57th USA Archery and JOAD Indoor Nationals

Format & Rules

WHICH LOCATION?

Participants may compete at any of the locations for this event noted on the USA Archery website. An archer is considered a participant after one arrow is shot. You may only compete once in each the 57th USA Archery Indoor Nationals and, if you are eligible, in the 2026 USA Archery JOAD Indoor Nationals.

ARRIVAL:

For all shooting times, please arrive at least one hour in advance for equipment inspection on the first day of competition.

RESULTS:

Results will be hosted online at betweenends.com. Combined results for both Indoor Nationals and JOAD Indoor Nationals will be updated during competition.

COACHES DURING PRACTICE AND COMPETITION:

Personal coaches are restricted to the spectator area at all times.

PARA ARCHERS:

Archers who wish to shoot in a Para division must have at least a National Classification card. In order to establish records, archers must have an International Classification card.

AGENTS:

Credentialed persons assisting Para-archers or the tournament officials may sit in the archers' area.

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Photographers will be credentialed by the Host Venue and are bound by the USA Archery media policy. Please send questions and/or credentialing requests to media@usarchery.org. NO flash photography – PLEASE!

DRUG TESTING:

Any archer may be subject to unannounced drug testing. Refusal to test may lead to disqualification.

USAT QUALIFICATION:

For information about how to make the United States Archery team please view the procedures here:

- https://www.usarchery.org/high-performance/united-states-archery-team

AGE CLASSES:

Age classes are defined and viewable here:

- https://www.usarchery.org/resources/age-classes-251024102252.pdf

An age class calculator is also found at the bottom of the USA Archery Rules Page:

- https://www.usarchery.org/events/rules

RULES:

Events are USA Archery and World Archery sanctioned events. Please review equipment rules here:

- https://www.usarchery.org/events/rules
- https://www.worldarchery.sport/rulebook/article/3

Traditional and Longbow Equipment Rules:

- https://www.worldarchery.sport/rulebook/article/3138

If you are new to USA Archery events or would like a refresher on what to expect, please review the USA Archery Event Reference Guidebook:

- https://publications.usarchery.org/books/xvbn/

DRESS CODE:

See Dress Code Policy here:

- https://www.usarchery.org/resource-center/events/rules-for-sanctioned-tournaments

Or visit the USA Archery Rules page:

- https://www.usarchery.org/events/rules

Collegiate archers are not required to dress in matching uniforms.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE:

Official practice will be two ends.

EVENTS WITH MULTIPLE SHOOTING TIMES:

All sites of indoor competitions offer multiple shooting times, and each will adhere to the same format: a double shooting line with A/B and C/D lines.

Shooting times are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Please plan accordingly - it is recommended to register early.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT:

Online registration through the USA Archery Event Registration Platform will be standard for all locations.

Please note that the USA Archery Indoor Nationals and JOAD Indoor Nationals require separate registration submissions and payments. An archer will not be considered a registered participant unless the registration, waiver, and payment have been received. You will receive a confirmation email with each purchase, and details of your registration can be found in your USA Archery member profile under "Entries."

AWARDS:

National awards will be mailed from the USA Archery national office after final results from all locations are verified and combined. College U21 and College Senior participants are merged and included in results with the same bow-type U21 and Senior divisions. Location awards may be given at the discretion of the event director.

PAYOUTS:

All Recurve, Compound, and Barebow competitors in the 57th USA Archery Indoor Nationals will be combined in a separate results category for payouts. The top ten male and female in each category, regardless of age, will receive a payout. Payouts are limited to U.S. Citizens. Payout chart below:

	Recurve		**Compound**		**Lancaster Archery Barebow**	
	Men	*Women*	*Men*	*Women*	*Men*	*Women*
1st	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$2,000	$2,000
2nd	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$1,000	$1,000
3rd	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$450	$450
4th	$800	$800	$800	$800	$250	$250
5th	$600	$600	$600	$600	$175	$175
6th	$500	$500	$500	$500	$175	$175
7th	$400	$400	$400	$400	$125	$125
8th	$300	$300	$300	$300	$100	$100
9th	$200	$200	$200	$200	$75	$75
10th	$100	$100	$100	$100	$50	$50
	$11,600	**$11,600**	**$11,600**	**$11,600**	**$4,400**	**$4,400**

CONFIRMATION:

A confirmed entry is automatically listed in the "Entry List". Find your event following these steps:

1. Visit www.usarchery.org.
2. From the top row of menu items, select "Events".
3. From the dropdown list, select "Find an Event".
4. Search by name of the event and click "Find Out More".
5. Scroll down to "Entry List" and click "View".
6. If your name and division are not listed, contact the Event Organizer.
7. Details of your registration can also be found in your USA Archery member profile under "Entries."

Be sure to review your registration confirmation for accuracy. Once scoring has started, your Division and Age Class may not be changed.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY – MICA PARTICIPATION:

Your first 60 arrow score from the USA Archery Indoor Nationals will be sent to World Archery Americas for inclusion in a Mail-In Tournament.

TRADITIONAL and LONGBOW EQUIPMENT RULES for 57th USA Archery Indoor Nationals:

As of 2024: Refer to World Archery Rules Book 4 for these divisions.
https://www.worldarchery.sport/rulebook

TARGET FACES:

Archers who have a choice of target face styles must use the same style for the entire tournament.

- Archers will start with a new target face at the commencement of practice ends and are not required to change targets at the commencement of scoring.
- Compound Senior, U21 and U18 archers will change target faces after 5 scoring ends, or sooner as determined by a judge.
- Recurve/Barebow archers will change target faces after ten scoring ends, or sooner as determined by a judge.
- Judges have the discretion to change target faces at any time.
- Fixed Pins archers will shoot a Recurve target face.
- This year's JOAD and Indoor Nationals registration will not require a target face selection. Athletes will choose a single spot or triangle 3-spot (equipment specific) at the event. You must use the same target type for the duration of the event. Vertical 3-spot targets will not be offered at any Indoor National event. JOAD Nationals competitors who shoot the 60cm target (Barebow and Recurve U13 and U15) will automatically be placed on that target.

ENTERING MORE THAN ONE DIVISION:

An archer may compete in more than one division (i.e. Compound or Recurve) but may not compete in more than one age class (i.e. U21 or U18). Separate fees and a separate registration are required for each category (i.e. Recurve U18 Men or Compound U18 Men) in which an archer intends to shoot. The archer must shoot an additional double round for each entry. You must contact the event organizer for your desired location if you wish to shoot in multiple divisions. Exception: Archers competing in Collegiate categories shall compete in only one division.

NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

MEMBERSHIP:

All eligible athletes shall be a member of USA Archery for the duration of the event. Recreational and Temporary memberships are not eligible for National event participation.

CITIZENSHIP:

Competitors shall be eligible to compete according to the following:

- To be eligible to compete for a USA Archery National title or receive National ranking points, an athlete shall have a valid U.S. passport or National Eligibility on file with USAA.
- If an athlete wishes to compete for a USA Archery National title, but does not hold a valid U.S. passport, he shall have resided in the U.S. for at least one year before the date of the

competition and shall have a letter of release from the country of their passport and shall not have competed for the country of their passport for 12 months prior.

- An athlete who has changed their nationality, or acquired a new nationality, will need to notify USA Archery and World Archery of the change before they compete. They may not represent the National Team of their new nationality until one year after such a change or acquisition.
- An athlete who has a valid passport of two or more countries at the same time may represent either of them, as they choose. They shall, however, meet the conditions above.

Athletes who do not meet the criteria above for Indoor Nationals will compete in the Guest division for their appropriate age and bow type. There is no Guest division for JOAD Indoor Nationals.

FORMAT FOR U.S. NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- Recurve/Barebow/Longbow/Traditional Recurve – Two rounds of 60 arrows each (120 total) at a 40cm target face (choice of single spot or triangle 3-spot) from 18 meters with outer ten-ring scoring
- Compound – Two rounds of 60 arrows each (120 total) at a 40cm target face (choice of single spot or triangle 3-spot) from 18 meters with inner ten-ring scoring
- Fixed Pins - Two rounds of 60 arrows each (120 total) at a 40cm target face (choice of single spot or triangle 3-spot) from 18 meters with outer ten-ring scoring

DIVISIONS and AGE CLASSES, 57th US Indoor Nationals:

	U13	U15	U18	U21	College U21	College Senior	Senior	50+	60+	70+
Recurve Men & Women	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Compound Men & Women	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barebow* Men & Women	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Para W1 Men/Women Combined**	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Para Recurve Open Men & Women**	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Para Compound Open Men & Women**	X	X	X	X		X	X			
VI 1 and VI 2/3 Men/Women Combined**	X	X	X	X		X	X			
Longbow Men & Women							X			
Traditional Recurve Men & Women							X			
Fixed Pins Men & Women	X	X	X	X	X	X				

* Barebow by definition is a recurve bow without a sight and other accessories.

**Archers must have a National Classification to participate in a Para division.

COLLEGIATE ARCHERY:

Collegiate archers shall be individual members of USA Archery and have current collegiate eligibility with USA Archery. More info on collegiate eligibility here:

- https://www.usarchery.org/participate/collegiate/collegiate-eligibility

Collegiate archers' registration may be substituted for a teammate from the same school when the substitution is requested prior to the deadline for registration.

FORMAT FOR JOAD INDOOR NATIONALS:

Recurve/Barebow – One round of 60 arrows; 18 meters

U21 and U18 – 40cm target face (choice of single-spot or triangle 3-spot target) – must use same choice for entire tournament; outer 10-ring scoring

U15 and U13 – 60cm target face; outer 10 ring scoring – no target choice

Compound – One round of 60 arrows; 18 meters

All age classes – 40cm target face (choice of single-spot or triangle 3-spot target) – must use same choice for entire round; inner 10-ring scoring

Fixed Pins – One round of 60 arrows; 18 meters.

All age classes – 40cm RECURVE target face (choice of single-spot or triangle 3-spot target) – must use the same choice for entire tournament; outer 10-ring scoring.

DIVISIONS AND AGE CLASSES, 2026 JOAD Indoor Nationals:

	U13	U15	U18	U21
Recurve Men & Women	X	X	X	X
Compound Men & Women	X	X	X	X
Barebow* Men & Women	X	X	X	X
Para Recurve Open** Men & Women	X	X	X	X
Para Compound Open** Men & Women	X	X	X	X
Fixed Pins Men & Women	X	X	X	X
W1 Men & Women**	X	X	X	X

* Barebow by definition is a recurve bow without a sight and other accessories.

**Archers must have a National Classification to participate in a Para division.

JOAD National Indoor: Club Team Championship Awards

Club Eligibility

- Clubs must have a valid Youth, Both (Youth and Adult), or OAS club membership type during the JOAD Indoor National registration period, and for the duration of JOAD Indoor Nationals Events Jan 2nd, 2026 to Mar 1st, 2026.
- Collegiate Club types are disallowed from the award, but Collegiate archers may compete for their "home" non-college club is eligible and the athlete remains a member

of that club when not participating in the Collegiate Archery Program. These athletes must contact USA Archery at events@usarchery.org to manually update their club affiliation for the JOAD Indoor National Championship before the registration deadline, if they also plan to compete for Collegiate Archery Program awards at Indoor Nationals. Club affiliation may not be changed after competing in the JOAD Indoor National Championship.

JOAD National Indoor: Club Team Championship Award Calculation

- Athletes will earn points for their club based on their finish placement in JOAD Indoor Nationals. The number of participants in a category (i.e. U21 Recurve, for example) will determine the maximum number of points obtainable. For a category with 100 athletes, the first-place finisher will earn 100 points, second place 99 points, etc. Ties will earn an equal number of points.
- The top ten highest athlete placement points from each club will be summed to determine the clubs final score and overall award calculation placement. The maximum number of archers earning points for a club shall be 10 (regardless of category or number of entries per category).

Example

JOAD Overall National Championship Calculation				
Athlete	**Category**	**Participants/Max Points**	**Placement**	**Points**
Athlete 1	RU21M	55	4	52
Athlete 2	RU18M	126	17	110
Athlete 3	RU18W	155	105	51
Athlete 4	RU13W	52	11	42
Athlete 5	CU21M	39	7	33
Athlete 6	CU15W	38	26	13
Athlete 7	CU13M	30	15	16
Athlete 8	BU18W	65	9	57
Athlete 9	BU13M	31	18	14
Athlete 10	BU13W	31	3	29
				417
Athlete 11	FPU18W	43	38	6
Athlete 12	FPU15M	40	32	9
Athlete 13	FPU13W	26	17	10

The club with the most cumulative athlete placement points will be the winner of the JOAD Indoor Nationals Club Team Championship. USA Archery will award a club pennant to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place clubs to display at their archery club range.

Archers are encourage to wear their club jerseys to display their club pride!

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