



SENIOR USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

UPDATED: DECEMBER 2023

Purpose

The Senior USAT Selection Procedures defines the process to be selected to the Senior United States Archery Team (USAT).

USA Archery Membership Requirements

A current eligible USA Archery membership type is required to register for and participate in each United States Archery Team (USAT) Qualifying Event and to receive USAT ranking points, to be named to USAT and for the duration of USAT appointment.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. 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 athletes and athletes actively competing internationally for other countries will not receive ranking points from any USAT Qualifying Event, to include the Target Nationals and the U.S. Open and will be removed from all USAT Qualifying Event final placement rankings at the conclusion of each USAT Qualifying Event and athletes 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 USAT and for the duration of USAT appointment.
3. All members named to 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 USAT appointment.

4. All members named to 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.
5. If an archer declines their initial nomination to USAT, the next ranked archer in the same gender and division who meets all eligibility requirements will be notified of their appointment to USAT if they meet all membership and eligibility requirements. This offer will not be extended to any archer other than the first alternate.
6. 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 USAT benefits will not be passed on to another archer.
7. Para archers may earn ranking points toward the Para and Senior and/or other age appropriate USAT ranking. However, to do so Para archers may only compete in the Elimination Rounds for Senior, 50+, U21 or U18 at a USAT Qualifying Event if the qualification round for both the Para and the other USAT age category 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.
 - a. If an archer does not have a current Para national or international classification at the time of the 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 Qualifying Events they attended without a Para classification if they obtain a national or international Para classification prior to the end of the last Para National Ranking Event 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 Qualifying Event, the archer will not be eligible to receive Para national ranking points for that year. Eligible athletes must contact 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.

USAT Team Announcements

Official USAT announcements will be made following the conclusion of all USAT Qualifying Events and international events which contribute to international success bonus points, 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 for national or USAT ranking in their respective age class and division the Policy for Missing the Required Event outlines the process to request an exemption. The Policy for Missing the Required Event can be found at www.usarchery.org. If an archer receives an exception for missing a Required Event, they will receive ranking points per the criteria outlined in the Policy for Missing a Required Event or per 2.e. i. and/or 2.e. ii. of this policy.

Ranking Points

At each competition an athlete can compete in one age class only. This applies to all age classes for which they are eligible. All eligible archers will receive ranking points in the age class and division for which they compete in at each USAT Qualifying Event. Archers must compete in the minimum required number of events to include the required event, to receive a “rank”. Eligible athletes may earn a rank in more than one age class and division if all requirements are met.

Senior USAT will consist of:

- a. The final top eight ranked senior archers, per gender and division will be named to Senior USAT per the criteria defined in the Senior USAT Selection Procedures.
- b. Any eligible USA Archery member may compete as a Senior at the Target Nationals and U.S. Open.
- c. The final Senior National Rankings will be posted after all USAT Qualifying Events and World Cup, World Cup Final, World Archery Target Championships and Olympic Games competitions which contribute to international success bonus points have concluded in a calendar year.

The following sections will apply to Senior Recurve Men and Women and Senior Compound Men Only:

Fundamental Components:

1. National Event Placement Points - calculated by including:
 - a. Qualification Round Placement
 - b. Single Arrow Average (SAA) Placement During Elimination Round Matches through the 1/4 Round (excludes medal matches)
 - c. Elimination Round Placement
2. International Success Bonus Points – calculated by including elimination round placement at the following events:
 - a. Outdoor World Cup Events and Outdoor World Cup Final
 - b. World Archery Championships
 - c. Olympic Games

Senior Ranking Point Calculations:

1. Qualification Round Placement:

Eligible archers will be ranked based on their Qualification Round Score(s), receiving a Qualification Round Placement.

2. SAA Placement During Elimination Round Matches through the 1/4 Round:

Eligible archers will receive placement points based on their SAA amongst the other eligible archers in the competition. SAA Values will be rounded to the nearest

thousandth, rounding up at .0005 and above. Ties within SAA values will remain when factoring an archer's SAA Placement.

3. Elimination Round Placement:

- a. Eligible archers eliminated in the 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32 rounds of competition will have their Elimination Round Placement determined by their SAA of the match in which they were eliminated (i.e., All archers in the 1/8 Round will have their Elimination Round Placement separated against all archers eliminated in the 1/8 Round, using the archer's SAA of the 1/8 Round. This is also the case for all archers eliminated in the 1/16 and 1/32 Rounds).
- b. Archers eliminated in the 1/4 Round (5th through 8th place) will have their Elimination Round Placement determined by World Archery rule 14.6.

Calculating Event Placement Points:

1. Three Fundamental Components

The three components of the event placement points will be weighted to calculate an archer's Event Placement Points. The formula rewards archers for a high level of performance in all three fundamental components. An archer's Event Placement Points provides a comprehensive overview of the archer's performance for a given competition.

Qualification Round Placement	40%
Single Arrow Average Placement	20%
<u>Elimination Round Placement</u>	<u>40%</u>
Event Placement Points	100%

2. Calculating an Archer's Event Placement Points

$((\text{Qualification Round Placement} \times .40) + (\text{Single Arrow Average Placement} \times .20) + (\text{Elimination Round Placement} \times .40)) = \text{National Event Placement Points}$

Example A:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((7\text{th Place} - \text{Qualification Round} \times .40) + (6\text{th Place} - \text{Single Arrow} \\ & \text{Average} \times .20) + (9\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ & = ((7 * .40) + (6 * .20) + (9 * .40)) \\ & = (2.80 + 1.20 + 3.6) \\ & \text{National Event Placing Points} = 7.60 \end{aligned}$$

Example B:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((10\text{th Place} - \text{Qualification Round} \times .40) + (7\text{th Place} - \text{Single Arrow} \\ & \text{Average} \times .20) + (10\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ & = ((10 * .40) + (7 * .20) + (10 * .40)) \end{aligned}$$

= (4.00 + 1.40 + 4.00)
National Event Placing Points = 9.40

EXAMPLE:	Qual			1/16		1/8		SAA of ELIM. MATCH H	Semi Finals	Final s	Total Score Shot in Match es	Total # of Arrows Shot in Match es	Single Arrow Avg. Score	Singl e Arro w Avg. Place	Elim . Rou nd Plac e	USAT Placin g Points
	Round Place			Round	Round	Round	Round									
A	1393	/	7	148	15	114	12	9.500			262	27	9.704	6	9	7.60
B	1382	/	10	119	12	142	15	9.467			261	27	9.667	7	10	9.40
C	1353	/	14	85	9	113	12	9.417			198	21	9.429	14	11	12.80
D	1381	/	11	143	15	84	9	9.333			227	24	9.458	10	12	11.20
E	1396	/	5	115	12	139	15	9.267			254	27	9.407	16	13	10.40
F	1414	/	1	116	12	111	12	9.250			227	24	9.458	10	14	8.00
G	CAN															
H	ESA															

The following sections will apply to Senior Compound Women Only:

Fundamental Components:

1. USAT Qualifying Event Placement Points - calculated by including:
 - a. Qualification Round Placement
 - b. Elimination Round Placement
2. International Success Points – calculated by including elimination round placement at the following events:
 - a. Outdoor World Cup Event(s) and Outdoor World Cup Final
 - b. World Archery Championships

Senior Ranking Point Calculations:

1. Qualification Round Placement:

Eligible archers will be ranked based on their Qualification Round Score(s), receiving a Qualification Round Placement.

2. Elimination Round Placement:

- a. Eligible archers eliminated in the 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32 rounds of competition will have their Elimination Round Placement determined by their SAA of the match in

which they were eliminated (i.e., All archers in the 1/8 Round will have their Elimination Round Placement separated against all archers eliminated in the 1/8 Round, using the archer's SAA of the 1/8 Round. This is also the case for all archers eliminated in the 1/16 and 1/32 Rounds).

- b. Archers eliminated in the 1/4 round (5th through 8th place) will have their Elimination Round Placement ranked according to World Archery rule 14.6.2.

Calculating Event Placement Points:

1. Two Fundamental Components

- a. The two components of the event placement points will be weighted to calculate an archer's Event Placement Points. The formula rewards archers for a high level of performance in two fundamental components. An archer's Event Placement Points provides a comprehensive overview of the archer's performance for a given competition.

Qualification Round Placement	60%
<u>Elimination Round Placement</u>	<u>40%</u>
Event Placement Points	100%

2. Calculating an Archer's Event Placement Points

$$((\text{Qualification Round Placement} \times .60) + (\text{Elimination Round Placement} \times .40)) \\ = \text{National Event Placement Points}$$

Example A:

$$((7\text{th Place} - \text{Qualification Round} \times .60) + (9\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ = ((7 * .60) + (9 * .40)) \\ = (2.80 + 3.6) \\ \text{National Event Placement Points} = 6.4$$

Example B:

$$((10\text{th Place} - \text{Qualification Round} \times .60) + (10\text{th Place} - \text{Elimination Round} \times .40)) \\ = ((10 * .60) + (10 * .40)) \\ = (6.00 + 4.00) \\ \text{National Event Placement Points} = 10.0$$

Calculating an Archer's International Success Bonus Points for all eligible Senior Recurve and Senior Compound archers:

1. International Success Bonus Points reward eligible archers who finish in the Top 8 at an Outdoor World Cup, Olympic Games and/or World Archery Target Championships. International Success Bonus Points will also be awarded to archers who finish in the Top 3 at the Outdoor World Cup Final as listed below.
2. International Success Bonus Points will be applied to an archer's ranking as follows:
 - a. International Success Bonus Points will be shown as a negative number in the Senior National Ranking points.

- b. International Success Bonus Points will be removed following the completion of the same event from the previous year, or no later than one calendar year from the event completion date in which the points were earned in the previous year.

3. International Success Bonus Points will be awarded as follows:

	OUTDOOR WORLD CUP STAGES	OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS	WORLD CUP FINAL
TOP 3 FINISH			-1.0
TOP 4 FINISH	--- .5	--- 1.0	
TOP 8 FINISH	--- 0.25	--- .5	

Senior USAT Qualifying Events:

Archers must attend a minimum of four (4) USAT Qualifying Events, to include the required event, to be eligible to receive a Senior National Ranking. Senior USAT Qualifying Events include:

1. REQUIRED EVENT

- a. USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open participation is a requirement to receive a Senior National Ranking.
 - i. In the unpreventable situation that an archer is not able to compete in the required event they should promptly review the [Policy for Missing the Required Event](#), which outlines the process for requesting an exception.
- b. For Senior Recurve Men and Women and Senior Compound Men, the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open will be calculated by the following formula: ((Target Nationals Placement x .40) + (Single Arrow Average Placement x .20) + (U.S. Open Elimination Round Placement x .40)).
- c. For Senior Compound Women, the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open will be calculated by the following formula ((Target Nationals Placement x .60) + (U.S. Open Placement x .40)).
- d. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is not required in the archer’s Senior National Ranking.
- e. Ties in the 8th position for Senior USAT will be broken by the archer’s final placement at the USA Archery Target Nationals (total score of both 72 arrow rounds, then 10s, then Xs. If still tied, both archers will be placed on the team.

2. USAT QUALIFYING EVENTS

- a. Senior USAT Qualifying Events include:
 - i. USAT Qualifier Series Event 1 will be the 1st USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - ii. USAT Qualifier Series Event 2 will be the 2nd USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - iii. USAT Qualifier Series Event 3 will be the 3rd USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - iv. USAT Qualifier Series Event 4 will be the 4th USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - v. **REQUIRED EVENT:** USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open is the 5th USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - vi. If there are more than 5 USAT Qualifier series events, USAT Qualifier Series Event #N will be the Nth USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
- b. The final Senior Ranking will only include USAT Qualifying Events for that calendar year.
- c. Eligible USAT Qualifying Events for the current Senior Ranking will consist of the best four total USAT Qualifying events such that:
 - i. Only the five most recent completed USAT Qualifying Series Events will be eligible in the current National Ranking System Rankings.
 - ii. When USAT Qualifying Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Qualifying Series Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - iii. When USAT Qualifying Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Qualifying Event 2 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - iv. When USAT Qualifying Event 3 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Qualifying Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - v. When USAT Qualifying Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, USAT Qualifying Event 4 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - vi. When the USAT Qualifying Event, the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open of the calendar year has occurred, the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - vii. Only the best four USAT Qualifying Events that yield the best (lowest) Senior National Ranking points out of the five most recent USAT Qualifying events will be used to determine an archer's Senior National ranking.
- d. An archer must compete in a minimum of four USAT Qualifying Series Events to receive a Senior National ranking. Participation in the most recent USA Archery

Target Nationals and U.S. Open is required to receive a Senior National ranking, except as noted in e. and f. below.

e. AN EXCEPTION WILL BE GRANTED FOR APPROVED INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND/OR RELATED QUOTA EVENTS THAT CONFLICT WITH USAT QUALIFYING EVENT SCHEDULES, TO INCLUDE THE REQUIRED EVENT AS FOLLOWS:

- i. Archers selected to the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Para Pan American Games, Junior Pan American Games, World University Games and/or World Games team or selected to participate in related quota events or who are named to a World Cup, World Cup Final, World Archery Championship, Youth World Archery Championship, World University Championship, World Archery Field Championship or World Archery 3D Championship team who are unable to attend a USAT event due to their participation in one of the events listed above, will receive Senior ranking points at the end of the calendar year for the missed USAT Qualifying Event equal to their average Senior ranking points of all completed USAT Qualifying Events that calendar year used to determine their final Senior national rank. For an archer to be eligible to receive an average of their Senior Ranking Points, they must have attended and completed the other four USAT Qualifying Events that calendar year for purposes of their final Senior national rank.
- ii. Archers who miss two USAT Qualifying Events for the reasons outlined above, will receive Senior ranking points only for the first missed USAT Qualifying Event equal to their average Senior ranking points of all three completed USAT Qualifying Events in the calendar year. The second missed USAT Qualifying Event will be treated as a missed event, which can later be dropped prior to the calculation of the archer's final Senior national rank.

f. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

As a precautionary measure, if one or more USAT Qualifying Events are canceled, the following will occur:

- i. If only 4 USAT Qualifying Events are held, archers will only be required to attend 3 USAT Qualifying Events to be eligible for Senior USAT.
- ii. If 3 or fewer USAT Qualifying Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all USAT Qualifying Events to be eligible for the Senior USAT.
- iii. If the required event is canceled, there will be no required event.