

## USA Archery Events Policy for Chairs/Stools

USA Archery does not follow World Archery rules when it comes to archers utilizing a wheelchair or stool when competing in an able-body division. There is no need to have a classification to shoot from a wheelchair, knee scooter, stool etc., due to injury or disability while competing in an able body division at a USA Archery sanctioned event. **PLEASE NOTE that archers who want to compete in a Para division must have a classification and have their classification card/documents with them at events where they are registering/shooting in a para division.**

USA Archery asks that archers who need the use of a wheelchair or a stool, who are shooting in the able-body division and have not been classified follow these guidelines:

- Please use a standard wheelchair with round wheels. If the archer uses a track chair or other special chair, they should contact the event organizer ahead of time to ensure the chairs are allowed on the field or venue. Some venues do not allow track chairs on their fields.
- Please try to use a wheelchair that is shorter than 1.25m (49") in length. This length will allow enough room for another archer or another wheelchair of similar length to shoot together comfortably on the line. If the archer has a chair that is longer than the suggested length, please contact the event organizer to be sure they can accommodate it within their venue layout.
- While an archer is shooting, no part of the wheelchair or stool can support the bow arm.
- If the archer is using a stool, it should fit within the standard shooting space. 80cm (31") long x 60cm (24") wide to allow room for the archer shooting next to them.
- All other equipment used by the athlete shall conform to World Archery rules for the division the archer is entered in. <https://worldarchery.org/Rules>
- When possible, athletes using wheelchairs are allowed to stay on the line. However, this is not always possible depending on the organizer and venue space. If an archer needs to stay on the line, it is best to inform the organizer ahead of time so they can accommodate this request when assigning targets.
- If the archer is in need of an agent to assist with duties at the target or elsewhere, the archer should plan to bring the agent with them to the event. If they do not have an agent, they can contact the organizer of the event to see if they have an agent available, but the responsibility of having an agent lies with the archer. Archer agents assisting archers with disabilities may sit in the archer's area with competitors.