

Policy for Missing Required USAT Ranking Event

This policy is set in place in the unpreventable situation that an athlete is not able to compete in the required event for national ranking in their respective division. This policy will only apply to the following situations:

- Required military service
- Death in the immediate family (defined below)
- Serious injury preventing the athlete from competing (defined below)
- Representing USA Archery at a World Championship/Olympic Games-level event that conflicts with the required event.

This policy outlines the process for two types of situations in which an athlete may miss the required event: one where prior knowledge exists for an athlete not to attend the required event, and one where an emergency occurs preventing the athlete from competing in the required event.

Definitions:

- **Required USAT Ranking Event** - defined by the USAT Selection Procedures for that respective year and division.
- **NRS National Event Placement Points** - defined by the National Ranking System 101 Document <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery/Archers/National-Teams-and-High-Performance/National-Ranking-System>.
- **USAT Ranking Points** - defined by the all USAT Selection Procedures for that respective year and division.
- **Immediate Family** - your Partner and parents, children, stepchildren, fostered or adopted children, siblings, grandchildren, or grandparents, of either you or your Partner.
- **Serious Injury** - for the purposes of this policy, defined as one of the following:
 - i. injury requiring emergency medical treatment where the athlete is hospitalized for one or more days that prevents an athlete from traveling or competing at the required event.
 - ii. injury requiring emergency medical treatment where the athlete is treated by a physician and not allowed to compete due to doctor's orders.
- **High Performance Committee** - composed of the USA Archery CEO, National Head Coach, Women's Head Coach, Para Head Coach, Chief of Sport Performance, and Athlete Services Manager.
- **World Championship/Olympic Games-level event** - specifically the Youth World Championships, World University Championships or Games, World Archery Championships, World Archery Field Championships, World Archery Para Championships, Pan Am Games, Para Pan Am Games, Paralympic Games, and Olympic Games.

Requesting Exemption

In the event that an athlete misses the required event or has knowledge they will miss the required event, that athlete may submit a request to the review committee composed of the High

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Performance Committee along with the Compound and Recurve Athlete Representatives for the USA Archery Board of Directors and the Para Athlete Advisory Council Chair.

Steps to Request Exemption

Prior Knowledge/Non-Emergency Situation

1. In the event that the athlete has prior knowledge that they will not be able to compete in the required event due to military service, death in the immediate family, serious injury, or representing U.S. Archery at a World Championship/Olympic Games-level event described above, the athlete should notify the Athlete Services Manager, Cindy Tobin, at ctobin@usarchery.org as soon as possible.
2. Submit a written formal request with an explanation and supporting documentation for missing the required event to the Athlete Services Manager, Cindy Tobin, at ctobin@usarchery.org. Supporting documentation would include a physician's report, a copy of military orders, etc. The formal request should be submitted prior to the required event if possible.
3. Request will then be reviewed by the review committee composed of the High Performance Committee, the Compound and Recurve Athlete Representatives for the USA Archery Board of Directors and the Para Athlete Advisory Council Chair.
4. If the request is submitted more than 72 hours before the start of the required event, the request will be approved or denied within 48 hours of receiving the completed request.
5. Any approved absence from the required event will result in allowing the athlete to substitute their 3rd best USAT Ranking Points/NRS National Event Placement Points in place of the USAT Ranking Points/NRS Event Placement Points for the required event that was missed. For athletes competing in the senior division, the substituted 3rd best USAT Qualifier Series Event NRS Placement Points will remain in place of the required event NRS Placement Points until the conclusion of the required event the following year. For all other divisions, the substituted 3rd best USAT Qualifier Series USAT Ranking Points will remain in place of the required event through the remainder of that year.

Emergency Situation (Within 24 Hours of the Event)

1. In the event of an emergency situation (military orders, death in the immediate family, or serious injury), notification of the inability to compete at the required event must be emailed to the Athlete Services Manager, Cindy Tobin, at ctobin@usarchery.org no later than 24 hours after the start of the event.
2. Submit a written formal request with an explanation and supporting documentation for missing the required event to the Athlete Services Manager, Cindy Tobin, at ctobin@usarchery.org. Supporting documentation would include a physician's report, a copy of military orders, etc. The formal request must be submitted no more than seven days after the conclusion of the required event.

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3. Request will then be reviewed by the review committee composed of the High Performance Committee, the Compound and Recurve Athlete Representatives for the USA Archery Board of Directors and the Para Athlete Advisory Council Chair.
4. Request will be approved or denied within two weeks of receiving the completed request.
5. Any approved absence from the required event will result in allowing the athlete to substitute their 3rd best USAT Ranking Points/NRS National Event Placement Points in place of the USAT Ranking Points/NRS Event Placement Points for the required event that was missed. For athletes competing in the senior division, the substituted 3rd best USAT Qualifier Series Event NRS Placement Points will remain in place of the required event NRS Placement Points until the conclusion of the required event the following year. For all other divisions, the substituted 3rd best USAT Qualifier Series USAT Ranking Points will remain in place of the required event through the remainder of that year.

Here are some examples of what this would look like given the excused absence was approved.

Junior:

RANK	First Name	Last Name	USAT Rankings	JOAD Nationals	So Cal Showdown	Gator Cup	Texas Shootout	Arizona Cup	Nat'l Indoor
				Required	Place	Place	Place	Place	Place
				Average Placing					
1	Athlete 1	Athlete 1	5.0	1			3	1	3
2	Athlete 2	Athlete 2	11.0	2	7			5	4
3	Athlete 3	Athlete 3	11.5	6.5	3				2
4	Athlete 4	Athlete 4	14.0	5	5	4			5
5	Athlete 5	Athlete 5	18.5	4.5	8	6			11
6	Athlete 6	Athlete 6	19.0	6	9		4		9
7	Athlete 7	Athlete 7	19.5	7.5	13	7	5		25

Senior:

RANK	First Name	Last Name	NRS RANKING POINTS	USAA Outdoor Nationals	So Cal Showdown	Gator Cup	Texas Shootout	Arizona Cup
				Required Event	Event Placing	Event Placing	Event Placing	Event Placing
1	Athlete 1	Athlete 1	4.20	1	1	1	1.2	1.2
2	Athlete 2	Athlete 2	11.00	3	3.4	2.4	2.2	4.4
3	Athlete 3	Athlete 3	16.60	5	3.2	6.8	5.4	3
4	Athlete 4	Athlete 4	20.00	4		7.8	3.6	4.6
5	Athlete 5	Athlete 5	22.60	6	10	2.8	3.8	14.4
6	Athlete 6	Athlete 6	24.40	8	4.2	6.2		6
7	Athlete 7	Athlete 7	29.20	9.2	5	9.2		5.8