed the earthworks.

Lőrincz Rómeó had begun riding and shooting with a few friends in 2015 and entered the Kassai School of Horseback Archery in 2018. In October 2019 he qualified as an international judge. The association grew around that work rather than ahead of it, which is why the ground came before the membership.

Training, camps, competitions and open days all happen on the hill. The Csík basin lies around it and the Hargita ridge closes the eastern horizon.

PLACE

Vasfúvó hill, Csiba

OFFICIAL TRACK

Recognised in 2019

PRACTICE GROUND

Completed in 2021

SYSTEM

Original Kassai

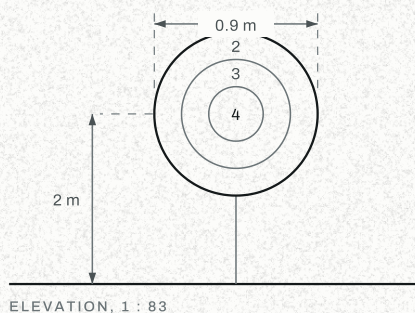
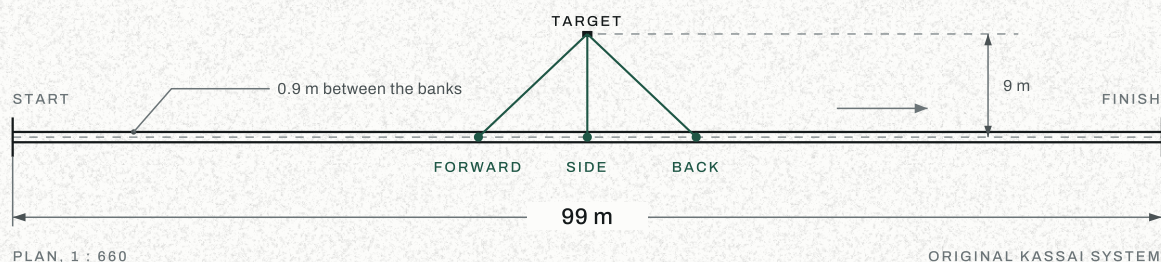


The Vasfúvó hill from the air. Training, camps, competitions and open days all happen here.

Ninety-nine metres, and one rule that decides how you ride them.

The track is straight, ninety-nine metres long and ninety centimetres wide between two low banks of earth that keep the horse honest. The target stands halfway along it, nine metres out from the centre line, with its centre two metres above the ground. It turns as the rider passes so that it always faces the shot.

A competition is nine runs. Each has to be completed at canter within twenty seconds, and the archer may shoot forward, to the side and behind, drawing arrows from the bow hand. The rings score four, three and two points from the centre out.



Time is part of the score

Whatever is left of the twenty seconds is added to the points hit, so accuracy and pace are weighed against each other on every run. A careful rider and a fast one can finish level. The work is in finding the speed at which both still hold.

Equestrian archery was a military skill across this part of Europe for centuries before it was a sport, and the association treats it as a martial discipline as much as a competitive one. The measuring is modern. What is being kept is older than the measuring.



Everybody who rides
here also sweeps here.

The morning circle at a camp on the Csiba ground.



WORLD CHAMPION

Csiszér Ivett

Three world championship titles from two championships, the first of them won at fourteen.

In 2023 she won the women's category at the world championship with 207.53 points, on a horse she had borrowed the week before. One week was all she had to learn to read it.

Two years later she rode Stefi to 261.53 and took two titles from the same nine runs. The open category is not divided by sex, so the second of them was won against the whole field. Molnár Dávid finished behind her on 256.33.

Across that season she led the annual WFEA world ranking on 312.95 points, beating her own previous mark of 305.81. It was the highest official women's score in the system at the time.

She trains on the same hill, on the same track, as the children who started this month.



Csiszér Ivett. Photograph, SzékelySport.

2023, WOMEN

207.53

WORLD CHAMPION AT FOURTEEN

2025, WOMEN

261.53

WORLD CHAMPION

2025, OPEN

261.53

WORLD CHAMPION, AGAINST THE WHOLE FIELD

The two 2025 titles come from one set of nine runs, which is why they carry the same score.



Three age groups, and a Kerecsen archer at the top of each.

The world federation scores its ranking by age group as well as overall. On 29 July 2026 Kerecsen held first place in three of them, from a club whose whole membership trains on one hill outside one town.

Lőrincz Virág leads the under-fourteens. Csiszér Ivett leads the under-eighteens and stands second in Romania across every age. Lőrincz Rómeó, who started the association and judges internationally, leads the seniors.

UNDER 14

224.60

LŐRINCZ VIRÁG

UNDER 18

319.78

CSISZÉR IVETT

SENIOR

227.15

LŐRINCZ RÓMEÓ

VERIFIED RESULTS

YEAR	COMPETITION	CATEGORY	PLACE	SCORE
2025	Annual WFEA World Ranking	OVERALL	1	312.95
2025	Equestrian Archery World Championship	OPEN	1	261.53
2025	Equestrian Archery World Championship	WOMEN	1	261.53
2024	Annual WFEA World Ranking	OVERALL	2	305.81
2024	Miercurea Ciuc WFEA competition	OVERALL	1	257.16
2024	Hungarian National Championship	WOMEN	1	237.03
2023	Equestrian Archery World Championship	WOMEN	1	207.53

Ranking figures are the WFEA scores published on 29 July 2026 and move with every official competition. Competition results are published by WFEA or by the national federation. Lőrincz Virág, Bakó Boglárka and Lőrincz Rómeó rode with her in the Romanian delegation of 2023.

Learned apart, and put together only once both are steady.

Riding and archery are taught separately. First the horse. Standing with it, handling it, and sitting it well enough that balance has stopped being a question. Then the bow on the ground, until drawing, loosing and handling arrows have become one settled movement. The two are combined when both are steady, and not before, because the track finds anything that was hurried.

Nobody is expected to arrive with equipment. Loan bows and training horses are available, and no previous riding or shooting is assumed. A child can begin as soon as an instructor judges they can be safe around a horse and hold their attention for a session, which depends on the child and not on a birthday. Adults who have done neither are not unusual here.

Camps bring teachers from the wider Kassai community for several days of concentrated work. Molnár Dávid led three days at Csiba in 2023 for twenty-two riders. Konkoly Merse has taught here since, and leads the camp before the 2026 Masters Cup.



The bow is learned on the ground first, and for as long as it takes.



Most of a session is spent beside a horse rather than on one.



ROMANIA, TRANSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 2026

Kerecsen hosts the Masters Cup.

The World Federation of Equestrian Archery brings its Masters Cup to Csíkszereda and Csíkmadaras. Lőrincz Rómeó and Gáll Levente are the organising international judges, and the tournament runs to WFEA rules.

A training camp opens the week under international instructor Konkoly Merse. The field then divides into two semifinal groups, and the first five archers from each go through to the final on the closing day.

It is the largest event the association has taken on, and it happens on ground the club spent six years building, in the week the Csík basin is at its best.

CAMP 22 to 24 September

SEMIFINALS 25 and 26 September

FINAL 27 September

21–27

SEPTEMBER, THE COMPLETE
PROGRAMME

2

SEMIFINAL GROUPS

10

ARCHERS REACH THE FINAL

Eligibility, registration and the visitor programme are handled by the organisers at arrowprints.com. Dates follow the official event page and may be corrected there.

Four words, meant plainly.

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HONOUR

Look at where you actually stand, and accept the work the next step asks for.

WORK

A movement you can rely on is built by repetition, and by looking after the horses on the days when nothing else is happening.

FAIRNESS

Another person's time, safety and effort weigh the same as your own.

ELEGANCE

A good movement is calm and clear, with nothing wasted inside it.

They are easier to name than to keep,
which is why the association names them.



You do not need a horse, and you do not need a bow.

Loan bows and training horses are available, and no previous riding or shooting is assumed.

Write and tell us who would like to come, how old they are, whether they have ridden or shot before, and what you have in mind. Training, a camp, a demonstration or a visit are all reasonable places to start, and we will say honestly which one suits.

Arrange any visit in advance. It is a working ground and the horses are at work on it.

An instructor decides when a child is ready by meeting them, not by counting birthdays. For an adult, the first session is usually spent on the ground beside a horse rather than on one.

Ask about current training days, camp places and fees when you write. They change with the season and with what the horses are doing.

WRITE TO

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FIND US

Vasfúvó hill at Csiba, on the western edge of Miercurea Ciuc, Harghita

METHOD AND RULES

Original Kassai System, World Federation of Equestrian Archery, Federația Ecvestră Română





We are not to follow our ancestors. We are to follow what they followed.

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