



BILL OF RIGHTS FOR YOUTH IN SPORTS

USA Archery believes that each person has the right to a safe, successful and enjoyable archery experience. Youth programs at USA Archery are a priority that are designed to introduce people to the fascinating sport of archery in a safe, fun and rewarding manner.

At USA Archery we want to continue to bring archery to aspiring young athletes, everywhere regardless of gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, age, physical ability, religion, socioeconomic status, or athletic ability.

We recognize that all young athletes have the right:

- 1. To play sports.** USA Archery will make every effort to accommodate a person's interests to participate, and to help them play with peers from diverse backgrounds.
- 2. To safe and healthy environments.** Youth have the right to play in settings free from all forms of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual), hazing, violence, and neglect.
- 3. To qualified program leaders.** Youth have the right to play under the care of coaches and other adults who pass background checks and are trained in key competencies.
- 4. To developmentally appropriate play.** Each individual has a right to play at a level commensurate with their physical, mental and emotional maturity, and their emerging athletic ability. They should be treated as young people first, athletes second.
- 5. To share in the planning and delivery of their activities.** Youth have the right to share their viewpoints with coaches and for their insights to be incorporated into activities.
- 6. To an equal opportunity for personal growth.** Programs should invest equally in all young athletes, free of discrimination based on any personal or family characteristic.
- 7. To be treated with dignity.** Youth have the right to participate in environments that promote the values of sportsmanship, of respect for opponents, officials, and the game.
- 8. To enjoy themselves.** Youth have the right to participate in activities they consider fun, and which foster the development of friendships and social bonds.

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