



SENIOR RECURVE AND COMPOUND USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

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Purpose

The Senior Recurve and Compound USAT Selection Procedures defines the process to be selected to the Senior United States Archery Team (USAT).

Eligibility Guidelines

1. 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 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 athletes and athletes actively competing internationally for other countries will not receive USAT ranking points from any USAT Event, to include the Target Nationals and the U.S. Open and will be removed from all USAT Event final placement USAT rankings at the conclusion of each USAT Event and athletes ranked below them in final placement will move up in placement accordingly.**
2. Members named to 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.
3. If an archer declines their initial nomination to USAT, the next highest ranked archer in the same gender and division who meets all eligibility requirements in 1. and 2. above will be notified of their appointment to USAT if they meet all membership and eligibility

requirements. This offer will not be extended to any archer other than the first alternate.

4. 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 USAT benefits will not be passed on to another archer.
5. Para archers may earn ranking points toward another age appropriate USAT ranking. However, to do so, Para archers must compete in the Elimination Rounds for the corresponding category (i.e. Senior, etc.) at each USAT Event and may only do so if the 72 Arrow ranking round for both the Para and the other USAT Event's category is held on the same field, at the same time, under the same conditions. There are no guarantees these conditions will be met at all USAT Events, which may impact a Para archers' ability to make a non-Para team.

Age Criteria

Any archer may participate in the Senior Division.

USAT Team Announcements

Official USAT announcements will be made following the conclusion of all USAT Events and international events which contribute to international success bonus points, 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 a 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 as outlined in the [Policy for Missing a Required Event](#). See Section 2.d.i. and 2.d.ii. of this policy for information for missing a non-required USAT event.

Ranking Points

At each competition an athlete can compete in one age class only. This applies to all age classes for which they are eligible. All eligible archers will receive ranking points in the age class and division for which they compete in at each USAT Event. Archers must compete in the minimum number of USAT Events to include the "required event", to receive a "rank". Eligible athletes may earn a rank in more than one age class and division if all requirements are met.

Senior Barebow and Para USAT Selection Process

For information on how to make Senior Barebow USAT, please see the [U21, U18, U15, 50+ and Senior Barebow USAT Selection Procedures](#).

For information on how to make Para USAT, please see the [Para USAT Selection Procedures](#).

Publicity and Distribution of Procedures

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Archery 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

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

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

USA Archery 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 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. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by USA Archery, they may submit those reasons in writing to USA Archery at international_teams@usarchery.org.

Senior USAT will consist of:

The final top eight ranked senior archers, per gender and division will be named to Senior USAT per the criteria defined in the Senior USAT Selection Procedures.

The following sections will apply to Senior Recurve Men and Women and Senior Compound Men Only:

Fundamental Components:

1. USAT Event Placement Points - calculated by individual:
 - a. 72 Arrow Round (or Double 72 Arrow Round) Placement
 - b. Single Arrow Average (SAA) Placement During Elimination Round Matches through the 1/4 Round (excludes **1/2 Round**, medal matches **and tie break arrows**)
 - c. Elimination Round Placement
2. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points – calculated by individual 72 Arrow Round score(s) 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points (or Double 72 Arrow Round) – Awarded based on 72 Arrow Round(s) score(s) at USAT Events.
3. International Success Bonus Points – calculated by individual elimination round placement at the following events (See Table 4.):
 - a. Outdoor World Cup Events and Outdoor World Cup Final
 - b. World Archery Target Championships
 - c. Olympic Games

Senior USAT Ranking Point Calculations:

1. 72 Arrow Round Placement:

Archers will be ranked based on their 72 Arrow Round(s) Score(s), receiving a 72 Arrow Round(s) Placement. Recurve will shoot a distance of 70M and Compound will shoot a distance of 50M.

2. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points:

72 Arrow Round Bonus Points (See Table 1. And Table 2.) will be applied to an archer's Senior USAT ranking as follows:

- a. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be shown as a negative number in the Senior USAT ranking points. If a USAT event has more than one 72 Arrow Round, 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be awarded for each 72 Arrow Round shot at the event.
- b. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be removed following the completion of the same event from the previous year, or no later than one calendar year from the event completion date in which the points were earned in the previous year.

Table 1. Recurve 72 Arrow-Round Bonus Points Distribution

Men's Recurve 72 Arrow Round Score	Awarded Bonus Points	Women's Recurve 72 Arrow Round Score
685+	-1.0	680+
680-684	-.5	675-679
675-679	-.25	670-674
674 or less	-	669 or less

Table 2. Compound Men 72 Arrow-Round Bonus Points Distribution

Men's Compound 72 Arrow Round Score	Awarded Bonus Points
715+	-1.0
710-714	-.5
705-709	-.25
704 or less	-

3. SAA Placement During Elimination Round Matches through the 1/4 Round:

Archers will receive placement points based on their SAA amongst the other eligible archers **through the 1/4 Round (excludes 1/2 Round, medal matches and tie break arrows)**. SAA Values will be rounded to the nearest thousandth, rounding up at .005 and above. Ties within SAA values will remain when factoring an archer's SAA Placement.

4. Elimination Round Placement:

Archers eliminated in the **1/4, 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32** rounds of competition will have their Elimination Round Placement determined by **World Archery Book 3, Rule 12.6.**

If a tie still exists between two or more archers, the tied archers will receive the same ranking and points associated with that ranking.

The next lower ranked archer will receive the ranking y places down from the ranking of the tied archers where y is the number of archers tied. For example, if two archers tie for 9th place with the same SAA, then those two archers will receive the 9th ranking for the Elimination Round Placement and Ranking Points. The next lower ranked archer would be 11th ranked in the Elimination Round Placement and Ranking Points.

Calculating USAT Event Placement Points:

1. Three Fundamental Components

The three components of the event placement points will be weighted to calculate an archer's Event Placement Points. The formula rewards archers for a high level of performance in all three fundamental components. An archer's Event Placement Points provides a comprehensive overview of the archer's performance for a given competition.

72 Arrow Round(s) Placement	40%
Single Arrow Average Placement	20%
<u>Elimination Round Placement</u>	<u>40%</u>
Event Placement Points	100%

2. Calculating an Archer's Event Placement Points

$((72 \text{ Arrow Round(s) Placement} \times .40) + (\text{Single Arrow Average Placement} \times .20) + (\text{Elimination Round Placement} \times .40)) = \text{National Event Placement Points}$

Example: Archer A (See Table 3. - Recurve):

$$\begin{aligned} & ((7\text{th Place} - 72 \text{ Arrow Round(s)} \times .40) + (5\text{th Place} - \text{Single Arrow Average} \\ & \times .20) + (1\text{st Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ & = ((7 * .40) + (5 * .20) + (1 * .40)) \\ & = (2.80 + 1.00 + .40) \\ & \text{Event Placement Points} = 4.20 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Archer B (See Table 4. - Compound):

$$\begin{aligned} & ((10\text{th Place} - 72 \text{ Arrow Round(s)} \times .40) + (10\text{th Place} - \text{Single Arrow} \\ & \text{Average} \times .20) + (5\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ & = ((10 * .40) + (10 * .20) + (5 * .40)) \\ & = (4 + 2 + 2) \\ & \text{Event Placement Points} = 8.00 \end{aligned}$$

TABLE 3: RECURVE MEN AND WOMEN EXAMPLE

Archer	72 Arrow Round Score	72 Arrow Round Place (40%)	SAA Place (20%)	Elim. Round Place (40%)	72 Arrow Round Bonus Points	USAT Event Placement Points
A	665	7	5	1		4.20
B	659	10	7	5		7.40
C	645	14	16	6		11.20
D	655	11	15	6		9.80
E	676	5	14	3	-0.25	5.75
F	688	1	12	2	-1	2.60
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TABLE 4: COMPOUND MEN EXAMPLE

Archer	72 Arrow Round Score	72 Arrow Round Place (40%)	SAA Place (20%)	Elim. Round Place (40%)	72 Arrow Round Bonus Points	USAT Event Placement Points
A	699	7	3	1		3.80
B	694	10	10	5		8.00
C	688	14	13	5		10.20
D	692	11	15	7		10.20
E	704	5	5	3	-0.25	3.95
F	710	1	9	2	-1	2.00
G	CAN					
H	MEX					

The following sections will apply to Senior Compound Women Only:

Fundamental Components:

1. USAT Event Placement Points - calculated by individual:
 - a. 72 Arrow Round(s) Placement
 - b. Elimination Round Placement

2. 72 Arrow Round(s) Bonus Points – calculated by individual 72 Arrow Round(s) score(s) 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points (i.e. 72 Arrow Round or Double 72 Arrow Round) – Awarded based on 72 Arrow Round(s) score(s) at USAT Events.

3. International Success Points – calculated by individual elimination round placement at the following events:
 - a. Outdoor World Cup Event(s) and Outdoor World Cup Final
 - b. World Archery Target Championships

Compound Senior Women Ranking Point Calculations:

1. 72 Arrow Round Placement:
 - a. Archers will be ranked based on their 72 Arrow Round (or Double 72 Arrow Round) Placement, receiving a 72 Arrow Round Placement. Compound will shoot a distance of 50M.

2. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points

72 Arrow Round Bonus Points (see Table 5.) will be applied to an archer's Senior USAT ranking as follows:

- c. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be shown as a negative number in the Senior USAT ranking points. If a USAT event has more than one 72 Arrow Round, 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be awarded for each 72 Arrow Round (i.e. 72 Arrow ranking round) shot at the event.
- d. 72 Arrow Round Bonus Points will be removed following the completion of the same event from the previous year, or no later than one calendar year from the event completion date in which the points were earned in the previous year.

Table 5. Compound Women 72 Arrow-Round Bonus Points Distribution

Women's Compound 72 Arrow Round Score	Awarded Bonus Points
710+	-1.0
705-709	-.5
700-704	-.25
699 or less	-

3. Elimination Round Placement:

Archers eliminated in the 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32 rounds of competition will have their Elimination Round Placement determined by [World Archery Book 3, Rule 12.6](#).

If a tie still exists between two or more archers, the tied archers will receive the same ranking and points associated with that ranking.

The next lower ranked archer will receive the ranking *y* places down from the ranking of the tied archers where *y* is the number of archers tied. For example, if two archers tie for 9th place with the same SAA, then those two archers will receive the 9th ranking for the Elimination Round Placement and Ranking Points. The next lower ranked archer would be 11th ranked in the Elimination Round Placement and Ranking Points.

Calculating Event Placement Points:

1. Two Fundamental Components

- a. The two components of the event placement points will be weighted to calculate an archer's Event Placement Points. The formula rewards archers for a high level of performance in two fundamental components. An archer's Event Placement Points provides a comprehensive overview of the archer's performance for a given competition.

72 Arrow Round(s) Placement	60%
<u>Elimination Round Placement</u>	<u>40%</u>
Event Placement Points	100%

2. Calculating an Archer's Event Placement Points

$$((72 \text{ Arrow Round(s) Placement} \times .60) + (\text{Elimination Round Placement} \times .40)) \\ = \text{National Event Placement Points}$$

Example A:

$$((7\text{th Place} - 72 \text{ Arrow Round(s)} \times .60) + (9\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ = ((7 * .60) + (9 * .40)) \\ = (2.80 + 3.6) \\ \text{Event Placement Points} = 6.4$$

Example B:

$$((10\text{th Place} - 72 \text{ Arrow Round(s)} \times .60) + (10\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ = ((10 * .60) + (10 * .40)) \\ = (6.00 + 4.00) \\ \text{Event Placement Points} = 10.0$$

International Success Bonus Points

1. International Success Bonus Points reward all Senior Recurve and Compound archers who finish in the Top 8 at an Outdoor World Cup, Olympic Games and/or World Archery Target Championships event (see Table 4.). International Success Bonus Points will also be awarded to archers who finish in the Top 3 at the Outdoor World Cup Final.
2. International Success Bonus Points will be applied to an archer's Senior USAT ranking as follows:
 - a. International Success Bonus Points will be shown as a negative number in the Senior national ranking points.
 - b. International Success Bonus Points will be removed following the completion of the same event from the previous year, or no later than one calendar year from the event completion date in which the points were earned in the previous year.
3. International Success Bonus Points will be awarded as follows:

Table 6:

	OUTDOOR WORLD CUP STAGES	OLYMPIC GAMES AND WORLD ARCHERY TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS	OUTDOOR WORLD CUP FINAL
TOP 3 FINISH			-1.0
TOP 4 FINISH	--- .5	--- 1.0	
TOP 8 FINISH	--- 0.25	--- .5	

Senior USAT Event Participation Requirements:

Archers must attend a minimum of three (3) USAT Events, and the (1) one required USAT event, to be eligible to receive a Senior USAT Ranking except as explained in C.2.d. and C.2. e.

Senior USAT Events include:

1. THE REQUIRED EVENT

- a. Participation at the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is required to receive a Senior USAT Ranking.
 - i. In the unpreventable situation that an archer is not able to compete in the required event they should promptly review the [Policy for Missing the Required Event](#), which outlines the process for requesting an exception.
- b. For Senior Recurve Men and Women and Senior Compound Men, the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open will be calculated by the following formula: ((Target Nationals Placement x .40) + (Single Arrow Average Placement x .20) + (U.S. Open Elimination Round Placement x .40)).
- c. For Senior Compound Women, the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open will be calculated by the following formula ((Target Nationals Placement x .60) + (U.S. Open Placement x .40)).
- d. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is not required in the archer's Senior National Ranking.
- e. Ties in the 8th position for Senior USAT will be broken by the archer's final placement at the USA Archery Target Nationals (total score of two 72 arrow Qualification Rounds, then X's, then 10's). If still tied, both archers will be placed on the team.

2. USAT EVENT SERIES

- a. Senior USAT Series Events include:
 - i. USAT Event 1 will be the 1st USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - ii. USAT Event 2 will be the 2nd USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - iii. USAT Event 3 will be the 3rd USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - iv. USAT Event 4 will be the 4th USAT Event of the calendar year.
 - v. **REQUIRED USAT EVENT**: USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is the 5th USAT Event of the calendar year and is the **REQUIRED EVENT**.
- b. The final Senior USAT Ranking will only include USAT Events for that calendar year.
- c. Eligible USAT Events for the current Senior USAT Ranking will consist of the best four total USAT Events such that:
 - i. Only the five most recent completed USAT Events will be calculated in the current Senior USAT Rankings.

- ii. When USAT Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- iii. When USAT Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Event 2 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- iv. When USAT Event 3 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- v. When USAT Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Event 4 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- vi. When the USAT Event, the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open of the calendar year has occurred, the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S Open of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- vii. Only the best four USAT Events that yield the best (lowest) Senior USAT Ranking points out of the five most recent USAT Events will be used to determine an archer's Senior USAT ranking.
- viii. An archer must compete in a minimum of four USAT Events to receive a Senior USAT ranking. Participation in the most recent USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is required to receive a Senior USAT ranking, except as explained in Section C. 2.d. and C.2. e.

d. MISSING NON-REQUIRED USAT EVENTS: AN EXCEPTION WILL BE GRANTED FOR PARTICIPATION AT APPROVED INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND/OR RELATED QUOTA EVENTS THAT CONFLICT WITH THE USAT EVENT SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

- i. Archers selected to the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Para Pan American Games, Junior Pan American Games, World University Games and/or World Games team or selected to participate in related quota events or who are named to a World Cup, World Cup Final, World Archery Championship, Youth World Archery Championship, World University Championship, World University Games, World Archery Field Championship or World Archery 3D Championship team who are unable to attend a non-required USAT event due to their participation in one of the events listed above, will receive Senior USAT ranking points at the end of the calendar year for the missed USAT Event equal to the average of their top three (3) USAT Events in the calendar year. The archer must attend and complete a minimum of three (3) USAT Events that calendar year to receive their average Senior ranking points of their top three (3) USAT Events in the calendar year.
- ii. Archers who miss two non-required USAT Events for the reasons outlined in 2.d.i. above, will receive Senior ranking points only for the first missed non-required USAT Event equal to the average of their top three (3) USAT Events in the calendar year. The second missed non-required USAT Event

will be treated as a missed event, which can later be dropped prior to the calculation of the archer's final Senior USAT rank.

- e. Exceptions to attending a minimum of four (4) USAT Events:
As a precautionary measure, if one or more USAT Events are canceled, the following will occur:
 - i. If only 4 USAT Events are held, archers will only be required to attend 3 USAT Events to be eligible for Senior USAT.
 - ii. If 3 or fewer USAT Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all USAT Events to be eligible for the Senior USAT.
 - iii. If the required event is canceled, there will be no required event.