



United States Archery Team (USAT) Qualification Procedures For:

- Senior USAT
- U21 (Junior) USAT
- U18 (Cadet) USAT
- Para USAT
- Master 50+ USAT
- Barebow USAT

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Eligibility Guidelines for all United States Archery Teams

Membership and Other Requirements

1. A valid USA Archery membership is required to register for and participate in each USAT event and to receive USAT ranking points and is also required at the time of the USAT announcement to be named to USAT and for the duration of USAT appointment.
 - a. Members of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) may participate in the USA Archery Target Nationals and USAT Qualifier Series Events without a USA Archery membership, however, a valid USA Archery membership is required at the time of the event(s) in order to receive USAT Ranking Points and also to be named to USAT and for the duration of USAT appointment.
2. All USAT members must pass and retain a current USA Archery Background Screen and complete and retain a current U.S. Center for SafeSport training prior to and for the duration of USAT appointment.
3. All Athletes will be required to sign a USA Archery Athlete Agreement and Intent to Compete Form by the required deadline. Failure to sign the Athlete Agreement and Intent to Compete Form will be deemed as declining their nomination to the team.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. USAT Ranking is provided for USA Archery members in good standing 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. An athlete 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.
2. If an athlete declines their initial nomination to USAT, the next ranked athlete in the same division who meets all eligibility requirements will be notified of their appointment to the team and will be required to sign an Athlete Agreement and Intent to Compete Form within five business days. This offer will not be extended to any athlete other than the first alternate.
3. If an athlete's USA Archery membership is suspended and/or terminated, or if an athlete is suspended from the team, the athlete's place on the team will not be replaced. Additionally, the athlete's benefits will not be passed on to another athlete.
4. U18, U21, Para and Master 50+ archers may opt to shoot in the Senior age class. Archers may only receive a national rank in one age class.
5. By virtue of participation in a USAT event, Para athletes may earn ranking points toward the Para NRS and also the age appropriate USAT category or Senior NRS.

USAT Team Announcements

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

Policy for Missing a Required Event

In the unpreventable situation that an athlete is not able to compete in the required event for national or USAT ranking in their respective division the Policy for Missing the Required Event document outlines rules for approved exceptions. The Policy for Missing the Required Event can be found [at www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org).

SENIOR USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Senior USAT will consist of:
 - a. The final top eight ranked senior archers, per gender and division as defined in the National Ranking System (NRS) will be named to Senior USAT per the methods and formulas defined in the NRS.
 - b. The final rankings will be based on the final NRS update which will occur after all USAT Qualifier Series Events and World Cup, World Cup Final, World Archery Target Championships and Olympic Games competitions have concluded in a calendar year.
2. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events

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

- a) If only 4 USAT events are held, archers will only be required to attend 3 USAT Events to be eligible for Senior USAT.
- b) If 3 or fewer USAT events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all USAT Events to be eligible for the Senior USAT.
- c) If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.
- d) For approved International Events and/or Related Quota Events that conflict with the USAT Event Schedules, to include the required event (see NRS 101 2.f.).

U21 USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Team Selection:

The final top five ranked U21 archers will be named to U21 USAT in the following divisions:

- U21 – Male and Female Recurve
- U21 – Male and Female Compound
- U21 – Male and Female Fixed Pins

1. Age Criteria: An archer may participate in the U21 Division through the calendar year of their 20th birthday.
2. Event Requirements: U21 USAT will be determined by placement at three USAT events (See 4. for Exceptions).

U21 USAT Events include:

- a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish in U21 Division**
 - b. USAT Series Event #1: **U21 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - c. USAT Series Event #2: **U21 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - d. USAT Series Event #3: **U21 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - e. USAT Series Event #4: **U21 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - f. JOAD Target Nationals: **U21 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - i. **JOAD Target Nationals participation is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to receive a U21 USAT Ranking.**
 1. The athlete must compete in the same age class and division that the athlete is intending to be ranked in at the JOAD Target Nationals. Athletes who have declared to be ranked in the Senior division will not receive ranking points or affect the ranking of U21 athletes.
 2. The average of the athlete's placement from the qualification and elimination rounds will be used for U21 USAT Ranking.
 3. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the JOAD Target Nationals is not required in the athlete's USAT ranking.
3. For each USAT Event, U21 athletes will receive U21 USAT Ranking Points as follows:
- a. If an outdoor USAT event has both a U21 Qualification Round and a U21 Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification Round and the Elimination Round placement will be used for the U21 USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - i. If an outdoor USAT Qualifier Series event does not have a U21 Elimination Round, then the final placement from the Qualification Round will be used for the U21 USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - b. The archer must compete in the same age class and division for the USAT team they intend to be named to at each qualifying USAT event.
 - i. Archers who have declared to be ranked in the Senior division will not receive U21 Ranking points or affect the ranking of U21 athletes.
 - c. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from the three best USAT Events within that year to calculate their U21 USAT Ranking (see 4. for exceptions to the number of required events).
 - d. The U21 USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:
 - i. U21 USAT Ranking Points = USAT Event highest U21 Ranking Points + USAT Event 2nd highest U21 Ranking Points + USAT Event 3rd highest U21 Ranking Points.

- ii. Ties for U21 USAT will be broken by the archer’s final placement in the qualification rounds, and if still tied, both athletes will be placed on U21 USAT.

a. Example:

			JOAD Target Nat'l	Indoor Nat'l	USAT #1	USAT #2	USAT #3	USAT #4
Rank	Name	USAT Rankings	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Place	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)
1	Archer 1	4	1	3	1000	2	4	1
2	Archer 2	5	5	1	1	3	3	1000
3	Archer 3	6	6	1	1	1000	4	4

- 4. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:
 - a. If three or fewer USAT Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all USAT events to be eligible for U21 USAT.
 - b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

U18 USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

The final top five ranked U18 archers will be named to U18 USAT in the following divisions:

- U18 – Male and Female Recurve
- U18 – Male and Female Compound
- U18 – Male and Female Fixed Pins

1. Age Criteria: An archer may participate in the U18 Division through the calendar year of their 17th birthday.
2. Event Requirements: U18 USAT will be determined by placement at three USAT events (See 4. for Exceptions).

U18 USAT Events include:

- a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish** in U18 Division
 - b. USAT Series Event #1: **U18 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - c. USAT Series Event #2: **U18 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - d. USAT Series Event #3: **U18 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - e. USAT Series Event #4: **U18 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - f. JOAD Target Nationals: **U18 USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
 - i. **JOAD Target Nationals participation is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to receive a U18 USAT Ranking.**
 1. The athlete must compete in the same age class and division that the athlete is intending to be ranked in at the JOAD Target Nationals. Athletes who have declared to be ranked in the Senior division will not receive ranking points or affect the ranking of U18 athletes.
 2. The average of the athlete's placement from the qualification and elimination rounds will be used for U18 USAT Ranking.
 3. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the JOAD Target Nationals is not required in the athlete's USAT ranking.
3. For each USAT Event, U18 athletes will receive U18 USAT Ranking Points as follows:
 - a. If an outdoor USAT event has both a U18 Qualification Round and a U18 Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification Round and the Elimination Round placement will be used for the U18 USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - i. If an outdoor USAT Qualifier Series event does not have a U18 Elimination Round, then the final placement from the Qualification Round will be used for the U18 USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - b. The archer must compete in the same age class and division for the USAT team they intend to be named to at each qualifying USAT event.
 - i. Archers who have declared to be ranked in the Senior or U21 division will not receive U18 Ranking points or affect the ranking of U18 athletes.
 - c. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from their three best USAT Events within that year to calculate their U18 USAT Ranking (see 4. for exceptions to the number of required events).
 - d. The U18 USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:
 - i. U18 USAT Ranking Points = U18 USAT Event highest U18 Ranking Points + U18 USAT Event 2nd highest U18 Ranking Points + U18 USAT Event 3rd highest U18 Ranking Points.

- ii. Ties for U18 USAT will be broken by the archer’s final placement in the qualification rounds, and if still tied, both athletes will be placed on U18 USAT.

e. Example:

			JOAD Target Nat'l	Indoor Nat'l	USAT #1	USAT #2	USAT #3	USAT #4
Rank	Name	USAT Rankings	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Place	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place (If Offered)
1	Archer 1	4	1	3	1000	2	4	1
2	Archer 2	5	5	1	1	3	3	1000
3	Archer 3	6	6	1	1	1000	4	4

4. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

- a. If three or fewer USAT Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all events to be eligible for the U18 USAT.
- b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

PARA USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Para USAT will consist of:

1. The final top eight ranked male and female Recurve Open athletes based on the Para National Ranking System (NRS) 101.
2. The final top eight ranked male and female Compound Open athletes based on the Para NRS 101.
3. The final top eight ranked male and female W1 athletes based on the Para NRS 101.

Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS):

1. In all divisions, athletes will need to achieve the Para USAT MQS one time, in addition to the required events to be eligible for Para USAT.
 - a. The Para USAT MQS must be shot at least once at either a USAT Series Event, World Ranking Event or Para World Championship Event between January 1st and December 31st of the respective calendar year.
2. The following table lists the MQS for each division based on a 72-arrow qualification round. The 72-arrow qualification round will be shot at a distance of 50 Meters for the Compound Open and W1 divisions and 70 Meters for the Recurve Open Division.

- a. The MQS is based on the estimated 60th percentile of international qualification round scores shot between 2017-2021.

Division	72-Arrow Round MQS Score
Men's Individual Compound – W1	631
Men's Individual Compound Open	669
Men's Individual Recurve Open	593
Women's Individual Compound W1	601
Women's Individual Compound Open	657
Women's Individual Recurve Open	566

The Para USAT Rankings Calculation Method

The Para USAT Rankings will be calculated by the methods and formulas defined in the Para NRS 101 document.

Classification Requirement

Selection to Para USAT is restricted to USA Archery members in good standing who have a current National or International Classification.

Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

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

MASTER 50+ USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Team Selection

The final top five ranked Master 50+ archers will be named to Master 50+ USAT in the following age classes and divisions:

- Master 50+ (Age 50+-combined) – Male and Female Recurve
- Master 50+ (Age 50+-combined) – Male and Female Compound

Master 50+ USAT Events Include:

- USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish** in Master 50+ Age Divisions Combined
- USAT Series Event #1: **Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- USAT Series Event #2: **Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- USAT Series Event #3: **Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- USAT Series Event #4: **Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- USA Archery National Target/U.S. Open: **Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 1.**

Event Requirements

1. USA ARCHERY TARGET NATIONALS and U.S. OPEN MANDATORY EVENT
 - a. USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S Open participation is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to receive a Master 50+ USAT Ranking.
 - i. The athlete must compete in the same age class and division that the athlete is intending to be ranked in at the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open.
 - b. The average of the athlete's placement in the USA Archery Target Nationals and the U.S. Open elimination rounds will make the Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points for the mandatory event.
 - c. Ties in the final Master 50+ USAT ranking will be broken by the athlete's placement in the U.S. Open elimination rounds, and if still tied, the athlete's USA Archery Target Nationals placement.
 - d. Although participation is required, the use of the event placement points for the USA Archery Target Nationals/ U.S. Open is not required in the athlete's USAT ranking.
2. For each USAT Series Event, archers will receive Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points.
 - a. Archers must attend a **minimum of three events** within the respective calendar year to be eligible for Master 50+ USAT (See 5. for Exceptions).
 - b. Archers must compete in the same age class and division for the USAT team they intend to be named to at each qualifying USAT event.
3. If an outdoor USAT Series Event has both a Qualification Round and an Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification and Elimination Round placement will be used for the Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - a. If an outdoor USAT Series Event does not have an Elimination Round, then the final placement in the Qualification Round will be used for the Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - b. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from their three best USAT Events within that year to calculate their Master 50+ USAT Ranking.
 - c. The Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:

- i. Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points = USAT Event highest Master 50+ Ranking Points + USAT Event 2nd highest Master 50+ Ranking Points + USAT Event 3rd highest Master 50+ Ranking Points.
- ii. Ties in the final Master 50+ USAT ranking will be broken by the archer's placement in the U.S. Open Elimination Rounds, and if still tied the athletes USA Archery Target Nationals Qualification Round placement.

4. Example:

			Target Nat'l	Target Nat'l	Target Nat'l	Indoor Nat'l	USAT #1	USAT #2	USAT #3	USAT #4
Rank	Name	USAT Rankings	Qual Round Place	Elim Round Place	Avg. Placing	Place	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place If Offered	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place If Offered	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place If Offered	Avg. of Qual Round and ER Place If Offered
1	Archer 1	4	4	1	2.5	3	1000	2	4	1
2	Archer 2	4.5	2	3	2.5	1	1	3	3	1000
3	Archer 3	6	5	2	3.5	1	1	1000	4	4

5. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

- a. If three or fewer USAT Events are held in any given year, archers will be required to attend all events to be eligible for Master 50+ USAT.
- b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

BAREBOW USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Team Selection

Barebow USAT will consist of the top three ranked Barebow archers per gender in in the U18, U21, Senior and Master 50+ Divisions.

1. Age Criteria:

- a. An archer will participate in the Senior Division beginning in the year of their 21st birthday.
- b. An archer may participate in the U21 Division through the calendar year of their 20th birthday.
- c. An archer may participate in the U18 Division through the calendar year of their 17th birthday.

- d. An archer may participate in the Master 50+ Division beginning in the year of their 50th birthday.
2. Event Requirements: Barebow USAT will be determined by placement at two MANDATORY USAT events, plus one additional USAT event (See 6. for Exceptions).
 3. Barebow USAT Events include:
 - a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish** in U18, U21, Senior or Master 50+ Division
 - b. USAT Series Event #1: **Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 5.**
 - c. USAT Series Event #2: **Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 5.**
 - d. USAT Series Event #3: **Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 5.**
 - e. USAT Series Event #4: **Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 5.**
 - f. **USA Archery Field Nationals: Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 5.**
 - g. USA Archery National Target/U.S. Open: **Senior and Master 50+ USAT Ranking Points Defined by 4.**
 - h. JOAD Target Nationals: **Barebow USAT Ranking Points Defined by 4.**
 4. Mandatory Barebow USAT Events include:
 - a. **USA Archery Indoor Nationals**: The archer's placement after the two qualification rounds will determine the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery Indoor Nationals.
 - b. **USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals (U18 and U21 Only)**: The average of the archer's placement in the JOAD Target Nationals Qualification and Elimination Rounds will determine the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals for U18 and U21 Barebow USAT only.
 1. The athlete must compete in the same age class and division that the athlete is intending to be ranked in at the JOAD Target Nationals.
 - c. **USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open (Senior and Master 50+ Only)**: The average of the archer's placement in the Target Nationals Qualification Round and U.S. Open will determine the USAT ranking points for the Target Nationals and U.S. Open for Senior and Master 50+ Barebow USAT only.
 1. The athlete must compete in the same age class and division that the athlete is intending to be ranked in at the USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open.
 5. For each USAT Event, Barebow athletes will receive Barebow USAT Ranking Points as follows:
 - a. If an outdoor USAT event has both a Qualification Round and an Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification Round and the Elimination Round

placement will be used for the Barebow USAT Ranking Points for that event except for ii. below.

- i. If an outdoor USAT Qualifier Series event does not have an Elimination Round, then the final placement from the Qualification Round will be used for the Barebow USAT Ranking Points for that event.
 - ii. USA Archery Field Nationals: The archer's placement after the two qualification rounds will determine the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery Field Nationals.
 - b. The archer must compete in the same age class and division for the USAT team they intend to be named to at each qualifying USAT event.
 - i. Archers who have declared to be ranked in the Senior division will not receive Master 50+, U21 or U18 Ranking points or affect the ranking of Master 50+, U21 or U18 athletes.
 - c. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from their best USAT Event within that year to count towards their overall Barebow USAT Ranking (see 6. for exceptions to the number of required events).
 - i. Ties in the final Barebow USAT ranking will be broken by the archer's placement in either the JOAD Target Nationals or the U.S. Open Elimination Rounds, and if still tied the athletes USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals or Target Nationals Qualification Round placement.
 - ii. If the JOAD Target Nationals or USA Archery Target Nationals events did not occur and there is a tie, both athletes will be named to the team.
5. Barebow USAT will be determined by the Ranking System in place at two mandatory events (See 6. for exceptions to the required number of events) plus one USAT event:
 - a. Barebow USAT Ranking points = Indoor Nationals placement + Average placement at USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open Elimination Rounds or JOAD Target Nationals and Elimination Rounds + the archer's best USAT event.

Example:

Rank	Name	USAT Rankings	JOAD Target Nat's or Target Nat's Qual Round	JOAD Elim or U.S. Open Elim Final Place	Avg Placing	USAT Event	Indoor Nat's
						Final Place	Final Place
1	Archer 1	5.5	3	1	2	1.5	2
2	Archer 2	9.5	1	3	2	3.5	4
3	Archer 3	DNF	5	2	3.5	1000	3

6. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

- a. If a USAT event is not conducted in a given year, Barebow USAT will be named by using the current year's Indoor Nationals and JOAD Target Nationals or Target Nationals and U.S. Open.
- b. If the JOAD Target Nationals or Target Nationals and U.S. Open are not conducted in a given year, Barebow USAT will be named by using the current year's Indoor Nationals and USAT event.
- c. If the Indoor Nationals are not conducted in a given year, Barebow USAT will be named by using the current year's current year's USAT event and JOAD Target Nationals or Target Nationals and U.S. Open.
- d. If less than two events are conducted in a given year, Barebow USAT will be named using the event that was held.