



PARA USAT SELECTION PROCEDURES Updated – February 2024

Purpose

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

USA Archery Membership and Other Requirements

To register for and participate in each United States Archery Team (USAT) Qualifying 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 Qualifying event, to include the Target Nationals and the U.S. Open and will be removed from all Para USAT Qualifying 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 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 Qualifying 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 USAT Qualifying 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 archers 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.
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 may only compete in the Elimination Round 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. If these conditions are met, the elimination round the Para archer competes in will determine the Senior or USAT ranking points they receive in addition to Para ranking points. 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

- a. 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:
 - i. Be listed in the top 10 of the Para World rankings by end of the respective calendar year (**this criterion will only be permitted for archers to qualify for 2024 USAT and will not be used to determine 2025 USAT appointments**); or

- ii. Earn an individual medal at the Para World Championships, the Paralympic Games or the Para Pan Am Games during the respective calendar year; or
 - iii. 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.
- b. 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.
- i. 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.
 - ii. The Compound Open, Recurve Open and W1 MQS is based on the Paralympic Games MQS established by World Archery.

Para USAT MQS Table:

Division	72-Arrow Round MQS Score
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 Qualifying 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 for Para, Senior 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.

Ranking Points

At each competition an archer 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 USAT Qualifying 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.

Para USAT will consist of:

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

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 Qualifying 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 Qualifying 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, no Para ranking points will be awarded for that Para USAT Qualifying event.
 - ii. The SAA will be calculated to the nearest 1000th 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 Qualifying Events, the archer will not receive Para National Ranking points for that Para USAT Qualifying Event. If the archer does not make the cut to the Top 64, they will still receive Ranking points for the Para USAT Qualifying Event.
 - i. Exception: Visually impaired archers will not be required to participate in elimination rounds.

Events to be factored into the Para National Ranking System

1. PARA USAT QUALIFYING EVENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. An archer must fully compete in a minimum of three eligible Para USAT Qualifying 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 15th annually.

2. PARA USAT QUALIFYING EVENTS – ARCHER MUST FULLY COMPETE IN A MINIMUM OF THREE EVENTS, TO INCLUDE THE REQUIRED EVENT, TO RECEIVE A PARA NATIONAL RANKING.

- a. The Para USAT Qualifying Events will be defined as:
 - i. USAT Qualifying Event 1 will be the 1st Para USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - ii. USAT Qualifying Event 2 will be the 2nd Para USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - iii. USAT Qualifying Event 3 will be the 3rd Para USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - iv. USAT Qualifying Event 4 will be the 4th Para USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - v. If there are more than 4 USAT Qualifying Events, USAT Qualifier Event #N will be the Nth Para USAT Qualifying Event of the calendar year.
 - vi. REQUIRED EVENT: The USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open is a **required** Para USAT Qualifying Event.
 1. In years when there is a Para international event that conflicts with the USAA Target Nationals and U.S. Open, one of the following events may be substituted as the required Para USAT Qualifying Event if approved by USA Archery:
 - Para World Ranking Event (WRE) held in the U.S. with open registration; or
 - Para World Team Trials; or
 - First round of the Paralympic Games Team Trials
- b. The archer's final Para National Ranking placement will only include Para National Ranking point calculations from Para USAT Qualifying Events for that calendar year.
 - i. When Para USAT Qualifying Event 1 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifying Event 1 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.
 - ii. When Para USAT Qualifying Event 2 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifying 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 Qualifying Event 3 of the previous year will be removed from the list of eligible competitions.

- iv. When Para USAT Qualifying Event 4 of the calendar year has occurred, Para USAT Qualifying 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 Qualifying 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.

3. Exceptions to the Required Number of Events

- a. If three or fewer USAT Qualifying 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.

4. A TIE IN THE FINAL PARA NATIONAL RANKING WILL BE BROKEN BY THE ARCHER'S PLACEMENT IN THE USAA TARGET NATIONALS OR OTHER SUBSTITUTED REQUIRED PARA USAT QUALIFYING EVENT AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 2. IF THERE IS STILL A TIE, BOTH ARCHERS WILL BE PLACED ON PARA USAT IF ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.