



2023 Collegiate Archery Program Meeting Notes

May 18, 2023

Start Time: 7:30 pm

End Time: 8:36 pm

Location: Georgia Southern Shooting Sport Center (2023 Collegiate Target Nationals)

33 Attendees

1. USA Archery provided a program update to include the following:
 - a. Current Program Numbers:
 - i. Programs: 90
 - ii. Collegiate Archers (with current Collegiate Membership): 1483
 - iii. Collegiate Archers with Current Eligibility: 1191
 - iv. Varsity Programs: 26
 - b. 2023 Collegiate Archery Program Advisory Council Members
 - c. Administrative Reminders including:
 - i. USA Archery membership requirement after attending three club activities
 - ii. Reviewing and updating program contact information regularly (specifically primary contact email)
 - d. 2023 Collegiate Grant Opportunities
 - i. \$42,000 awarded to 18 current programs in partnership with Easton Foundations
 - ii. Collegiate Coach Grant (deadline June 17th): Virtual Level 4 Course, Virtual Symposium, Coaches Workshop)
 - iii. New program grant application
 - e. Collegiate Awards Update including opportunity to apply for Club Excellence Award. In addition, USA Archery is updating the USA Archery website to better outline Overall Team Championship awards for all three national tournaments
 - f. USA Archery reviewed the Archery is for Everyone! Campaign in partnership with Marvel Entertainment, LLC and encouraged colleges to host Try Archery Events between now and September 15, 2023
 - g. Review of recruitment initiatives including attending NASP Nationals, attending JOAD Nationals and providing scholarships to top-finishing archers, and attending local, state and national events for USA Archery and other organizations
 - h. 2023 Collegiate 3D Regionals:
 - i. North Region: Rend Lake College, September 22-24, 2023

- ii. South-Central Region, Mississippi College, September 16, 2023
- iii. South-East Region, University of the Cumberlands, September 22, 2023
- i. 2024-2025 Collegiate Target Regionals bids are being reviewed and will be announced soon
- j. 2024 Collegiate Target Nationals location is to be announced still.

2. USA Archery then opened up a general Q&A Session

- Is the grant for new programs only for programs that have not existed previously? What if the club died out but has come back?
 - Intended for only new clubs. Those clubs can re-apply and will re-consider.
- Are we going to run indoor Nationals the same as this year?
 - Yes, that's the plan going into 2024.
- Do you know when the schedule and location will be announced for next year's Collegiate Target Nationals?
 - No, not yet.
- Andy Puckett, East Region Advisory Council Representative raised the topic of reinstating MQS for Collegiate Target Nationals. Andy informed the group advisory council representatives were gathering feedback if this would be supported for further consideration. USA Archery informed the group this is not a directive being requested by USA Archery at this time but encourages feedback to be shared. The below feedback summarizes individual opinions/feedback from the coaches and athletes in attendance.
 - Once coach inquired what problem or issue is the MQS trying to address?
 - Level of competition. To increase level of competition.
 - Concerned for students' self-esteem not performing well at National-level events.
 - Responses to this included questioning if this contradicts Inclusion and should be up to each student-athlete?
 - Size of the event is too big, especially if the goal is to host event on University Campuses. No eastern school can host this event
 - MQS Comments:
 - Schools use National event attendance as a recruitment tool.
 - If the program is too large why don't we limit teams to 3-quota spots per team, gender?
 - Counter feedback: don't want to penalize students
 - If there isn't an MQS for USAT events, there shouldn't be an MQS for Collegiate Target Nationals.
 - If you base it only on scores than you take away from the archery experience.
 - To limit attendance, the team is limited to a certain number of athletes.
 - This could limit athlete's opportunities to make the All-American Team
 - If we do the MQS, do it for a specific reason, i.e. the prestige of the event vs. the number of attendees.
 - Want to be able to measure if the MQS meets its goals.

- Can also be the top 3 archers who qualified at Regionals.
- Schools with only enough travel funds for 1 event, they want to go to Nationals, not Regionals.
- Members want to attend the National Tournament.
- What does “competition” really mean? May be different to different athletes.
- All other sports have a qualification/standards process of some kind. Archery should have a qual/process in place.
- If a bigger range is needed, then why not cut the field for eliminations?
 - Difference between allowing everyone to come vs. cutting eliminations.
 - Historically, this event has never cut for eliminations
- If it’s a choice between having it hosted on campus vs. MQS, what’s the value of campus host?
- Can there be more information available on what is required to host the event? Schools can then determine if they can host the event.
- Attendees asked if an informal vote on MQS could be taken within the room.
 - 6 for MQS
 - 1 in the middle
 - 26 against
- Has JOAD Nationals considered MQS?
 - Historically, JOAD is a developmental program designed to encourage participation
- Clubs is very different then varsity teams. Clubs get more funding because they attend the National event.
 - Different colleges have different funding structures
- Would propose MQS not be extremely restrictive. This is so small schools are still able to participate in this event.
- MQS has value in competition but can limit the growth of clubs and teams.
- What is the problem MQS is trying to solve?
 - Elevate level of competition
 - Limit size of event
 - Which one is being weighed more heavily?
- Explore potential of different Divisions (clubs/varsity programs, or other) being split out and having different events so that way competition is more fair/level between larger/high level teams, and small/beginner programs.