

National Event Program Category/Division Policy

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This policy will serve to outline how categories/divisions are included in, or removed from, the following event programs:

- U.S. National Indoor Championships
- U.S. National Target Championships
- JOAD National Indoor Championships
- JOAD Target Nationals
- U.S. National Indoor Collegiate Championships
- U.S. National Outdoor Collegiate Championships

This policy does not govern the U.S. National Field Championships, USAT Qualifier Series, or Team Trials event programs.

Removal of a division or category:

This policy will go into effect immediately and provides for a review of event participation numbers from 2014, 2015 and 2016. Beginning in 2017, a category/division may be removed from the program for a lack of participation numbers over the preceding 3-year period.

Categories/divisions determined to be developmental, or those on the Olympic, Paralympic or World Championship programs, may be included at the discretion of USA Archery management and therefore are excluded from this policy.

The criteria for inclusion for all other categories and divisions will be:

- 8 or more participants in one of the preceding three years in both the gender disciplines. Example: must have at least 8 in the men's AND at least 8 in the women's divisions.

The USA Archery Board of Directors has the discretion to evaluate and remove a category or a division as a whole, if participation is low, in most of the categories offered in the specific division.

Procedure for requesting inclusion:

Any group of USA Archery members can submit a request for inclusion of a division or category by following the steps below.

- File a Petition for Inclusion, with a minimum of 8 individuals committed to attending the event and registering in the petitioned-for category/division
- Petition must be received a minimum of 9 months prior to the event, and submitted to National Events Manager
- Petition will be reviewed by the following:
 - USA Archery staff,
 - JOAD Committee (if pertaining to the JOAD National Indoor Championships or JOAD Nationals)
 - Collegiate Committee (if pertaining to the U.S. National indoor Collegiate Championships or U.S. National Outdoor Collegiate Championships)
 - USA Archery Board of Directors will make the final determination.

- A determination will be made based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
 - Demand – is this a growing division?
 - Mission and Scope – is this within the mission and scope of USA Archery, JOAD and Collegiate Archery Programs?
 - Financial and Administrative Needs – are the financial or administrative needs reasonable?

- The decision for inclusion will be made no later than 60 days prior to start of the event in question, based on confirmation of the minimum number of registrations being received
- USA Archery reserves the right to not include the event if fewer than the minimum 8 registrations are received in any of the first three years of a newly included category/division.