

Para Direct Athlete Support and Support Services

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ATHLETE SUPPORT

I. Paralympic SPORTS ORG

A. Athlete Stipends

1. Amount Awarded: \$20,000
2. Eligibility and Criteria Approved for Para Athlete Stipends and Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI)

In order to receive USOPC Athlete Stipends, Para USAT members must:

- Be citizens of the United States and/or meet all eligibility requirements to compete for the Team USA internationally and be able to, and actively working towards, meeting all eligibility requirements to compete for Team USA in the following Paralympics;
- Commit to a program of preparation with the intent of qualifying for and competing in the next Paralympic Games;
- Be actively competing in a Para division of domestic and international events (if eligible);
- Have a current valid USA Archery membership;
- Have a current U.S. Center for SafeSport training and USA Archery Background Screen;
- Have a current valid International classification;
- Be compliant with current USADA and WADA whereabouts standards and practices;
- Have signed Code of Conduct, Athlete Agreement, and Intent to Compete on file for the current year;
- Submit updated current monthly training programs to USA Archery Para National Coach prior to receiving Athlete Stipends for that quarter;
- An athlete who meets the eligibility criteria for EAHI and/or Athlete Stipends at the time of pregnancy will continue to receive EAHI and/or the same amount of qualified USOPC Athlete Stipends for the duration of the pregnancy plus an additional one-year period from the date of birth of the child or end of pregnancy, provided that the athlete agrees that it is her intent to return to competition at an elite level. Receipt of these benefits shall not be conditioned upon any agreement that the athlete must continue to train during pregnancy or for the one-year period after the birth of the child or end of pregnancy. Upon the conclusion of the one-year period, the athlete will then have to re-qualify for EAHI and/or Athlete Stipends.

Para Athlete Stipends and EAHI will only be provided to athletes who are currently training and competing. Please note that USOPC Para Athlete Stipends may increase or decrease from year to year, and the number of athletes supported by USOPC Athlete Stipends may increase or decrease from year to year. Please see the Policy for Missing a Required Event located

at www.usarchery.org for exceptions.

Non-Paralympic Years

Para USAT athletes who met the Elite Standard (below) the prior year at USAT Qualifier Series Events and/or World Ranking Para Events will qualify for Athlete Stipends and EAHl provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. A total of \$20,000 will be distributed equally between all eligible athletes quarterly. If athletes are not actively competing and training or fail to participate in required events outlined in Addendum B and their associated trials events, the DAS award(s) may be given to the next highest ranked athlete who meets the eligibility requirements, on a case by case basis, pending approval by USA Archery and the USOPC.

Paralympic Year Only

Para USAT athletes who have met the Elite Standard (below) at a Para USAT Qualifier Series Event and/or World Ranking Para Event the prior year will qualify for USOPC Athlete Stipends and EAHl provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. The total available funding for the year will be distributed equally between all eligible athletes in two quarterly payments in February and May. However, in a Paralympic year, the month following confirmation of the Paralympic team members, all remaining available funds will be distributed equally between all athletes named to the Paralympic Archery Team provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. These payments will be made in one single installment after the team has been named rather than a 3rd and 4th quarter installment.

*ELITE STANDARD	
DIVISION	72 ARROW ROUND SCORE
Open Compound Men	686
Open Compound Women	679
Open Recurve Men	628
Open Recurve Women	611
W1 Men	653
W1 Women	629

*Elite standard score is based on 90th percentile internationally.

3. Stipulations for Athlete Stipends:

- Each athlete recipient will be required to execute an agreement with the USOPC and may be required to also sign an agreement with USA Archery, outlining the athlete's commitment with respect to training, drug testing, compliance with applicable athlete codes of conduct and other matters.
- When a provisional suspension has been imposed, USOPC and USA Archery shall suspend and accrue Athlete Stipend payments prior to a final determination of any violation. If an Athlete Stipend payment has been accrued and the athlete is subsequently found not to have committed a violation, the Athlete Stipend payment accrued shall be paid to the athlete. For EAHl, no consequences will occur until after a final determination of a rule violation has been found.

B. Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI)

Eligibility and Criteria Approved for EAHI:

(Non-Paralympic Year)

Para USAT athletes who have met the Elite Standard (above) at a Para USAT Qualifier Series Event and/or World Ranking Para Event the prior year will qualify for EAHI provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above.

(Paralympic Year)

Para USAT athletes who have met the Elite Standard (above) at a Para USAT Qualifier Series Event and/or World Ranking Para Event the prior year will qualify for EAHI up to the point that the Paralympic Team is nominated, provided they meet the eligibility requirements outlined above. Once nominated, only athlete(s) named to the Paralympic Team will be offered an EAHI slot upon acceptance by USOPC of being a member of the Paralympic team through December 31st of that year, if athlete(s) submits all necessary paperwork in a timely fashion.

C. Operation Gold

In the Paralympic year, multiple Operation Gold Awards will be paid to qualifying athletes. Teams and individuals must finish in one of the top-three places at the Paralympic Games to qualify for Operation Gold awards.

In non-Paralympic years, Operation Gold Awards are limited to one award per athlete in a program year; athletes who qualify for more than one award automatically receive the higher award. Individuals must finish in one of the top six places, while teams must finish in one of the top four places at the qualifying event in order to qualify for Operation Gold Awards in non-Paralympic years, provided individuals/teams finish among the top 50% of the individuals/teams who started the event. Operation Gold Awards will only be provided for team events competed at the Paralympics.

For purposes of Operation Gold, a team is defined as three or more athletes (pairs are awarded at the same rate as individual athletes).

Paralympic Sport Payment Schedule	World Para Archery Championships	World Para Archery Championships	Paralympic Games
PLACE	1st Year in Quad	3rd Year in Quad	4th Year in Quad
1st	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$37,500.00
2nd	\$3,125.00	\$3,125.00	\$22,500.00
3rd	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$15,000.00
4th	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	
5th	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	
6th	\$625.00	\$625.00	

D. International Event Funding

For funded or partially funded international events that do not have a unique trials process like World Archery Para World Championships, Para Pan-American Games or the Paralympics, Para USAT members will be given the first opportunity to attend based on their prior-year final Para USAT ranking (i.e. December 31st).

Exception: In Paralympic years, the top three ranked athletes per gender and division in the NRS 60 days prior to the international event will be given the first opportunity to attend the international event and/or Final Qualification Tournament.

EXAMPLE: If USA Archery had the funds to send three athletes from each division to an international event, the #1 through #3 ranked Para USAT athletes will be notified and given the option to accept or decline. A reasonable deadline for acceptance will be determined for each event. Should one, some or all of these athletes decline to participate or fail to respond within the given deadline or if additional funding is available, then the available positions will be given to the next highest ranked Para USAT athletes. This process will repeat itself until all available slots are filled or until all Para USAT athletes have had the opportunity to accept or decline. If additional slots are available after all Para USAT athletes have accepted, other athletes who meet the Para USAT MQS, but are not a member of Para USAT may self-fund to the event.

Exception: In Paralympic years athletes who have not met the USAT MQS and who are not a member of Para USAT may receive event funding only if slots become available AND they are attempting to earn the U.S. Archery Team slots for the Paralympics.

International event funding guidelines will be announced in January of each year and are subject to change each year based on fluctuating travel costs and yearly budgets (see Addendum A).

ADDENDUM A

2020 International Event and Camp Funding

USA Archery will provide international event and camp funding for eligible athletes as noted below:

International Event/Camp Funding	Funding Provided	Stipend Provided (For Mileage, Baggage Fees and/or Meals while traveling)
Para Camp #1	Up to the top 3 Para USAT Athletes in each gender and division as of 12/31/19	Yes – For Funded Athletes
Para Pan Am Championships	Full Funding for up to the top 3 Para USAT Athletes in each gender and division as of 12/31/19	Yes- For Funded Athletes
Paralympic Prep Camp	Full Funding for up to the top 3 Para athletes based on the Para NRS following USAT Event #1	Yes
Para WRE-Czech Republic	Full Funding for up to the top 3 Para athletes in each gender and division based on the Para NRS following USAT Event #1	Yes – For Funded Athletes
2020 Paralympic Games	Full Funding for Paralympic Team	No