

Requirements: summary

Selections to the 2016 ATA All-American teams will be based on Points earned during the 2015 target year (duration: Sept. 1, 2014, through Aug. 31, 2015). For an in-depth explanation of each requirement, see the corresponding sections in this article.

- To be eligible for a team, candidates must meet minimum-target requirements. These requirements vary by category (men's, Lady I, Lady II, junior, etc.) of team. For the chairshooter team only, there are no minimum-target requirements.

- To be eligible for a team, candidates must complete the three championship events (i.e., the all-around—the main singles, handicap and doubles events) at All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of three states and/or provinces. For the chairshooter team only, there is no minimum-state requirement.

All-American Qualifying Shoots are the Grand American, all Satellite Grands, the five ATA Zone Shoots, all state and provincial ATA championship shoots, plus "Other Major Tournaments" (which are shoots where the championship singles, handicap and doubles entries total 600 or more).

Competition Factor

The total of the number of entries in each of the three Championship Events (singles, handicap and doubles) at All-American Team Qualifying Shoots determines each shoot's Competition Factor.

Please note:

- Grand Week events have a fixed Competition Factor of 10.

- Grand American Preliminary Days events have a fixed Competition Factor of 8.

- Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone shoots have a minimum Competition Factor of 3 and a maximum of 7.

- State/provincial championship shoots and "Other Major Tournaments" (see accompanying article for details) have a minimum Competition Factor of 2 and a maximum of 7.

At each All-American Qualifying Shoot, points received for each trophy win or tie (Trophy Points and Tie Points, respectively) are multiplied by that shoot's Competition Factor to determine **total** Trophy and Tie Points. (Score Points are not multiplied by the Competition Factor but rather are added to the Trophy and Tie Points total.)

The number of shooters completing an event as indicated in ATA records will govern in case of dispute of tournament attendance.

Total number of entries	Competition Factor
5 to 500	2
501 to 900	3
901 to 1500	4
1501 to 2100	5
2101 to 2700	6
2701 to 3300	7
3301 to 3900	8
3901 and over	9

- To be eligible for a team, a candidate must be an ATA member in good standing.

- The ATA website, www.shootata.com, includes team standings as well as the individual reports for all shooters who have earned any Points at any All-American Qualifying Shoot(s). Information displayed there is official and will be the basis for team selection. It is recommended that shooters check their Points assignment and standing periodically and report any problems or questions to the ATA office.

Because trophy reports as received by the ATA office and/or TRAP & FIELD from tournament hosts are the official records from which All-American Points are awarded, participants may contact tournament host management directly so that official corrections to the trophy winners' report can be forwarded to TRAP & FIELD and ATA. Errors in Points assignment or calculation may be reported directly to the ATA.

(Note: minimum-state and minimum-target requirements are applied to the online standings once all the Points from the target year are entered.)

- A shooter will be named to one team only. Anyone who qualifies for more than one team will be placed on the team where he or she ranks highest. (This may not necessarily be the team where he or she has tallied the greatest number of points.)

To ensure that their accomplishments will be compiled for All-American team selection purposes, age-category shooters must have their birthdates on file with the ATA. To be eligible to compete for chairshooter awards and slots on the chair team, shooters must hold an ATA average card with the Chair designation. For more information on regulations regarding chairshooters, see the ATA Rulebook, IV, K.

Minimum-target requirements

Men's and sub-veteran—3,000 singles, 2,500 handicap, 1,500 doubles

Lady I, Lady II, junior gold, junior and veteran—3,000 singles, 2,000 handicap, 1,000 doubles

Sub-junior and senior veteran—2,000 singles, 1,000 handicap, 500 doubles

Chairshooters—there are no minimum-target requirements for this team.

All-American Qualifying Shoots

Candidates for All-American teams must have shot the all-around targets (the championship singles, handicap, and doubles events) at All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of **three** states and/or provinces. (Exception: there are no attendance requirements for the chairshooter team.)

All-American Qualifying Shoots include the following:

- the Grand American
- Satellite Grand Americans (Autumn, Dixie, Empire, Great Lakes, Heartland, Northeastern, Spring, Southern, Southwestern, Western)

- ATA Zone Shoots (Central, Eastern, Southern, Southwestern, Western)—residents only will be awarded Points at each respective Zone shoot

- ATA State and Provincial Shoots—residents and non-residents will be awarded Points

- Other Major Tournaments: ATA shoots where entries in the singles, doubles and handicap championship events total at least **600 entries** (individually or in any combination)

Any additional individual event of 600 entries or more will also be an All-American Qualifying event, with Points awarded using the "Other Events" point scale (see "ATA All-American Points System" box). Exception: no points will be awarded for team events.

All Other Major Tournaments which met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2014 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2015, regardless of 2015 attendance. (Note: the Competition Factor is based on the current target year's attendance; in other words, the Competition Factor does not carry forward from year to year.)

All-American team selection will be substantially guided by the following policy: If a qualifying All-American Points tournament is scheduled to start near the end of the current target year and scheduled to end in the succeeding target year (i.e., spanning the target years) and is canceled for whatever reason subsequent to the tournament start, any qualifying points earned will count toward the latter target year for All-American team purposes. (Nevertheless, the targets will be recorded and registered in the expiring target year, in keeping with Rule II, B of the ATA Rulebook.)

Each shooter's seven best shoots count toward selection

Persons may compete in as many tournaments as they wish. However, only a shooter's top seven All-American Qualifying Shoots (in **total** number of points) will be applied toward All-American team ranking/selection.

Note: ranking on the ATA website shows *all* Points earned until after all of the Trophy, Tie, and Score Points information for the target year is input. Once all the aggregate information is included, then the minimum-target and minimum-state requirements are applied, and any shooters not meeting one or both of those minimums are removed from the overall standings. (However, the individual records of all shooters who have earned any All-American Points remain in the system and can be viewed by accessing the individual's record.)

Points are assigned for each trophy, tie, and/or score which earns All-American Points. To determine total All-American Points earned at a given shoot, Trophy and

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All-American Points will be posted to the ATA website www.shootata.com as trophy lists and scores are received, and team standings are updated accordingly. These listings are official. Shooters may direct questions and shoot management may supply corrections to Kathy Key at kkey@shootata.com.

ATA All-American Points System

—Trophy Points and Tie Points—

Championship Events

for **trophies** and/or **Points Pins** awarded in

- all events during Grand Week (except the Champion of Champions and the combined Prelim- and Grand-Week HOA)
- the championship singles, handicap, doubles, all-around and HOA at
 - Satellite Grands
 - Resident ATA Zone Shoots
 - Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial Shoots
 - other Qualifying Shoots (combined championship events entries of 600 or more)

Champion.....	10
Runnerup.....	8
3rd through 5th.....	7
6th through 10th.....	6
11th through 15th.....	5
16th through 20th.....	4
tie.....	3

Other Events

for **trophies** awarded in

- all Prelim-Week events at the Grand American (except the Super 500 events and the 1,500-target HOA)
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands (final seven days only)
 - the class events and preliminary handicap at Resident ATA Zone tournaments (note: to apply, the preliminary handicap must be zone-wide)
 - the class events and preliminary handicap at Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial shoots
 - any event(s) at Resident ATA Zone, Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial, or Other Major tournaments with 600 or more entries
 - any additional events at Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial tournaments which occur within the last five days, up to a total of 1,300 targets (championship and non-championship events)

Champion.....	5
Runnerup.....	4
3rd through 5th.....	3
6th through 15th.....	2
tie.....	1

In addition, at the Grand American only, Trophy Points for placement in the top 10 by score are awarded in both All-Around events (Prelim Week and Grand Week) and the two 1,000-target HOAs (Prelim Week and Grand Week). Those who finish with the top 10 scores in the Preliminary Week All-Around and HOA will earn champion through 10th-place points using the “Other Events” points scale. Those who finish with the top 10 scores in the Grand Week All-Around and HOA will earn champion through 10th-place points using the “Championship Events” points scale.

Note: Trophy Points are awarded for trophies and Points Pins only (except in the Grand American All-Around and High-Over-All events, as explained in the above paragraph). In all other cases, if no trophies are given for places listed, no points are awarded.

Trophy and Tie Points are multiplied by the shoot’s Competition Factor.

Shooters will not be eligible for Trophy Points unless the official shoot program specifies where trophies are awarded in each qualifying event. A clear winner for each eligible Points award must be determined. Trophy Points will not be awarded to shooters who do not have ties determined in a conventional manner (e.g., shootoff, carryover, coin flip, etc.). Only Tie Points will be awarded in cases where clear winners are not reported.

—Score Points—

Championship Events

High score.....	10
2nd-high score.....	8
3rd-high score.....	7

• all events during Grand Week (except the Champion of Champions and combined Prelim- and Grand-Week HOA)

- the championship singles, handicap, doubles, all-around and HOA at
 - Satellite Grands
 - Resident ATA Zone Shoots
 - Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial Shoots
 - other Qualifying Shoots (combined championship events entries of 600 or more)

Other Events

High score.....	5
2nd-high score.....	4
3rd-high score.....	3

- all prelim-day events at the Grand American (except the Super 500 events and the 1,500-target HOA)
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands (final seven days only)
 - the class events and preliminary handicap at Resident ATA Zone tournaments (note: to qualify, the preliminary handicap must be zone-wide)
 - the class events and preliminary handicap at Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial shoots
 - any event(s) at Resident ATA Zone, Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial, or Other Major tournaments with 600 or more entries
 - any additional events at Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial tournaments which occur within the last five days, up to a total of 1,300 targets (championship and non-championship events)

Score Points are NOT multiplied by the Competition Factor but rather are added to total Trophy and Tie Points.

Special category shooters are eligible for Score Points only if their scores are in the top three (3) for the entire event (i.e., the entire field of shooters).

All-American Points Pins

At all 10 Satellite Grands as well as all five ATA Zone Shoots, All-American Points Pins are awarded. Shootoffs or other tie-breakers should be conducted accordingly. Pin awards will be made *in addition to* any program trophies which may also be available, and the pin awards are not subject to Rule X, D, 1 regarding restriction of shooters to one ATA trophy per event. Conversely, program trophies may not necessarily be provided for all places receiving pins; see the respective official shoot program(s) for a complete list of trophies to be awarded.

Report forms for listing winners of the Points Pins are provided to shoot management at Satellite Grands and ATA Zone tournaments. *In each event, the overall champion pin is open to all shooters, regardless of class or category*; while overall second- through 10th-place pins are always open to all non-category shooters, *regardless of class or yardage group*.

All prelim singles events (Satellite Grands)

20 pins:

Champion, runnerup and third
Lady I: champion and runnerup
Lady II: champion and runnerup
Junior gold: champion and runnerup
Junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-veteran: champion and runnerup
Veteran: champion and runnerup
Senior vet: champion and runnerup
Chairshooter: champion

All prelim handicap events (Satellite Grands)

The prelim handicap (zone-wide) event (ATA Zone shoots)

22 pins:

Champion, runnerup, third, fourth and fifth
Lady I: champion and runnerup
Lady II: champion and runnerup
Junior gold: champion and runnerup
Junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-veteran: champion and runnerup
Veteran: champion and runnerup
Senior vet: champion and runnerup
Chairshooter: champion

Doubles Championship

Satellite Grands and ATA Zone shoots

30 pins:

Champion, runnerup, third and fourth
Lady I: champion, runnerup and third
Lady II: champion, runnerup and third
Junior gold: champion, runnerup and third
Junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Senior vet: champion, runnerup and third
Chairshooter: champion and runnerup

All-Around

Satellite Grands and ATA Zone shoots

20 pins:

Champion, runnerup and third
Lady I: champion and runnerup
Lady II: champion and runnerup
Junior gold: champion and runnerup
Junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-veteran: champion and runnerup
Veteran: champion and runnerup
Senior vet: champion and runnerup
Chairshooter: champion

All prelim doubles events (Satellite Grands)

20 pins:

Champion, runnerup and third
Lady I: champion and runnerup
Lady II: champion and runnerup
Junior gold: champion and runnerup
Junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-veteran: champion and runnerup
Veteran: champion and runnerup
Senior vet: champion and runnerup
Chairshooter: champion

Singles Championship

Satellite Grands and

ATA Zone shoots

30 pins:

Champion, runnerup, third and fourth
Lady I: champion, runnerup and third
Lady II: champion, runnerup and third
Junior gold: champion, runnerup and third
Junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Senior vet: champion, runnerup and third
Chairshooter: champion and runnerup

Handicap Championship

Satellite Grands and ATA Zone shoots

36 pins:

Champion through 10th place
Lady I: champion, runnerup and third
Lady II: champion, runnerup and third
Junior gold: champion, runnerup and third
Junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-junior: champion, runnerup and third
Sub-veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Veteran: champion, runnerup and third
Senior vet: champion, runnerup and third
Chairshooter: champion and runnerup

High-Over-All

Satellite Grands and ATA Zone shoots

20 pins:

Champion, runnerup and third
Lady I: champion and runnerup
Lady II: champion and runnerup
Junior gold: champion and runnerup
Junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-junior: champion and runnerup
Sub-veteran: champion and runnerup
Veteran: champion and runnerup
Senior vet: champion and runnerup
Chairshooter: champion

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Tie Points are multiplied by the corresponding Competition Factor, then added to any Score Points earned.

Shooters may not earn “double points” for the same trophy/score. Therefore, when two All-American Points Shoots are concurrent (such as a Zone and “Other Major Tournament”) *only one of the shoots can be counted among a shooter’s seven best for All-American team selection.* Whichever one of the concurrent shoots where the shooter has earned the most points will be the one that is eligible to be among that shooter’s seven best.

See “All-American Points System” section and box for additional details.

How All-American Points are awarded

For each All-American Points event, Points are awarded for winning a Points trophy, tying for a Points trophy, and/or entering one of the top three scores over the entire field.

The base value of a trophy win or tie depends on what the trophy is and whether it is won in a championship or other event. The base value is then multiplied by the shoot’s Competition Factor, which varies by attendance.

In addition, if the shooter’s score ranks among the top three overall in the field (“the field” is all shooters, regardless of residence or category), he or she will also receive Score Points. These are not multiplied by the Competition Factor.

Example: a shooter earning the singles championship in a state with a Competition Factor of 3 and with a field-high score of 200 would receive 40 points total for the win: 10 (base value) x 3 (Competition Factor) + 10 (Score Points) = 40 total All-American Points for this win.

For more information about Trophy Points, Tie Points, Score Points, Championship and Other Points scales, and Competition Factor, see the corresponding sections in this article.

IMPORTANT

Reporters for All-American Points shoots: include the following in your reports submitted to TRAP & FIELD and the ATA so that your shooters may be given full credit for All-American Trophy and Tie Points earned.

- ❖ A complete list of trophies, winners, scores, shooters tying for trophies, shootoff/carryover scores (or other method of settling ties), and yardage shot from (handicap events). **Shoot management is responsible for providing a trophy list and shootoff results for all ATA-registered events that qualify for All-American Points (ATA Rulebook III, D, 1c).** The last five days and up to the last 1,300 targets at state and provincial championship tournaments will be All-American Points-earning.

- ❖ Shooter numbers (entry figures) for every event.

- ❖ A copy of the printed shoot program.

Trophy Events and trophies

Trophy Points are awarded for trophy and/or Points Pin wins as reported by the tournament host to the ATA office and/or TRAP & FIELD. The report as received will be the official record from which Trophy Points are assigned. Shooters will not be eligible for Trophy Points unless their trophies are listed in the official shoot program. (Exception: All-American Points Pin Awards at Satellite Grands and ATA Zone Shoots. For a complete listing of these awards, see “All-American Points Pins” table accompanying this article.)

Information regarding any Points trophy or trophies which are added following the printing of the official printed program must be forwarded to the ATA office (Kathy Key at kkey@shootata.com) and must be posted prominently at the club during the shoot in order for All-American Points to be awarded.

A clear winner for each Points award must be determined. Trophy Points will not be awarded to shooters who do not have their ties determined in a conventional manner (shootoff, carryover, coin flip, or other gaming method). In a case where a clear winner is not reported, all shooters involved will receive Tie Points only.

In the event that no trophy is awarded and contestants are eligible and tied for All-American Points pins, ties may be decided by shootoff, carryover, flip, or other gaming methods.

[Shoot reporters: Reports must include entry numbers for each Points event, shooters tied for each Points trophy, and results of all Points trophy tie-breakers. A trophy list and tie-breaker results for all ATA registered events that qualify for All-American Points is required (ATA Rulebook III, D, 1, c)—Ed.]

Participants who note errors/omissions in winners’ lists in T&F or on www.shootata.com are encouraged to contact the tournament host directly so that official notice of corrections may be forwarded to T&F and the ATA.

Tournaments and events for which Trophy, Tie, and/or Score Points are awarded are the following:

- **Grand American**—all events, championship and preliminary. *Exceptions:*

- 1) HOA on the total Preliminary Week targets (in 2014, that was 1,500)

- 2) the Prelim Week “Super” singles, handicap and doubles (total in each discipline; in 2014, those were 500 singles, 500 handicap and 500 doubles)

- 3) the total of Preliminary Week and Grand Week targets (in 2014, that was 2,600 targets)

- 4) the Grand Week Champion of Champions event

In the other two HOAs (Prelim Week and Grand Week) plus both All-Around events (Prelim Week and Grand Week), Trophy Points for placement in the top 10 by score are awarded according to the Trophy Points tables [see tables accompanying this article—Ed.].

All Grand-Week trophies are assigned Championship Events points, while Preliminary-Week awards carry Other Events points.

- **Satellite Grands**—all events, championship and preliminary, in the final week (seven days). All-American Points Pins will be awarded along with/in addition to any trophies listed in the program.

- **ATA Zones (residents only)**—all championship events, including the all-around and HOA (if zone-wide, i.e., contested throughout the zone); the class singles, class

doubles and preliminary handicap as well as any event(s) with 600 or more entries, provided such event(s) are zone-wide and are not team races. All-American Points Pins will be awarded along with/in addition to any trophies listed in the program.

For points-assignment purposes, *championship events* are the last event of each type unless otherwise identified in the tournament program; the *class singles*, *preliminary handicap* and *class doubles* events are the like events immediately preceding the respective championship events, unless otherwise identified in the tournament program.

Points are awarded for *zone-wide* HOA trophies as well as any zone-wide category trophies awarded in the class championship events and preliminary handicap. Points are not awarded for club trophies at telephonic sites unless the site qualifies as an “Other Major Tournament” [see “Other Major Tournaments” section below—Ed.].

Shooters may not earn “double points” for the same trophy/score. Therefore, when two All-American Points Shoots are concurrent (such as a Zone and “Other Major Tournament”), *only one of the shoots can be counted among a shooter’s seven best for All-American team selection.* Whichever one of the concurrent shoots where the shooter has earned the most points will be the one that is eligible to be among that shooter’s seven best.

Winners of resident Points trophies are awarded resident Points; winners of non-resident Points trophies are awarded non-resident Points. A winner of an open trophy is awarded points based on his or her placement among resident or non-resident shooters, whichever is applicable to that individual open trophy winner. At tournaments where resident, open and non-resident trophies are offered in the same event, only two of the classifications per category (men’s, Lady I, Lady II, junior, etc.) will be eligible to receive All-American Points; for example, men’s resident and non-resident but not open, or men’s resident and open but not non-resident.

- **State/Provincial (resident and non-resident)**—all championship events, including all-around and HOA; class singles, class doubles, the preliminary handicap as well as any event(s) with 600 or more entries (exception: team races). Up to the last five days of a state/provincial shoot (1,300 total targets or less) will be used for All-American Points determination. For points-assignment purposes, the *class singles*, *preliminary handicap* and *class doubles* events are the like events immediately preceding the respective championship events, unless otherwise identified in the tournament program.

Resident and non-resident shooters are considered separately for Points assignment where there are resident and non-resident trophies. Open trophy winners are awarded points based on their placement as compared to other resident or non-resident shooters, as applicable. At tournaments where resident, open and non-resident trophies are offered in the same event, only two of the classifications per category (men’s, Lady I, Lady II, junior, etc.) will be eligible to receive All-American Points; for example, men’s resident and non-resident but not open, or men’s resident and open but not non-resident.

- **Other Major Tournaments**—the singles, handicap and doubles championships, the all-around and/or high-over-all, plus any event(s) with 600 or more entries, provided they are not team races.

For the 10 Satellite Grands and five ATA Zone Shoots, All-American Points Pins are awarded in addition to any program trophies. See "All-American Points Pins" section plus the respective shoot program(s).

All-American Points System

Trophy Points: awarded when the shooter has earned a Points trophy in any All-American Qualifying event. For each shoot, total Trophy Points are multiplied by the shoot's corresponding Competition Factor.

Tie Points: awarded when the shooter has tied for but does not win a Points trophy in any All-American Qualifying event. For each shoot, total Tie Points are multiplied by the shoot's corresponding Competition Factor.

Score Points: awarded when the shooter has posted one of the top three (3) scores in any All-American Qualifying event. Score Points are not multiplied by the shoot's Competition Factor, but instead are added to the shooter's Trophy and Tie Points total to determine the shooter's grand total for that shoot.

For Trophy Points and Tie Points, there are separate points "pools" for the men's team and for each of the special category teams. Conversely, there is only one "pool" of Score Points; category shooters are eligible for Score Points only if their scores are in the top three (3) in the entire field of shooters in the event.

The base value of Trophy Points, Tie Points and Score Points is determined by one of two tables, depending on the event in which those points are earned:

- Championship Events (singles, handicap, doubles, all-around, high-over-all)
- Other Events (class and other prelim events)

[See accompanying box, "All-American Points System," for additional details—Ed.]

Competition Factor

The Competition Factor (CF) is a multiplier determined by tournament attendance. It is derived by combining entry numbers from the championship singles, handicap and doubles events. [For exceptions, see "Grand American, Satellite Grands and ATA Zone Shoots" paragraph in this section.]

The resulting number is then applied to the accompanying table [see "Competition Factor" box] and assigned the corresponding CF. At each All-American Qualifying Shoot, points received for each trophy win or tie are multiplied by that shoot's CF to determine total Trophy Points and Tie Points earned.

The number of shooters completing an event, as indicated in ATA records, will govern in case of a dispute as to tournament attendance.

Grand American, Satellite Grand and ATA Zone Shoots: Grand American Grand-Week events have a fixed Competition Factor of 10. Preliminary-Week events have a fixed CF of 8. Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone shoots have a minimum CF of 3 and a maximum of 7. State/provincial championship shoots and "Other Major Tournaments" have a minimum CF of 2 and a maximum of 7.

"Other Major Tournaments" which met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2014 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2015, regardless of 2015 attendance. (Note: the Competition Factor is based on the current target year's attendance; i.e., the CF does not carry forward from year to year.)

A list of the 2014 target year's All-American Qualifying Shoots, including attendance and Competition Factors, was published in the January 2015 issue of TRAP & FIELD and in the 2014 Average Book.

Class/yardage trophies; special categories

For the men's team, only awards in the longest yardage group and top class will earn Trophy Points after event champion and place (runnerup, third, etc.) points have been awarded. Longest yardage-group and highest class winners are not assigned All-American Points at Satellite Grands and ATA Zone Shoots.

Applying the Awards Points System to category shooters, the first-place trophy winner in the category earns the points for champion. If there is a runnerup category trophy, that winner receives the points for second. If no runnerup trophy is awarded, no points are given for second place. (Exception: As listed elsewhere, points are given for Points Pin wins at Satellite Grands and ATA Zone shoots.)

For special categories (Lady I, Lady II, junior gold, junior, sub-junior, sub-veteran, veteran, senior veteran and chairshooter), any trophies other than the event champion one and the respective category one(s) will not earn Trophy or Tie Points. Exception: In an event where there is no event champion trophy, a category shooter may receive points for a win in the event's top class or longest yardage group.

If a category shooter wins the event champion trophy, the respective category champion in that event will earn runnerup points, and any additional place trophy winners in the same category will earn corresponding category points (third, fourth, etc.).

Age-based special category shooters, please note: Points accumulated in more than one aged-based special category (for shooters who declare a new category during the target year) will not be combined for team placement purposes. For example, a shooter who turns 70 on Jan. 1 may declare as a senior veteran on that date, but no points that this shooter may have earned as a veteran will apply to his senior veteran record. Similar logic applies to all category shooters. A shooter may choose to remain in the age group he or she was in as of Sept. 1, 2014 (the beginning of the 2015 target year) for the entire 2015 target year, regardless of birthdate.

For additional information about categories, including regulations regarding category declaration, see Rulebook IV, J.

Chairshooter team

All-American Qualifying Shoots and the respective Competition Factors are the same as for the other ATA All-American teams. There are no minimum-target requirements or shoot-attendance requirements.

Score Points are awarded if the shooter has posted one of the top three scores in the entire field of an event. Trophy Points, Tie Points and Score Points will be allocated based on either the "Championship Event" or "Other Event" scale (see "ATA All-American Points System" box accompanying this article).

In addition, for the chairshooter team only, one (1) Participation Point will be awarded for each individual event shot. No Participation Points will be awarded for all-around, high-over-all or any other combined/composite event. Participation Points are not multiplied by the Competition Factor.

To be eligible to compete for chairshooter awards and slots on the chairshooter team, shooters must hold an ATA average card with the Chair designation. For more information on regulations regarding chairshooters, see the ATA Rulebook, IV, K.

Fixed team numbers

Each All-American team has a fixed number of members. A shooter who qualifies for more than one team will be placed on the team where he or she ranks highest. (This may not be the team where he or she has tallied the most points.)

Men's—first, 12; second, 20
Lady I—first, 10; second, 15
Lady II—first, 10; second, 15
Junior gold—first, 10; second, 15
Junior—first, 10; second, 15
Sub-junior—first, 10; second, 15
Sub-veteran—first, 12; second, 20
Veteran—first, 12; second, 20
Senior veteran—first, 12; second, 20
Chairshooter—7

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The ATA website (www.shootata.com) includes team standings as well as individual reports for all shooters who have earned any Points at any All-American Qualifying Shoot(s). Results as displayed on the ATA website are official and will be the basis for team selection. Errors in point assignment/calculations may be reported to the ATA office at 618-449-2224 ext. 114. Errors/omissions in trophy assignment are to be brought directly to the attention of the tournament host involved (see "Trophy Events" section) so that official notice of corrections may be forwarded to T&F and the ATA. **Deadline for all such corrections** (point assignment/calculations AND errors/omissions in trophy assignment) is **Oct. 1, 2015**. Following finalization of team rosters, teams will be announced in the next available issue of TRAP & FIELD and on the ATA and T&F websites.

reminder:

TRAP & FIELD All-Around Average Award requirements

Minimum-target and competition requirements for T&F's All-Around Average Awards are the same as those for the ATA All-American teams. **For the 2015 awards, these will be as follows:**

❖ Candidates must shoot the **all-around targets** (the championship singles, handicap and doubles) at **All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of three states or provinces.**

❖ Minimum-target requirements are as follows: *men's and sub-veteran*—3,000 singles, 2,500 handicap, 1,500 doubles; *Lady I, Lady II, junior, junior gold and veteran*—3,000 singles, 2,000 handicap and 1,000 doubles; *sub-junior and senior veteran*—2,000 singles, 1,000 handicap and 500 doubles.

❖ Candidates must be ATA members in good standing.