

Direct Athlete Support Supplemental Information

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Support Provided By USOC

Eligibility Guidelines (Recurve Athletes Only)

In order to receive the Direct Athlete Support and/or Elite Athlete Health Insurance, archers must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and/or meet all eligibility requirements to compete for the Team USA internationally and be able to, and actively working towards, meeting all eligibility requirements to compete for Team USA in the next Olympics;
- Be actively competing in the Recurve division in domestic and international events (if eligible)
- Have a current valid USA Archery membership
- Be compliant with current USADA and WADA whereabouts standards and practices
- Have signed Athlete Agreement, Intent to Compete form and Athlete Pledge form on file with USA Archery for the current year
- Commit to a program of preparation with the intent of qualifying for and competing in the next Olympic Games
- Direct Athlete Support and EAH will only be provided to athletes who are currently training and competing in the same discipline (recurve/compound) they earned a national ranking the previous year.

Direct Athlete Support and Elite Athlete Health Insurance will only be provided to athletes who are currently training and competing. Please note that USOC Direct Athlete Support may increase or decrease from year to year, and the number of athletes supported by USOC Direct Athlete Support may increase or decrease from year to year.

Non-Olympic Years

The top five ranked archers, male and female, as of the National Rankings System as of January 1st of that year, in the Senior Recurve Division, will receive the following financial support from **January – December**. If athletes are not actively competing and training or fail to participate in required events outlined in Addendum B and their associated trials events, the DAS award(s) may be given to the next highest ranked athlete who meets the eligibility requirements, on a case by case basis, pending approval by USA Archery and the USOC.

Men's and Women Recurve	Monthly Stipend
Final Senior USAT Rank #1	1,950.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #2	1,850.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #3	1,750.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #4	1,450.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #5	700.00

Olympic Year

January-Nomination of the Olympic Team

The top five ranked archers, male and female, as of the National Ranking System as of Jan 1st in the Senior Recurve Division will receive the following financial support from January-Nomination of the Olympic Team. In order to maintain eligibility, athletes ranked in the top 5 must commit to compete in all legs of the Olympic Trials process and participate in any required training camps. If athletes are not actively competing and training, or they are knocked out of the Olympic Trials process prior to the final nomination of the team, the DAS award(s) may be given to the next highest ranked athlete who is still involved in the Olympic Trials process and meets the eligibility requirements, on a case by case basis, pending approval by the USOC.

Men's and Women Recurve	January - Nomination of the Olympic Team (Monthly Stipend)
Final Senior USAT Rank #1	1,950.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #2	1,850.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #3	1,750.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #4	1,450.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #5	700.00

Following the Nomination of the Olympic Team to December 31st

The top four ranked archers, male and female, as of the finals of the Olympic Trails in the Senior Recurve Divisions will receive the following financial support from the following month after being nominated to the team through December 31st of that year. In order to maintain eligibility, archers must commit to training through the Olympics and participate in training camps. If athletes are not actively competing and training, the DAS award(s) may be given to the next highest ranked athlete meeting the eligibility requirements, on a case by case basis, pending approval by the USOC.

Men's and Women Recurve	Following Olympic Trials to December 31st
Olympic Trials Stage 3 Rank #1	2,000.00
Olympic Trials Stage 3 Rank #2	2,000.00
Olympic Trials Stage 3 Rank #3	2,000.00
Olympic Trials Stage 3 Rank #4	1,700.00

Operation Gold (Recurve Athletes Only)

In the Olympic year, multiple Operation Gold Awards will be paid to qualifying athletes. Teams and individuals must finish in one of the top-three places at the Olympic Games to qualify for Operation Gold awards.

In non-Olympic years, Operation Gold Awards are limited to one award per athlete in a program year; athletes who qualify for more than one award automatically receive the higher award. Individuals must finish in one of the top eight places, while teams must finish in one of the top six places at the qualifying event in order to qualify for Operation Gold Awards in non-Olympic years.

For purposes of Operation Gold, a team is defined as three or more athletes (pairs are awarded at the same rate as individual athletes).

Athletes that qualify for Operation Gold payments are eligible for the following payment amounts for individual finishes:

Olympic Sport Payment Schedule	World Championships Event	World Cup Final	World Championships Event	Olympic Games
PLACE	1st Year in Quad	2nd Year in Quad	3rd Year in Quad	4th Year in Quad
1st	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$7,500	\$37,500
2nd	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,250	\$22,500
3rd	\$4,375	\$4,375	\$5,000	\$15,000
4th	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$4,375	
5th	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$3,750	
6th	\$3,125	\$3,125	\$3,750	
7th	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
8th	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	

For Individual Sports

Operation Gold Payments for a World Cup Final will be determined after the slate of participating countries is known. Slate must contain the at least the World 's top 10 teams for a payout up to 8th place. If the top 7-9 ranked countries are present, payout will include up to 5th place. If the top 4-6 ranked countries are present, payout will include up to 3rd place per USOC Athlete Support Guidelines.

Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI -- Recurve Athletes Only)

Number of EAHI slots allocated: 8

Eligibility and Criteria Approved for EAHI:

Non-Olympic Year

EAHI will be offered, on or before January 31 to the top four senior recurve males and the top four senior recurve females according to the USA Archery Recurve National Ranking System as of January 1. EAHI will

be available to these same athletes through December 31st. Once an insurance slot is offered to an athlete, they will have 45 days to activate their coverage. Athletes not activating their coverage within 45 days of notification of eligibility will forfeit their slot.

If there are slots available after the eligible athletes have either accepted or declined the coverage, the slots will remain unused.

Olympic Year

Eahi will be offered, on or before January 31 to the top four senior recurve males and the top four senior Recurve females according to the USA Archery Recurve National Ranking System as of January 1. Eahi will be available to these same athletes through the Olympic Trails process.

Following the Olympic Trials, Eahi will only be available to the top 4 archers from the final Olympic Trials results through December 31st of that year.

If an archer declines coverage in a non-Olympic year or prior to the final Olympic Team being nominated, the Eahi slot will be offered to the next ranked athlete (of the same gender) according to their placement on the National Ranking System. Eahi slots will not be offered to archers ranked lower than 8th place on the National Ranking System. If there are slots available after the eligible athletes have either accepted or declined the coverage, the slots will remain unused. If during an Olympic year, an archer declines coverage during the timeframe of after the Olympic Trials to the end of the year, the Eahi slot will not be offered to the next ranked athlete.

World Cup Funding

World Cup funding guidelines will be announced in January of each year and are subject to change each year based on fluctuating travel costs and yearly budgets (see Addendum A).

Direct Athlete Support Provided by USA Archery

Eligibility Guidelines

In order to receive the Direct Athlete Support from USA Archery, United States Archery Team (USAT) members must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and/or meet all eligibility requirements to compete for the Team USA internationally;
- Be actively competing in the Recurve and/or Compound division in required domestic and international events outlined in Addendum B (if eligible);
- Have a current valid USA Archery membership;
- Be compliant with current USADA and WADA whereabouts standards and practices (if applicable);
- Have signed Athlete Agreement form, Intent to Compete form and Athlete Pledge on file with USA Archery for the current year;
- Submit updated current monthly training programs to USA Archery National Coaching Staff prior to receiving DAS each month upon request;
- Commit to a program of preparation with the intent of qualifying for and competing in the next Olympic Games, Pan American Games and/or World Championship Event;
- Direct Athlete Support and Eahi will only be provided to athletes who are currently training and competing in the same discipline (recurve/compound) they received a national ranking in the previous year.

Please note that USA Archery Direct Athlete Support may increase or decrease from year to year, and the number of athletes supported by USA Archery Direct Athlete Support may increase or decrease from year to year. The following criteria will determine USA Archery DAS:

January 1st – December 31st

The top four ranked archers, male and female, as of the National Rankings System as of January 1st in the Senior Compound Division will receive the following financial support from **January – December**. If athletes are not actively competing and training or fail to participate in required events outlined in Addendum B and their associated trials events, the DAS award(s) may be given to the next highest ranked athlete who meets the eligibility requirements, on a case by case basis, pending approval by USA Archery.

USA Archery Senior USAT (COMPOUND) DAS	
Men's and Women's Compound Division	MONTHLY STIPEND
Final Senior USAT Rank #1	\$425.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #2	\$425.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #3	\$425.00
Final Senior USAT Rank #4	\$425.00

January 1st– December 31st

The 5th through 8th ranked Senior USAT archers, male and female as of the National Rankings System as of January 1st in the Senior Recurve and Compound Divisions will receive the following financial support from **January – December**. Eligible athletes may request the annual stipend (below) for reimbursement for eligible travel expenses according to USA Archery’s travel policy (i.e. airfare and lodging) incurred for participating in USA Archery and/or World Archery sanctioned outdoor USAT, World Championship, World Ranking and Outdoor World Cup Events. Funding may also be used to attend International Camps hosted by USA Archery in Chula Vista, CA.

Senior USAT DAS - For Travel Reimbursement (Compound & Recurve Only)	ANNUAL STIPEND
Eligible Athletes	Total Per Position
Final Senior USAT Rank #5	\$1,000/Year
Final Senior USAT Rank #6	\$1,000/Year
Final Senior USAT Rank #7	\$1,000/Year
Final Senior USAT Rank #8	\$1,000/Year

January 1st – December 31st

The 1st through 5th ranked Junior USAT archers, male and female as of the National Rankings System as of January 1st in the Junior Recurve and Compound Divisions will receive the following financial support from **January – December**. Eligible athletes may request the annual stipend (below) for reimbursement for eligible travel expenses according to USA Archery’s travel policy (i.e. airfare and lodging) incurred for participating in USA Archery and/or World Archery sanctioned USAT, World Championship, World Ranking and Outdoor World Cup Events. Funding may also be used to attend International Camps hosted by USA Archery in Chula Vista, CA.

Junior USAT DAS - For Travel Reimbursement (Compound & Recurve Only)	ANNUAL STIPEND
Eligible Athletes	Total Per Position
Final Junior USAT Rank #1	\$500/Year
Final Junior USAT Rank #2	\$500/Year
Final Junior USAT Rank #3	\$500/Year
Final Junior USAT Rank #4	\$500/Year
Final Junior USAT Rank #5	\$500/Year

ADDENDUM A

2019 International Event Funding (Recurve and Compound Athletes)

USA Archery will provide international event funding for eligible male and female recurve and compound athletes as noted below:

International Event Funding	Travel Funding Provided	Stipend Provided (For Mileage, Baggage Fees and/or Meals while traveling)
World Cup #1	Full Team Funded	Yes
World Cup #2	Full Team Funded	Yes
World Cup #3	Full Team Funded	Yes
World Cup #4	Funding for Archers in Top 10 World Cup Ranking after World Cup 3 – others Self-Funded	Yes (for those archers in the top 10 World Cup Ranking after World Cup 3) – others Self-Funded
World Cup Final	Full Team Funded	No Stipend
World Archery 3-D Championships	Self-Funded	No Stipend
Youth World Championships	Full Team Funded	Yes
Pan American Games	Full Team Funded	Yes
World University Games	Full Team Funded	Yes
World Championships and Prep Camp	Full Team Funded	Yes
Tokyo Test Event	Full Team Funded	Yes

ADDENDUM B

2019 Event Requirements

USA Archery Direct Athlete Support (DAS) is supplied to top-ranked senior male and female recurve and compound athletes, so that they may better focus their efforts on training for elite domestic and international competitions. In return, it is the expectation of USA Archery that athletes receiving DAS from USA Archery will maintain a national ranking and participate in all funded international events for which he or she qualifies and adhere to the USA Archery Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Honor Code and High-Performance Ethos. As such, recurve and compound athletes receiving Direct Athlete Support are also required to register for World Championship, Pan American Games and Olympic Games trials events. Failure to maintain a national ranking and/or compete in funded international events for which he or she qualifies, or violations of the USA Archery Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics Honor Code or High-Performance Ethos may result in reduction or elimination of DAS from the USOC and USA Archery.

United States Archery Team (USAT) Series Events

Senior recurve and compound athletes must attend the necessary amount of USAT events to maintain/obtain a national ranking. Failure to compete in the USAT events as indicated may result in reduction or elimination of DAS from USA Archery. Please review the USAT Selection Procedures for more information on how to obtain a USA Archery national ranking.

International Events

Senior recurve and compound athletes are required to compete in the following funded international events (and mandatory training camps) for which he or she qualifies: World Cups, World Championships, Pan American Championships, Pan American Games and Olympic Games. Failure to compete in these events and applicable training camps may result in reduction or elimination of DAS from USA Archery.

Such a violations may not exist in the following cases:

- Required military service.
- Death in the immediate family. Immediate family defined as your Partner and parents, children, stepchildren, fostered or adopted children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, or grandparents, of either you or your Partner.
- Serious injury preventing the athlete from competing. Serious injury defined as one of the following:
 - 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 event.
 - Injury requiring emergency medical treatment where the athlete is treated by a physician and not allowed to compete due to doctor's orders.
- Any other extenuating circumstance that is submitted in writing to USA Archery and subsequently approved at the discretion of USA Archery.