

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What is JOAD?

Junior Olympic Archery Development or JOAD is administered by USA Archery, the national governing body for the sport of archery. USA Archery is sanctioned by the US Olympic Committee to oversee US Olympic Archery. USA Archery is a member of the world-wide archery organization FITA (Federation Internationale de Tir a l'Arc). JOAD activities can range from beginner instruction and outreach to world championship competition. JOAD missions range from character development to international championship competition.

## Where can I find classes, camps or programs that teach JOAD?

Visit the JOAD Clubs link. There you will find a listing of many clubs throughout the United States you may also contact Diane Watson, USAA JOAD Coordinator, dwatson@usarchery.org for assistance in locating a JOAD Club near you.

### What happens at a JOAD Program?

Depending upon the club, youths are taught the basic safe steps to use a bow and arrow for target archery by trained and certified instructors. Many clubs are managed by an advanced coach who can take the archers beyond the basic skills and help them become top tournament performers.

#### Where and when are the sessions?

Many programs are offered once a week at a club, recreation agency or archery pro-shop. Contact the "Club" for the schedule. Some clubs are located at a local coach's training academy. Many of them are conducted after school, evenings or during weekends.



### How much does it cost?

Most formal programs charge by the session. Contact the "Club" for the cost. The cost typically includes instruction, range fee and equipment use fee for beginners. Advanced JOAD archers often own their own equipment

# What do I need to start a JOAD Program?

- A safe shooting range either indoors or outdoors.
- Access to program equipment for new archers who have none of their own.
- Be at least 21 years old to be the JOAD Leader.
- We prefer that you have a certified USA instructor, or have regular access to one, or become one. We do not require that you be USA Archery Certified to start a JOAD Program (but it helps greatly).
- Ability to keep a regular schedule for weekly classes.
- Targets, safety netting (if needed) and any other safety equipment you'll need as found in the JOAD Handbook.
- You will need at least 3 youth archers to charter your club.
- Youth archers need not be members of USA Archery until they earn their White 4-Star
- A love of the sport, and of working with youth!

# Where to Begin?

Begin by downloading the JOAD Club Membership Application and then return it USA Archery, 711 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 or you may fax the application to (719) 632-4733. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the USAA JOAD Coordinator, Diane Watson at dwatson@usarchery.org.