Chinese archer Mengyao Zhang won Gold at the Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires 2018 in the Women’s Recurve Individual event.

The 16-year-old beat Spain’s Elia Canales by 6 sets to 2 in their head to head final. Bronze went to South Korea’s Yeryeong Son.

The Archery event is comprised of a 60m ranking round and the Olympic matchplay round. The target face used at the Olympic games is 122 cm in diameter. It is divided into 10 rings with each awarded a score of between one and ten, with the innermost ring, measuring just 12.2cm worth 10 points.

In the individual competitions, athletes shoot 12 ends of six arrows to complete the 60m ranking round for a maximum score of 720. Archers are then seeded according to their final score. For the Olympic round, athletes shoot in a head to head elimination bracket, where the winner of each match advances, and the loser is knocked out of the competition. Each match is the best of five sets of three arrows.

Buenos Aires 2018 is the third edition of the Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of males and females competing in the 32-sport programme.

Almost 4,000 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees will be competing for 1,250 medals. The Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 feature new sports and many new disciplines and events, reflecting the passions of the ‘Game Changers’, a new generation of athletes and fans.

The event offers a glimpse into the future of the Games as the new programme will introduce several innovations that will be replicated at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
The first Summer Youth Olympic Games took place in Singapore in 2010. The second edition was held in the Chinese city of Nanjing in 2014.

**SHOTLIST:**

00:04 Wide shot of the finalists preparing to start
00:07 Close shot of Mengyao Zhang scoring nine
00:13 Wide shot of Mengyao Zhang scoring nine
00:20 Shot of Mengyao Zhang and her coach celebrating gold
00:24 Shot of Mengyao Zhang receiving her gold medal

00:34 **SOUNDBITE:** Mengyao Zhang, Women’s Recurve Individual Champion (Mandarin Language)

“第1次射箭就是感觉跟想象不一样的。然后，然后就是把自己内心的想法打出来，就比较完整，就好了。”

This is my first time taking part in such a big international competition, and I feel that this is not the same as I imagined. Well, I think just show your normal level, then it will be okay.

00:47 Shot of Mengyao Zhang shooting during the final

00:51 **SOUNDBITE:** Mengyao Zhang, Women’s Recurve Individual Champion (Mandarin Language)

“跟我想象的完全不一样。射箭，我一开始想象的就是很安静的。但是第1次射完箭以后内心的想完全就是不一样的。跟以前，跟想的不一样，对。”

This is totally different from what I imagined. I thought that archery would be a very quiet game. But after the first shot, my inner thoughts changed completely. It is really different from what I used to think.

01:08 Wide shot of Mengyao Zhang on the podium

01:13 **SOUNDBITE:** Mengyao Zhang, Women’s Recurve Individual Champion (Mandarin Language)

“嗯，首先我要感谢祖国给我这个平台，让我来参加这场比赛。其次我觉得我发挥的，发挥出了我的正常的水平，这就是很好的一场比赛，我很完整的打好了这场比赛。”

Well, first of all, I want to thank my motherland for giving me this chance to participate in this game. Secondly, I feel that I have shown my normal level. This is a very good game, and anyway I think I have finished the game at my best level.

01:30 Shot of the medallists holding up their medals

01:32 **SOUNDBITE:** Mengyao Zhang, Women’s Recurve Individual Champion (Mandarin Language)

“我要…就是给…分享金牌嘛。要让家人体会到我的喜悦，然后还有我的队友们，都体会到我拿到金牌的那种喜悦。”

Now I really want to share my joy with my family that I won this gold medal. Of course, also including my teammates. I want them to feel my joy of winning this gold medal.

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