

**USA Archery**  
**Para National Ranking System 101**  
**Updated – May 2020**

**Because of the COVID19 Pandemic, the 2019 Para USAT is frozen as of 12/31/19.**  
**Archers cannot earn Para USAT rank in 2020.**

**Purpose**

The Para National Ranking System (NRS) is utilized by USA Archery (USAA) for the purpose of selecting athletes to the Para National Team, International Events, and USOPC Support Programs.

**Eligibility Guidelines**

The Para NRS is provided for USAA members in good standing with current approved Para national or international classification who have a valid U.S. passport. If an athlete 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 he/she has a valid passport prior to competing for the USA.

If an archer does not have a current approved Para national or international classification at the time of the event, the archer can still accumulate ranking points as long as they obtain their approved national or international classification prior to the end of the last Para National Ranking Event of the year. If the archer is unable to obtain their approved national or international classification by the end of the final Para National Ranking Event, the archer will lose their ranking for that year.

**Fundamental Components**

National Event Single Arrow Average

- a. The athlete's Single Arrow Average from the Qualification Round(s) of USAT Qualifier Series Events will be used to calculate an athlete's Para National Ranking. The Single Arrow Average will consist of the average of the athlete's three best USAT Qualifier Series Events in which the athlete has fully competed as described in b and c of the fundamental components.
- b. If weather or schedule changes prevent the completion of a 72 arrow Qualification Round, the Single Arrow Average 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. In the event that an archer withdraws prior to the completion of the Qualification Round, no points will be awarded.

- ii. Averages will be calculated to the nearest 1000<sup>th</sup> of a point (3 decimal places).
- c. Archers must shoot all elimination rounds for which they are eligible. If an athlete does not shoot the elimination rounds at one of the events, that event will not be included in the National Ranking.

## **Events to be factored into the Para National Ranking System**

### **1. EVENT REQUIREMENTS**

- a. An archer must fully compete in a minimum of three eligible Para USAT Qualifying Series Events, one of which must be the USAA Target Nationals or other substituted mandatory event as referenced in 1.b. in order to receive a Para National Ranking and to be eligible for International Events and USOPC programs the following year.
  - i. In the unpreventable situation that an archer is not able to compete in a required event for national ranking in their respective division the [Policy for Missing the Required Event](#) document outlines rules for approved exceptions.
- b. In years when there is a Para international event that conflicts with the USAA Target Nationals, one of the following events may be substituted as the mandatory event if approved by USAA:
  - i. Para WRE held in the U.S. with open registration; or
  - ii. Para World Team Trials; or
  - iii. First round of the Paralympic Team Trials

Modifications to the mandatory event requirement will be announced at the beginning of the year.

- c. Although participation is required, the use of the Single Arrow Average of the athlete's Qualification Round(s) total at the USAA Target Nationals or other substituted mandatory event as referenced in 1.b., is not required for the athletes Para National Ranking.

### **2. USAT QUALIFIER SERIES EVENTS – ATHLETE MUST FULLY COMPETE IN A MINIMUM OF THREE EVENTS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A PARA NATIONAL RANKING**

- a. The Para USAT Qualifier Series Events will be defined as:
  - i. USAT Qualifier Series Event 1 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Para USAT Qualifier Series Event of the calendar year.
  - ii. USAT Qualifier Series Event 2 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Para USAT Qualifier Series Event of the calendar year.
  - iii. USAT Qualifier Series Event 3 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Para USAT Qualifier Series Event of the calendar year.
  - iv. USAT Qualifier Series Event 4 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Para USAT Qualifier Series Event of the calendar year.

- v. If there are more than 4 USAT Qualifier Series Events, USAT Qualifier Event #N will be the Nth Para USAT Qualifier Series of the calendar year.
  - vi. The USAA Target Nationals is a mandatory Para USAT Qualifier Series Event. In years when there is a Para international event that conflicts with the USAA Target Nationals, one of the following events may be substituted as the mandatory Para USAT Qualifier Series Event if approved by USA Archery:
    - 1. Para World Ranking Event (WRE) held in the US with open registration; or
    - 2. Para World Team Trials; or
    - 3. First round of the Paralympic Team Trials
      - a. If an athlete participates in both the USAA Target Nationals and the approved substituted event, the USAA Target Nationals event will be counted as the mandatory event for the calendar year and also be utilized as the tiebreaker as noted in Section 3.
- b. The athlete's final Para National Ranking will only include Para USAT Qualifiers for that calendar year.
- i. When Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
  - ii. When Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 2 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
  - iii. When Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 3 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
  - iv. When Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifier Series Event 4 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
  - v. When the USAA Target Nationals of the calendar year has occurred, USAA Target Nationals of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
  - vi. When the substituted mandatory event as referenced in 1.b. of the calendar year has occurred, substituted mandatory event of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- c. An archer must fully compete in a minimum of three eligible Para USAT Qualifying Series Events, one of which must be the USAA Target Nationals or other substituted mandatory event as referenced in 1.b. in order to be ranked.

**3. A TIE IN THE FINAL NRS RANKING WILL BE BROKEN BY THE ARCHER'S PLACEMENT AT THE USAA TARGET NATIONALS OR OTHER SUBSTITUTED MANDATORY EVENT AS REFERENCED IN 1.a. IF AN ATHLETE PARTICIPATES IN BOTH THE USAA TARGET NATIONALS AND THE APPROVED SUBSTITUTED EVENT AS REFERENCED IN 1.b., THE**

**USAA TARGET NATIONALS EVENT WILL BE UTILIZED AS THE TIEBREAKER. IF THERE IS STILL A TIE, BOTH ATHLETES WILL BE PLACED ON PARA USAT.**