



INTERNATIONAL EVENT PARTICIPATION POLICY **UPDATED – December 2020**

This policy applies to international events, in which USA Archery (USAA) members desire to compete and the individual is not part of the official USAA team contingent and/or is self-funding their participation.

The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (the “Sports Act”) contains requirements in Section 220525 thereof for the granting by a national governing body of sanctions for amateur athletes to compete in certain international amateur athletic competitions.

The USAA Bylaws reflect those provisions of the Sports Act, with Section 16.4 of the Bylaws specifying the requirements for sponsoring USAA athletes to compete in an international athletic competition held outside the United States.

Any person who desires to sponsor or organize one or more USAA athletes to participate in an international event must provide advance written notice NO LATER than forty-five (45) days prior to the start day of competition or fifteen (15) business days prior to the initial registration deadline, WHICHEVER DATE IS EARLIER for the event requested to USAA by submitting a USA Archery International Event Participation Form (These deadlines may be extended if registration information is not made available from the event organizer.). This form shall allow USAA to determine whether the sanctioning requirements of the Sports Act and of Section 16.4 of the USAA Bylaws apply. USAA will review the form and shall determine whether a sanction is required, and whether the sanction will be granted. If the sanctioning requirements apply, all requirements of Section 16.4 Bylaws must be met.

To ensure athlete, coach, sponsor and agent safety, and the integrity of USAA, USAA reserves the right to impose reasonable requirements and conditions specific to each case including:

1. The assistance or involvement of USAA, if any, that is requested or required (for example: to submit registrations, coordinate travel, collect funds or otherwise arrange logistics) pertaining to the participation of USAA athletes in the event. USAA reserves the right to collect funds based on the requested or required level of assistance or involvement of USAA staff.
2. No self-funded athletes, outside of those who have been selected through a USAA trials process, may participate in closed events where USAA is sending a sponsored team.

3. USAA will require coaches, team leaders or other officials or representatives who are assigned with responsibilities associated with the travel and participation of the athletes in the event to be a current USAA member in good standing, have a USAA Range Pass (includes USAA membership, background screen and U.S. Center for SafeSport training).
4. That unless expressly agreed to in writing by USAA:
 - a. The athletes and representatives from the United States who participate in the event are not representatives of or under the auspices of USAA. They shall not hold themselves out as such in any manner.
 - b. Uniforms worn by participating United States athletes, and any clothing to be worn by coaches, team leaders and other officials or representatives while participating in the event as such, shall not identify or imply that such persons are representing USAA in any official capacity, i.e. uniforms shall not resemble current National Team uniforms. Uniforms shall only designate the country for which they compete, and adhere to all requirements of the host committee, and comply with current World Archery dress code policy.
5. That liability and sport accident insurance has been procured to ensure the athletes and representatives from the United States who participate in the event in case of accident or illness.
6. That necessary and appropriate signed waiver and release documents are obtained from all athletes and representatives from the United States who are participating in the event, including an Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification in favor of USAA and agree to adhere to USAA's Code of Conduct and Honor Code by reference.
7. That adequate care and supervision have been procured to deal with the safety of minors, including any and all provisions that might be outlined within the Minor Athlete Abuse and Prevention Policy and SafeSport Code. This includes travel arrangements designed to prevent minors from traveling without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, including for international travel, with it being understood, however, that travel plans can be complicated, subject to change, delays, disruptions and other unavoidable changes. USAA requires that all travelers, especially minors and those traveling internationally, make every reasonable effort to ensure group safety throughout the duration of travel.

USA ARCHERY INTERNATIONAL EVENT PARTICIPATION REQUEST FORM

This form must be submitted to USA Archery (USAA) if an archer/coach is applying to attend an international event occurring outside of the U.S. and the individual is not part of an official USAA team contingent and/or is self-funding their event participation.

DEADLINE:

This form **MUST** be fully completed and returned to USAA **NO LATER** than forty-five (45) days prior to the start day of competition or fifteen (15) business days prior to the initial registration deadline, **WHICHEVER DATE IS EARLIER** for the event requested.

Please note that USAA does not have deadline information for events around the world and therefore cannot advise as to the specific deadlines. However, USAA recommends this form be completed and submitted ninety (90) days prior to the start day of competition if registration deadlines are not publicly available. For event dates and event opportunities, please visit the World Archery website at www.archery.org.

ELIGIBILITY:

Athlete: Must be a current USA Archery member in good standing and eligible to compete. If number of requests exceeds the number of positions available in an age class or division the athletes with the highest current-year NRS (senior) or USAT (all other age divisions) ranking 60 days prior to the event will be approved until all positions are filled. This determination will be made no later than fifteen (15) business days before the initial registration deadline.

If more athletes request participation in an international event than there are open positions in an age class, USAA members who have the highest current NRS/USAT rank in that age class will be selected in order of rank until all positions are filled.

Staff/Parents: Must be a current USAA member in good standing and have a current USAA Range Pass (includes USAA Membership, Background Screening and U.S. Center for SafeSport training).

FEES:

There will be a \$200 non-refundable sanction fee per person. The fee is for the coordination of registration, lodging, meals, ground transportation, MedEx insurance and if applicable uniforms. **Each person is responsible for booking and paying for their own flight arrangements.**

No payment is required to be sent with the International Event Participation Request Form. The fee will be collected with the event fees before the final registration is submitted to the LOC. Final registration will not be submitted for anyone who has not paid their outstanding fees to USA Archery.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If, for any reason you cancel your request, or determine that you no longer want to attend this competition, before USAA wires funds to the LOC, you will receive a refund of the amount paid minus the \$200 sanction fee, travel insurance, uniforms and processing fees incurred by USA Archery.

If, you cancel your request, or determine that you no longer want to attend this competition, after USAA wires funds to the LOC, you will receive a refund of the amount approved by the LOC minus the \$200 sanction fee, travel insurance, uniforms, processing fees and any additional administrative costs incurred by USA Archery for purposes of wire transfer or exchange rate differences. The LOC may or may not provide a partial refund. This same policy will also apply to events where the LOC cancels the event, however in this instance the \$200 sanction fee will be returned.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES:

In addition to the sanction fee, all participants are responsible for all registration, travel and accommodation fees. These costs vary per event and must be confirmed by the LOC. Any payments to USAA are due a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the final registration and payment deadline of the LOC.

UNIFORMS:

Individual agrees to purchase any necessary uniforms, either through USAA or through a third party, and agrees not to purposefully replicate the current USAA National Team Uniform or in any other way indicate that they are a United States Archery Team member. All uniforms must comply, at a minimum, with current World Archery Dress Code and the official dress code of the LOC of the tournament for which you are applying.

Please fill out the following information regarding the event in which you are requesting to participate:

Requesting as (circle one): Coach Team Leader Athlete

Participant Name: _____

Division: _____ Age Class: _____

Event Name: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

If you are a coach, team leader, parent or volunteer requesting a credential you must obtain a USA Archery Range Pass (includes USA Archery Membership Background Screen and SafeSport) before USA Archery will request a credential on your behalf.

USA Archery will review the request submitted according to Article XVI of the USA Archery bylaws. By signing below, you indicate that you are requesting a sanction to attend an international event outside of the U.S. and agree to the terms and requirements outlined above.

Print Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

USA ARCHERY
ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMINFICATION
(Self-Funded, Non-Team Contingent, International Event)

The undersigned has decided to participate of his/her own free will in the following international archery competition in which USA Archery is not providing funding and/or is not sending an athlete contingent.

Participant Name: _____

Event Name: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

In doing so, the undersigned shall not be participating as an official representative of, or otherwise under the auspices of, the National Archery Association of the United States, d/b/a USA Archery (“USA Archery”).

In consideration for the opportunity to voluntarily travel to and from, and to participate in the Event, the undersigned, individual, and on behalf of his/her heirs, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively referred to herein as “Participant”), AGREES TO ASSUME THE RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO RELEASE AND TO INDEMNIFY USA Archery, its employees, directors, officers, members, officials, coaches, committees, volunteers, affiliates, representatives, agents, and their respective successors and assigns (herein collectively referred to herein as USA Archery), as follows:

1. Assumption of Risk and Responsibility.
 - a. Participant recognizes, understands, appreciates and acknowledges: (i) the danger and risks of injury that may occur in archery, generally, and in the course of preparing for, participating in, traveling to or from, or staying in accommodations provided at the Event, specifically, whether as a competitor, coach, official, volunteer, or otherwise; (ii) that such activities may involve risk of permanent, temporary, total or partial disability, death, injury, illness or harm; (iii) that Participant voluntarily engages in such activities with adequate prior knowledge of such risks and dangers; (iv) that USA Archery is not responsible for the conduct, acts or omissions of any nature of Participant, the Event organizers, hosts, or sponsors, or of any persons who have solicited or organized Participants participation in the Event or who may be involved therein as a coach, team leader, official or other representative, or of any third persons or parties; and (v) that international travel and traveling into and staying in the country hosting the Event and the region may have risks and dangers of natural disasters, acts of God, war, riot, insurrection, terrorism and other circumstance of instability and volatility.
 - b. Participant agrees to and does assume all legal and financial responsibility for: (i) any and all risks and dangers referred to in the preceding paragraph; (ii) any and all injuries, damages and losses, whether to person or property, and whether physical, psychological,

social or economic, that Participant may in any manner and from whatever cause sustain in connection with participation in, travel to and from, accommodations during, and the conduct and management of the Event, including such injury or damage that may result from negligence or from any other cause; and (iii) subject to any applicable insurance coverage, all treatment, hospitalization and other care rendered to Participant in the event of his/her illness, injury or other emergent circumstance in connection with his/her participation in, travel to and from, and/or accommodations during the Event.

- 2. Release and Indemnification. Participation hereby fully and forever releases, discharges, holds harmless and agrees to indemnify USA Archery from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, litigation, damages and judgements, present or future, known or unknown, valid or invalid, direct or consequential (whether physical, psychological, social, economic or otherwise), together with reasonable costs and attorney fees, which result directly or indirectly from injuries, illness, disability (whether permanent, temporary, total or partial), death or other harm to Participant or Participant's property or otherwise. Such release and indemnification applies to any injury, illness, disability, death or other harm incurred during or in connection with any activities associated with or being a part of the Event and the conduct and management thereof, including any participation, travel, accommodations or emergency medical treatment, hospitalization or other care rendered or provided in connection with the Event, and any other risks or dangers referred to in Paragraph 1, above, whether such loss, damage, injury, illness, disability, death or other harm results from negligence or from any other cause.

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT: (I) PARTICIPANT HAS HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTANDS ITS PURPOSE, MEANING AND INTENT; (II) PARTICIPANT HAS SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTENDS IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE LAW; AND (III) IF ANY PORTION OF THIS DOCUMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THAT THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Print Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Print Name of Witness

Signature of Witness

Date