



United States Archery Team (USAT) Qualification Procedures For:

- Senior USAT
- Junior USAT
- Cadet USAT
- Para USAT
- Master 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.

### 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 prior to competing for USA Archery.
2. If an athlete declines their initial nomination to USAT, the next ranked athlete in the same division 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 team's 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. Cadet, Junior and Master archers may opt to shoot in the Senior age class. Archers may only receive a national rank in one age class.

### USAT Announcements

USAT Team announcements will be made following the conclusion of all USAT Series events, but no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 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) 101 document will be named to Senior USAT per the methods and formulas defined in the NRS 101 document.
  - 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.**)

## **JUNIOR USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES**

### Team Selection:

Junior USAT will consist of the final top five ranked Junior archers per gender, age class and division.

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

### Junior USAT Events include:

- a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish in Junior Division**
- b. USAT Series Event #1: **Junior USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- c. USAT Series Event #2: **Junior USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**

- d. USAT Series Event #3: **Junior USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
  - e. USAT Series Event #4: **Junior USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
  - f. JOAD Target Nationals: **Junior USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
    - i. **JOAD Target Nationals participation is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to receive a Junior USAT Ranking.**
      - 1. The athlete must compete in the same age division and bow class 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 Juniors.
      - ii. The average of the athlete's placement from the qualification and elimination rounds will be used for Junior USAT Ranking.
      - iii. 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, Juniors will receive Junior USAT Ranking Points as follows:
- a. If an outdoor USAT event has both a Junior Qualification Round and a Junior Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification Round and the Elimination Round placement will be used for the Junior USAT Ranking Points for that event.
    - i. If an outdoor USAT Qualifier Series event does not have a Junior Elimination Round, then the final placement from the Qualification Round will be used for the Junior 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 Junior Ranking points or affect the ranking of Juniors.
  - c. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from the three best USAT Events within that year to calculate their Junior USAT Ranking (see 4. for exceptions to the number of required events).
  - d. The Junior USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:
    - i. Junior USAT Ranking Points = USAT Event highest Junior Ranking Points + USAT Event 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Junior Ranking Points + USAT Event 3<sup>rd</sup> highest Junior Ranking Points.
    - ii. Ties for Junior USAT will be broken by the archer's final placement in the qualification rounds, and if still tied, both the athletes will be placed on Junior 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 Junior USAT.
- b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

### CADET USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Cadet USAT will consist of:

Cadet USAT will consist of the final top five ranked Cadet archers per gender, age class and division.

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

Cadet USAT Events include:

- a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish** in Cadet Division
- b. USAT Series Event #1: **Cadet USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- c. USAT Series Event #2: **Cadet USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- d. USAT Series Event #3: **Cadet USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- e. USAT Series Event #4: **Cadet USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- f. JOAD Target Nationals: **Cadet USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**

- i. **JOAD Target Nationals participation is a MANDATORY REQUIREMENT to receive a Cadet USAT Ranking.**
    1. The athlete must compete in the same age division and bow class 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 Cadets.
    - ii. The average of the athlete's placement from the qualification and elimination rounds will be used for Cadet USAT Ranking.
    - iii. 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, Cadets will receive Cadet USAT Ranking Points as follows:
    - a. If an outdoor USAT event has both a Cadet Qualification Round and a Cadet Elimination Round, the average of the Qualification Round and the Elimination Round placement will be used for the Cadet USAT Ranking Points for that event.
      - i. If an outdoor USAT Qualifier Series event does not have a Cadet Elimination Round, then the final placement from the Qualification Round will be used for the Cadet 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 Junior division will not receive Cadet Ranking points or affect the ranking of Cadets.
    - c. Each archer will utilize the Ranking Points from their three best USAT Events within that year to calculate their Cadet USAT Ranking (see 4. for exceptions to the number of required events).
    - d. The Cadet USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:
      - i.  $\text{Cadet USAT Ranking Points} = \text{Cadet USAT Event highest Cadet Ranking Points} + \text{Cadet USAT Event 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ highest Cadet Ranking Points} + \text{Cadet USAT Event 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ highest Cadet Ranking Points}.$
      - ii. Ties for Cadet USAT will be broken by the archer's final placement in the qualification rounds, and if still tied, both the athletes will be placed on Cadet 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 Cadet USAT.
- b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

### PARA USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES

Team Selection- Para USAT will consist of:

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

Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS):

1. In all divisions, athletes will need to achieve the MQS one time, in addition to the required events to be eligible for Para USAT.
  - a. The MQS must be shot at least once at a USAT Series Event, World Ranking Event or Para World Championship Event between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> percentile of international scores.

Division	72-Arrow Round MQS Score
Men's Individual Compound – W1	630
Men's Individual Compound Open	668
Men's Individual Recurve Open	593
Women's Individual Compound W1	603
Women's Individual Compound Open	661
Women's Individual Recurve Open	562

#### 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:

- 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 Para USAT.
- b. If the mandatory event is canceled, there will be no mandatory event.

## **MASTER USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES**

#### Team Selection

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

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

#### Master USAT Events Include:

- a. USA Archery Indoor Nationals: **Final Finish** in Master Age Divisions Combined
- b. USAT Series Event #1: **Master USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- c. USAT Series Event #2: **Master USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- d. USAT Series Event #3: **Master USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- e. USAT Series Event #4: **Master USAT Ranking Points Defined by 3.**
- f. USA Archery National Target/U.S. Open: **Master 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 USAT Ranking.
    - i. The athlete must compete in the same age division and bow class 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 USAT Ranking Points for the mandatory event.
  - c. Ties in the final Master 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 USAT Ranking Points.
  - a. Archers must attend a **minimum of three events** within the respective calendar year to be eligible for Master 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 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 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 USAT Ranking.
  - c. The Master USAT Ranking Points for each archer will be calculated as follows:
    - i. Master USAT Ranking Points = USAT Event highest Master Ranking Points + USAT Event 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Master Ranking Points + USAT Event 3<sup>rd</sup> highest Master Ranking Points.
    - ii. Ties in the final Master 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 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 Cadet, Junior, Senior and Master Divisions.

1. Age Criteria:

- a. An archer will participate in the Senior Division beginning in the year of their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- b. An archer may participate in the Junior Division through the calendar year of their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- c. An archer may participate in the Cadet Division through the calendar year of their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- d. An archer may participate in the Master Division beginning in the year of their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

2. Event Requirements: Barebow USAT will be determined by placement at three MANDATORY USAT events (See 4. for Exceptions).

Mandatory Barebow USAT Events include:

- a. **USA Archery Indoor Nationals**: The archer's placement after the two qualification rounds will make the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery Indoor Nationals
  - b. **USA Archery Field Nationals**: The archer's placement after the two qualification rounds will make the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery Field Nationals
  - c. **USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals (Cadet and Junior Only)**: The average of the archer's placement in the JOAD Target Nationals Qualification and Elimination Rounds will make the USAT ranking points for the USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals for Cadet and Junior Barebow USAT only.
  - d. **USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open (Senior and Master Only)**: The average of the archer's placement in the Target Nationals Qualification Round and U.S. Open will make the USAT ranking points for the Target Nationals and U.S. Open for Senior and Master Barebow USAT only.
3. Barebow USAT will be determined by the Ranking System in place at three mandatory events (See 4. for exceptions to the required number of events):
- a. Barebow USAT Ranking points = Indoor Nationals placement + Field Nationals placement + Average placement at USA Archery Target Nationals and U.S. Open Elimination Rounds or JOAD Target Nationals and Elimination Rounds.
  - b. Ties in the final Master and Senior Barebow USAT ranking will be broken by the archer's placement in the U.S. Open Elimination Rounds, and if still tied the athlete's USA Archery Target Nationals Qualification Round placement.
    - i. If the USA Archery Target Nationals event did not occur and there is a tie, both athletes will be named to the team.
  - c. Ties for the final Junior and Cadet Barebow USAT ranking will be broken by the archer's placement in the JOAD Target Nationals Elimination Rounds, and if still tied the athlete's USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals Qualification Round placement.
    - i. If the USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals event did not occur and there is a tie, both athletes will be named to the team.

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	Field Nat's	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

4. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events:

- a. If the Field Nationals are 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 Field Nationals.
- 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 Field Nationals 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.