



PARA USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES UPDATED – MARCH 2026

Purpose

The procedures define the eligibility criteria and Para United States Archery Team (USAT) athlete selection process.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. Selection to Para USAT is restricted to USA Archery members who have a current national or international Para classification. If an archer does not have a current Para national or international classification at the time of the Para USAT Event, they will not be permitted to register in a Para division. However, the archer can still accrue Para USAT ranking points within the same calendar year for the Para USAT Events they attend without a Para classification if they obtain a national or international Para classification **prior to November 1st** of the same calendar year.
 - a. If the archer is unable to obtain a national or international Para classification **prior to November 1st** of the same calendar year, the archer will not be eligible to receive Para USAT ranking points for that year. Eligible archers must contact events@usarchery.org upon obtaining a Para classification to request their Para National Ranking points be allocated.
2. Para USAT ranking points are provided to USA Archery members in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport or who are eligible to compete for USA internationally. If an archer does not have a valid U.S. passport, they must have resided in the USA for one year while they are allowed to achieve ranking points and after the end of that year, they need to obtain written permission of the Member Association, if any, of the country from which they have a valid passport to compete for USA. An archer who has changed their nationality, or acquired a new nationality, will need to notify World Archery of the change before they compete internationally representing USA and may not represent the National Team of USA until one year after such a change or acquisition.
 - a. **Foreign archers and archers actively competing internationally for other countries will not receive ranking points from any Para USAT Event, to include the Target Nationals and the U.S. Open and will be removed from all Para USAT Event final placement rankings at the conclusion of each Para USAT event and archers ranked below them in final placement will move up in placement accordingly.**

3. Members named to Para USAT must complete and/or maintain the following requirements for the duration of their USAT appointment (January 1st to December 31st):
 - a. Maintain a current eligible USA Archery membership type.
 - b. All USAT members age 18+ must pass and retain a current green light USA Archery Background Screen and complete and retain a current U.S. Center for SafeSport training.
 - c. Sign a USA Archery Athlete Agreement by the required deadline. Failure to sign the Athlete Agreement will be deemed as declining their nomination to the team.
4. If an archer declines their initial nomination to Para USAT, the next highest ranked archer in the same gender and division will be notified of their appointment to Para USAT if they meet all membership and eligibility requirements listed in 1. and 2. above. This offer will not be extended to any archer other than the first alternate.
5. If an archer's USA Archery membership is suspended and/or terminated, or if an archer is suspended from the team, the archer's place on the team will not be replaced. Additionally, the archer's Para USAT benefits will not be passed on to another archer.
6. Para archers may earn ranking points toward Para and Senior or another age appropriate USAT ranking (see Age Criteria). However, to do so Para archers must compete in the Elimination Rounds for the corresponding category (i.e. Senior, U21, etc.) at each USAT Event and may only do so if the 72 Arrow Round for both the Para and other USAT Event's category is held on the same field, at the same time, under the same conditions. There are no guarantee these conditions will be met at all USAT Events, which may impact a Para archers ability to make a non-Para team.

Age Criteria

- a. Any archer may participate in the Senior or Para category.
- b. An archer may participate as U21 through the calendar year of their 20th birthday.
 - i. Archers may be selected to the U21 USAT team for the following year even if they turn 21 but will not be eligible to be selected to U21 international teams.
- c. An archer may participate as U18 through the calendar year of their 17th birthday.
 - i. Archers may be selected to the U18 USAT team for the following year even if they turn 18 but will not be eligible to be selected to U18 international teams.
- d. An archer may participate as U15 through the calendar year of their 14th birthday.
 - i. Archers may be selected to the U15 USAT team for the following year even if they turn 15 but will not be eligible to be selected to U15 international teams.

Additional Requirements to be named to Para USAT

Para archers must meet all requirements to be named to Para USAT outlined in these procedures and achieve one of the following:

- a. Earn an individual medal at the Para World Championships, the Paralympic Games or the Para Pan Am Games during the respective calendar year; or

- b. Achieve the Para USAT Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) at either a USAT Event, U.S. Team Trials Event, World Ranking Event or Para World Championship Event between January 1st and December 31st of the respective calendar year per the rules set forth in b. i. below.
- i. The 72-Arrow Round MQS must be shot at the following distances: Para Compound and W1: 50 meters
 Para Recurve: 70 meters
 Visually Impaired 1 (all age classes and genders combined): 30 meters
 Visually Impaired 2: (all age classes and genders combined): 30 meters
 Para Compound U21 and W1 U21: 50 meters
 Para Recurve U21: 70 meters
 Para Compound U18 and W1 U18: 50 meters
 Para Recurve U18: 60 meters
 Para Compound U15 and W1 U15: 40 meters
 Para Recurve U15: 40 meters
 - ii. The VI 1 and VI 2 Para USAT MQS is based on the 50th percentile of 72 Arrow Round scores shot at the last three Para World Championships (see Table 1. Para USAT MQS Table).
 - iii. The Para Compound, Para Recurve and W1 USAT MQS is based on the Paralympic Games MQS established by World Archery (see Table 1.: Para USAT MQS).
 - iv. The Para U21, U18 and U15 MQS is based on the 90% of the next highest age class's MQS (See Table 1. Para USAT MQS).

Table 1: Para USAT MQS

Division	72 ARROW ROUND MQS SCORE BY CATEGORY			
	Para	Para U21	Para U18	Para U15
W1 Men	590	531	478	430
Para Compound Men	650	585	527	474
Para Recurve Men	570	513	462	416
W1 Women	520	468	421	379
Para Compound Women	620	558	502	452
Para Recurve Women	530	477	429	386
Visually Impaired 1 (Men and Women)	315	284	257	231
Visually Impaired 2 (Men and Women)	493	444	400	360

Para USAT Team Announcements

Official Para USAT announcements will be made following the conclusion of all Para USAT Events, but no later than December 31st annually.

Policy for Missing a Required Event

In the unpreventable situation that an archer is not able to compete in the “required event”, the Policy for Missing the Required Event outlines the process to request an exemption. If an archer receives an exception for missing the required event, they will receive ranking points per the criteria outlined in the [Policy for Missing a Required Event](#).

Ranking Points

Archers must compete in the minimum required number of Para USAT Events to include the required event, to receive a “rank”. Eligible archers may earn a USAT rank in more than one age class and division if all requirements are met.

Non-Para USAT Selection Process

For information on how to make a non-Para USAT please review the following athlete selection procedures:

- [Senior Recurve and Compound USAT Selection Procedures](#)
- [U21, U18, U15, 50+ and Senior Barebow USAT Selection Procedures](#)

Publicity and Distribution of Procedures

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted at www.usarchery.org. These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following approval by the USA Archery Selection Procedures Committee.

Anti-Doping Requirements

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, WADA, World Archery, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, World Archery, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

Selection Procedures Committee

The Selection Procedure Committee representatives include:

- USA Archery, Chief of Sport Performance and Operations, Mary Emmons
- USA Archery, High Performance Director, Sara Crowell
- Coach Advisory Council Representative, Heather Pfeil
- National Events Manager, Brad Fiala
- Team USA AC Representative, Heather Koehl
- Team USA AC Alternate, Katherine Wu
- Para AAC Co-Chair, Kevin Mather
- Para AAC Co-Chair, Wendy Gardner

These procedures were developed according to the USA Archery [Selection Procedure Development Policy](#).

USA Archery Bylaws and Grievance Procedures

The USA Archery Bylaws and Disciplinary Proceedings and Grievance Policy can be found at: www.usarchery.org.

Athlete Ombuds Office

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and USA Archery.

Athlete Ombuds Office Contact Information:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

Signatures

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by World Archery and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures, when applicable. I further certify that the selection procedures have been developed in accordance with the USA Archery Selection Procedures Policy.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
CEO, USA Archery	Rod Menzer		3/13/26
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Heather Koehl		3/13/26

* If the Team USA AC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate Team USA AC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that they have read and understands the Selection Procedures.

A. Para USAT will consist of:

- The final top eight ranked male and female Para Recurve, Para Compound and W1 archers based on the Para USAT National Rankings.
- The final top three ranked male and female Visually Impaired 1 and Visually Impaired 2 archers based on the Para USAT National Rankings.
- The final top three ranked male and female U21, U18, U15 archers based on the Para USAT National Rankings.

B. Para National Ranking Point Calculations (All categories)

1. Para National Ranking Points will be calculated by using the archer's Single Arrow Average (SAA) as follows:
 - a. The archer's SAA from the 72 Arrow Round(s) of Para USAT Events will be used to calculate an archer's Para USAT National Ranking points. The SAA will consist of the average of the archer's two best Para USAT Events, plus the required Para USAT event in which the archer has fully competed as described in b and c.
 - b. If weather or schedule changes prevent the completion of a 72 arrow Round, the SAA for the event will be calculated based on the total number of arrows shot. However, a minimum of 36 arrows must be shot in a round to use the Single Arrow Average for that event.
 - i. If an archer withdraws prior to the completion of the 72 Arrow Round(s), no Para USAT ranking points will be awarded for that Para USAT Event.
 - ii. The SAA will be calculated to the nearest 1000th of a point (3 decimal places).
 - c. **Archers must shoot all elimination rounds for which they are eligible if they make the cut to the Top 64. If an archer does not shoot in the elimination rounds after making the cut to the Top 64 at one of the Para USAT Events, the archer will not receive Para USAT ranking points for that Para USAT Event.** If the archer does not make the cut to the Top 64, they will still receive Ranking USAT ranking points for the Para USAT Event.
 - i. Para archers will be combined with non-Para divisions for the individual elimination round based on their age class and/or the for the non-Para team they want to earn non-Para USAT ranking points for (see Section 6. And Age Criteria). Para athletes will be required to inform event staff onsite of their age category preference at event check-in (i.e. Senior or 50+ for example).
 - ii. Exceptions:
 - a. When there are 3 or more W1 archers (men and women) at a Para USAT even, they will be combined for a W1 only elimination round (Set-System Scoring). If there are 2 or less W1 archers, they will be placed in the Senior Compound elimination round (Cumulative Scoring).
 - b. When there are 3 or more Visually Impaired archers VI1 (men and women), they will be combined for a VI1 only elimination round.
 - c. If there are 2 or less VI1 archers, they will not be required to participate in elimination rounds.

- d. When there are 3 or more Visually Impaired archers VI2 (men and women), they will be combined for a VI2 only elimination round. If there are 2 or less VI2 archers, they will not be required to participate in elimination rounds.

C. Events to be factored into the Para National Ranking System

1. PARA USAT EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. An archer must fully compete in two Para USAT Events, and the required Para USAT event.
 - i. In the unpreventable situation that an archer is unable to compete in the required Para USAT Event they should promptly review the [Policy for Missing a Required Event](#) for information on how to apply for an exception.
 - ii. Modifications to the required event will be announced by January 15th annually.
- b. The Para USAT Events will be defined as:
 - i. Para USAT Event 1 will be the 1st Para USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - ii. Para USAT Event 2 will be the 2nd Para USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - iii. Para USAT Event 3 will be the 3rd Para USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - iv. Para USAT Event 4 will be the 4th Para USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - v. If there are more than 4 Para USAT Events, USAT Qualifier Event #N will be the Nth Para USAT Event of the calendar year.

c. REQUIRED PARA USAT EVENT:

Para: The REQUIRED event is the Target Nationals and U.S. Open

Para U21, Para U18 and Para U15: The REQUIRED event is the JOAD Target Nationals and JOAD Open U.S. Open

The use of the event placement points from the Target Nationals and U.S. Open or JOAD Target Nationals and JOAD U.S. Open is REQUIRED for the archer's Para USAT ranking.

- d. The archer's final Para National Ranking placement will only include Para National Ranking point calculations from Para USAT Events for that calendar year.
 - i. When Para USAT Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - ii. When Para USAT Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Event 2 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - iii. When Para USAT Qualifying Event 3 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - iv. When Para USAT Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Event 4 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - v. When the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open or JOAD Target Nationals and JOAD U.S. Open of the calendar year has occurred, USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open or JOAD Target Nationals and JOAD U.S. Open of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.

- vi. If applicable, when the substituted required event as referenced in Section 2 of the calendar year has occurred, substituted required event of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.

D. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events

- a. If three or fewer Para USAT Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all events to be eligible for Para USAT.
- b. If the required Para USAT event is canceled, there will be no required Para USAT event.

E. Para USAT Tiebreaker

Ties for the last position on Para USAT will be broken by the archer's final 72 Arrow Round(s) placement at the required Para USAT, then X's, then 10's. If still tied, both archers will be placed on the team.