



## PARA USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

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#### Purpose

The procedures define the eligibility criteria and Para United States Archery Team (USAT) athlete selection process.

#### USA Archery Membership and Other Requirements

To register for and participate in each United States Archery Team (USAT) Series Event, to receive USAT ranking points, to be named to USAT and for the duration of USAT appointment athletes must have a current eligible USA Archery membership type and must register and compete in the gender of their sex assigned at birth. Exceptions to sex assigned at birth will only be made for members who have met the medical eligibility conditions set forth in the USA Archery [Transgender and Non-Binary Inclusion Policy](#), and who have been approved by USA Archery to compete as a Transgender athlete.

#### Eligibility Guidelines

1. Para USAT Ranking is provided for USA Archery members in good standing who have a valid U.S. passport. If an archer 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 they have a valid passport to compete for USA. An archer who has changed their nationality, or acquired a new nationality, will need to notify World Archery of the change before they compete internationally representing USA and may not represent the National Team of USA until one year after such a change or acquisition.
  - a. **Foreign archers and archers actively competing internationally for other countries will not receive ranking points from any Para USAT Series Event, to include the Target Nationals and the U.S. Open and will be removed from all Para USAT Series Event final placement rankings at the conclusion of each Para USAT event and archers ranked below them in final placement will move up in placement accordingly.**
2. A current eligible USA Archery membership type is required to be named to Para USAT and for the duration of Para USAT appointment.

3. All members age 18+ named to Para USAT must pass and retain a current green light USA Archery Background Screen and complete and retain a current U.S. Center for SafeSport training for the duration of their Para USAT appointment.
4. Selection to Para USAT is restricted to USA Archery members in good standing who have a current National or International Para Classification.
  - a. If an archer does not have a current Para national or international classification at the time of the Para USAT Series Event, they will not be permitted to register in a Para division. However, the archer can still acquire Para national ranking points within the same calendar year for the Para USAT Series Events they attended without a Para classification if they obtain a national or international Para classification **prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>** of the same calendar year. If the archer is unable to obtain a national or international Para classification by the end of the final Para USAT Series Event, the archer will not be eligible to receive Para national ranking points for that year. Eligible archers must contact [events@usarchery.org](mailto:events@usarchery.org) upon obtaining a Para classification to request their Para National Ranking points be allocated. Failure to do so will result in Para National Ranking points not being allocated.
5. All members named to Para USAT will be required to sign a USA Archery Athlete Agreement by the required deadline. Failure to sign the Athlete Agreement will be deemed as declining their nomination to the team.
6. If an archer declines their initial nomination to Para USAT, the next ranked archer in the same gender and division who meets all eligibility requirements will be notified of their appointment to Para USAT if they meet all membership and eligibility requirements. This offer will not be extended to any archer other than the first alternate.
7. If an archer's USA Archery membership is suspended and/or terminated, or if an archer is suspended from the team, the archer's place on the team will not be replaced. Additionally, the archer's Para USAT benefits will not be passed on to another archer.
8. Para archers may earn ranking points toward Para and Senior and/or other age appropriate USAT ranking points. However, to do so Para archers must compete in the Elimination Rounds for the corresponding category (i.e. Senior, U21, etc.) at each USAT Series Event and may only do so if the qualification round for both the Para and other USAT Series Event age class is held on the same field, at the same time, under the same conditions. There is no guarantee these conditions will be met at all events, which may impact a Para archers ability to make a non-Para team.

#### **Additional Requirements to be named to Para USAT**

For all Para divisions, archers must meet all requirements to be named to Para USAT outlined in this policy and achieve one of the following:

- a. Earn an individual medal at the Para World Championships, the Paralympic Games or the Para Pan Am Games during the respective calendar year; or
- b. Achieve the Para USAT Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) at least once at either a USAT Series Event, U.S. Team Trials Event, World Ranking Event or Para World Championship Event between January 1st and December 31st of the respective calendar year per the rules set forth in b. i. below.

- i. The 72-arrow qualification round MQS must be shot at a distance of 50 meters for the Compound Open and W1 divisions and at a distance of 70 meters for the Recurve Open division and at a distance of 30 meters for the Visually Impaired 1 and 2/3 divisions.
- ii. The VI 1 and 2/3 MQS is based on the 60th percentile of qualification round scores shot at the last three Para World Championships (see Para USAT MQS Table).
- iii. The Compound Open, Recurve Open and W1 MQS is based on the Paralympic Games MQS established by World Archery (see Para USAT MQS Table).

Para USAT MQS Table:

<b>Division</b>	<b>72-Arrow Round MQS Score</b>
Men W1	590
Compound Men Open	650
Recurve Men Open	570
Women W1	520
Compound Women Open	620
Recurve Women Open	530
Visually Impaired 1 (Men and Women)	340
Visually Impaired 2/3 (Men and Women)	535

### **Para USAT Team Announcements**

Official Para USAT announcements will be made following the conclusion of all Para USAT Series Events, but no later than December 31st annually.

### **Policy for Missing a Required Event**

In the unpreventable situation that an archer is not able to compete in the required event, the Policy for Missing the Required Event outlines the process to request an exemption. If an archer receives an exception for missing the required event, they will receive ranking points per the criteria outlined in the Policy for Missing a Required Event.

### **Ranking Points**

Archers must compete in the minimum required number of USAT Series Events to include the required event, to receive a “rank”. Eligible archers may earn a rank in more than one age class and division if all requirements are met.

### **Publicity and Distribution of Procedures**

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Archery in the following location(s): USA Archery website: [www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org). These procedures

will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following approval by the USA Archery Selection Procedures Committee.

### **Anti-Doping Requirements**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

### **Selection Procedures Committee**

The Selection Procedure Committee representatives include:

- USA Archery, Chief of Sport Performance and Operations, Mary Emmons
- Coach Advisory Council Representative, Linda Beck
- Director of Events, Amanda Mangum
- Team USA AC Representative, Jacob Wukie
- Team USA AC Alternate, Heather Koehl
- Para AAC Co-Chair, Kevin Mather
- Para AAC Co-Chair, Wendy Gardner

These procedures were developed with review and feedback from the USA Archery Para Athlete Advisory Council (<https://www.usarchery.org/about/committees>).

### **USA Archery Bylaws and Grievance Procedures**

The USA Archery Bylaws and Disciplinary Proceedings and Grievance Policy can be found at: [www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org).

### **Athlete Ombuds Office**

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and USA Archery.

Athlete Ombuds Office Contact Information:


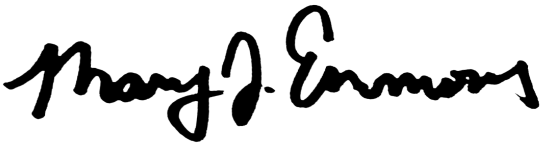

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

### USA Archery Signatures

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by World Archery and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures, when applicable. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Archery.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
CEO, USA Archery	Rod Menzer		5/13/25
Chief of Sport Performance and Operations, USA Archery	Mary Emmons		5/13/25
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Heather Koehl		5/13/25

\* If the Team USA AC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate Team USA AC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that they have read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by USA Archery, they may submit those reasons in writing to USA Archery at [international\\_teams@usarchery.org](mailto:international_teams@usarchery.org).

**A. Para USAT will consist of:**

- The final top eight ranked male and female Recurve Open archers based on the Para National Rankings.
- The final top eight ranked male and female Compound Open archers based on the Para National Rankings.
- The final top eight ranked male and female W1 archers based on the Para National Rankings.
- The final top three ranked male and female Visually Impaired 1 archers based on the Para National Rankings.
- The final top three ranked male and female Visually Impaired 2/3 archers based on the Para National Rankings.

**B. Para National Ranking Point Calculations**

1. Para National Ranking Points will be calculated by using the archer's Single Arrow Average (SAA) as follows:
  - a. The archer's SAA from the Qualification Round(s) of Para USAT Series Events will be used to calculate an archer's Para National Ranking points. The SAA will consist of the average of the archer's three best Para USAT Series Events in which the archer has fully competed as described in b and c.
  - b. If weather or schedule changes prevent the completion of a 72 arrow Qualification Round, the SAA 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. If an archer withdraws prior to the completion of the Qualification Round(s), no Para ranking points will be awarded for that Para USAT Series Event.
    - ii. The SAA 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 they make the cut to the Top 64. If an archer does not shoot in the elimination rounds after making the cut to the Top 64 at one of the Para USAT Series Events, the archer will not receive Para National Ranking points for that Para USAT Series Event.** If the archer does not make the cut to the Top 64, they will still receive Ranking points for the Para USAT Series Event.
    - i. Exception: Visually impaired archers will not be required to participate in elimination rounds.

**C. Events to be factored into the Para National Ranking System**

**1. PARA USAT SERIES EVENT REQUIREMENTS**

- a. An archer must fully compete in a minimum of three eligible Para USAT Series Events, one of which must be the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open **or other substituted required event as referenced in Section 2 to receive a Para National Ranking.**
  - i. In the unpreventable situation that an archer is unable to compete in the required event they should promptly review the [Policy for Missing a Required Event](#) for information on how to apply for an exception.
  - ii. Modifications to the required event will be announced by January 15<sup>th</sup> annually.

2. **PARA USAT SERIES EVENTS – ARCHER MUST FULLY COMPETE IN A MINIMUM OF TWO EVENTS, PLUS THE REQUIRED EVENT, TO RECEIVE A PARA NATIONAL RANKING.**

a. The Para USAT Series Events will be defined as:

- i. USAT Series Event 1 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Para USAT Series Event of the calendar year.
- ii. USAT Series Event 2 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Para USAT Series Event of the calendar year.
- iii. USAT Series Event 3 will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Para USAT Series Event of the calendar year.
- iv. USAT Series Event 4 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Para USAT Series Event of the calendar year.
- v. If there are more than 4 USAT Series Events, USAT Qualifier Event #N will be the Nth Para USAT Series Event of the calendar year.

vi. **REQUIRED EVENT: In 2025, the USAT Series Event #2 (GATOR CUP) is the REQUIRED Para USAT Series Event.**

1. In years when there is a Para international event that conflicts with the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open or when a Para U.S. Team Trials will be held, one of the following events may be substituted as the required Para USAT Series Event if approved by USA Archery:

- Para World Ranking Event (WRE) held in the U.S. with open registration; or
- Stage 1 of the Para World U.S. Team Trials; or
- First round of the Paralympic Games U.S. Team Trials

2. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the **USAT Series Event #2 (GATOR CUP)** is not required in the archer's Para National Ranking.

b. The archer's final Para National Ranking placement will only include Para National Ranking point calculations from Para USAT Series Events for that calendar year.

- i. When Para USAT Series Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Series Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- ii. When Para USAT Series Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Series Event 2 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- iii. When Para USAT Qualifying Event 3 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Series Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- iv. When Para USAT Series Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Series Event 4 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- v. When the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open of the calendar year has occurred, USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
- vi. If applicable, when the substituted required event as referenced in Section 2 of the calendar year has occurred, substituted required 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 Series Events, one of which must be the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open or, if applicable, other substituted required event as referenced in Section 2 to be ranked.

**D. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events**

- a. If three or fewer USAT Series Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all events to be eligible for Para USAT.
- b. If the required event is canceled, there will be no required event.

**E. Para USAT Tiebreaker**

Ties in the 8th position for Para USAT will be broken by the archer's final placement at the Required Event (See Required Event in Section 2) via the total score of 72 arrow Qualification Round, then 10s, then Xs). If still tied, both archers will be placed on the team.