



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION
NOMINATIONS**

PARA ATHLETE



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

RESUMES FOLLOWING



ERIC BENNETT

Over the course of my 14-year international career I have seen incredible growth in para archery both here in the USA and abroad. I am fully invested in para archery both as an athlete and an advocate. My goal is to continue to see USA para archery develop and dominate the world stage. I believe that my extensive experience as an athlete, para athlete council member, and the currently elected World Archery athlete representative gives me the unique opportunity to represent para athletes on the USAA Board of Directors. I want to continue to use my passion for archery to further develop and strengthen our team.

I believe there are several immediate issues that need to be addressed and improved. First and foremost is finding and developing talent, especially younger athletes. We know that there are many disabled sports opportunities around the country that include archery as part of their program. I feel it is important to create established pipelines that will identify potential athletes and provide them with the necessary tools to develop and succeed. Another issue is the we need to find a way to provide consistent and convenient classification opportunities for incoming athletes. This includes finding and training new classifiers but also making those classifiers available for new athletes. I know efforts are being made but I would like to see these efforts increased and continued. Additionally, I want continue to develop and support our current national and elite team members with tools and resources to be the most successful para team in the world.

I have the experience to represent para athletes and will continue to make para archery development my passion. I recently qualified for my 4th Paralympic Games in Tokyo. I have not only competed in 3 previous games but I am the only American para archery athlete that has competed at the games in two different disciplines. Together we can make USA Para Archery the most dominant team in the international scene.



KEVIN MATHER

My fellow archers

I am seeking election to the USA Archery Board of Directors for the Para Athlete Director position. Archery is incredibly important and valuable to me so I want to do my part and serve on the board to give back to the sport that has given me so much. I am in a unique position to put in the needed work and would go above and beyond the expectations for this role. My schedule allows me to attend all meetings and I have the time to reach out to fellow athletes to ensure their concerns are being addressed.

In my attached resume you can see I have had a variety of life experiences which have helped me develop the skills necessary to serve in this position. From challenges I faced at work, to learning to adapt to life after a spinal cord injury, I have developed a logical yet creative way to think about solutions to problems. Additionally, my position on Triumph-Foundation's board of directors gave me experience in active listening and a passion to advocate for those whose voices might not be heard.

My goal as a Board member would be to listen to my fellow athletes concerns, put their needs above my own, and help develop solutions cooperatively with USA Archery. If elected I can positively impact those currently shooting competitive archery and my hope is that this would lead to growth in the sport as athlete's concerns are addressed and archer satisfaction increases over time. I would specifically work toward policies and programs that would make archery more accessible for new Para athletes to join the sport.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Education	<p><i>Bachelor of Science in Physical Science – Cum Laude</i> Northern Arizona University 2001</p> <p><i>Master of Education in Educational Administration</i> Arizona State University 2006</p> <p><i>USA Archery Level 4 NTS Coaching Certification</i> Colorado Springs OTC 2012</p>
Experience	<p><i>Physics and Engineering Teacher</i> Dysart Unified School District 2010-Present Deer Valley Unified School District 2002-2010</p> <p><i>Council Member – Co-Chair</i> USA Archery Para Athlete Advisory Council – Recurve Rep 2016-Present USA Archery Para Athlete Advisory Council – Compound Rep 2014-2016</p> <p><i>Junior Olympic Archery Club Co-Head Coach</i> Corner Kidz JOAD 2006-Present</p> <p><i>Committee Member</i> Adaptive Sports USA 2015-2019</p> <p><i>Board Member</i> USA Archery Arizona 2009-2011</p>
Other Successes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Time US Paralympian – Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio De Janeiro 2016 • World Champion – Open Male Recurve 2015 • Team World Champion – Open Male Recurve 2019 • Current indoor World Record Holder • Arizona Athlete of the Year • Para USAT member 2007-Present
References	<p><i>Rod Menzer – CEO USA Archery</i> rmenzer@usarchery.org (920) 207 – 4774</p> <p><i>George Ryals IV – Head Coach USA Archery Para Team</i> gryals@usarchery.org (315) 567 – 1701</p> <p><i>Martin (MJ) Rogers – Assistant Coach USA Para Team</i> mjrogerscoach@gmail.com (909) 534 - 3340</p>



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Education

The Master's University *Santa Clarita, CA* May 2009
BA. Business Management

School of Automotive Machinist and Technology *Houston, TX* Nov 2001
Engine / Block Machining
Engine / Cylinder Head Machining

Work Experience

Tejon Ranch Company *Tejon Ranch, CA* Dec 2005-Jan 2017
Project Manager

- Managed environmental regulatory compliance for multiple large scale real estate projects.
- Developed a comprehensive water rights management plan for the 270,000 acre property.
- Managed multiple consultants to ensure timely delivery of project data.
- Worked with local, state, and federal regulatory agencies ensuring projects were in compliance.

Ed Pink Racing *Van Nuys, CA* Jan 2002-Dec 2005
Cylinder Head Shop Foreman

- Developed new engines for high performance race teams (Including Ford, Toyota, Nissan, Chevrolet).
- Managed R&D efforts to ensure our teams had the best products on the track.
- Managed daily re-building activities to ensure the delivery of perfect products on a rapid timeline.

Leadership Experience

Triumph Foundation *Santa Clarita, CA* Jan 2011-Mar 2017
Board Member

- Managed fund-raising and donor relations
- Volunteered as a peer mentor (300-400 hours per year)
- Worked with other board members to develop more effective ways to reach out to patients and families whose lives had been impacted by a spinal cord injury

Athlete Experience

- 2017-Current Archer (Recurve Open)
- 2013-2017 Alpine Skier
- 2007-2012 Ironman Triathlete

Athletic Accomplishments

Archery

- 2020 Paralympic Team Member, 2022 World Championships Team Member
- World Records: 90M, 70M, 50M, 30M, 1440 Round
- 2019, 2020, 2021 Para USAT Team
- 2020 US National Championship (Individual Gold)
- 2019 World Archery Para Man of the Year
- 2018 Pan American Championships (Individual Gold, Team Gold). Dubai WRE (Individual Gold). Mexican Grand Prix (Individual Gold) Salt Lake City WRE (Individual Silver, Mixed Team Silver)
- 2017 Para World Championship (Silver / Men's Recurve Open Team)

Alpine Skiing

- 2017 World Para Alpine Skiing Championships Team Member

Triathlon

- 2012 Ironman World Championships (Silver)