

2010 ATA All-American team requirements

Following is a brief summary of requirements for selection to a 2010 ATA All-American team, based on 2009 target-year accomplishments. For an in-depth explanation of each requirement, see the corresponding sections.

- Candidates must meet minimum-target requirements, which vary by category (men's, women's, junior, etc.) of team. For the chairshooter team only, there are no minimum-target requirements.

- Candidates must compete in All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of three states and/or provinces. For the chairshooter team only, there is no minimum-state requirement.

- Applications are not required. The ATA website (www.shootata.com) includes team standings and individual reports for All-American Qualifying Shoots. Information displayed here is considered official and will be the basis for team selection. It is recommended that shooters check their Points assignments and standing periodically and report any discrepancies to the ATA office. Because trophy reports as received by the ATA office and/or TRAP & FIELD magazine 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 calculations may be reported directly to the ATA.

- 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.)

In addition, 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, and chairshooter participants must inform the ATA of their eligibility for the chairshooter team (if they have not already done so in the past). Please make these declarations as early as possible. Final deadline for notification is Aug. 31, 2009.

Shoot the targets!

Minimum target requirements are as follows:

Men—3,000 singles, 2,500 handicap, 1,500 doubles.

Women, juniors and veterans—3,000 singles, 2,000 handicap, 1,000 doubles.

Sub-juniors and senior veterans—2,000 singles, 1,000 handicap and 500 doubles.

Chairshooters—no minimum-target requirements.

Make the shoots!

Candidates for All-American teams must have competed at All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of **three** states and/or provinces. (Exception: chairshooter team has no minimum requirement.)

Under the ATA's All-American Awards Points System, All-American Qualifying Shoots include

- the Grand American
- Satellite Grand Americans (Dixie, Spring, Southern, Empire, Southwestern, Great Lakes, Heartland, Western, Northeastern, Autumn)
- Resident ATA Zone Shoots (Central, Eastern, Southern, Southwestern, Western)
- Resident and Non-Resident ATA State and Provincial Shoots
- 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)

The last requirement listed above is applied *only* to shoots *other than* the Grand American, Satellite Grands, ATA Zone tournaments and State/Provincial shoots.

All Other Major Tournaments which meet the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2008 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2009, regardless of 2009 attendance. (Note: the Competition Factor is based on the current target year's attendance; i.e., 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 ensuing 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. [Page 9] of the ATA Rule Book.)

Seven best shoots

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 his or her All-American team selection.

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

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

Trophy Events

Trophy Points are awarded for actual trophy wins as reported to the ATA office and/or TRAP & FIELD by the tournament host. The report as received will be the official record from which Trophy Points are awarded. Shooters will not be eligible for Trophy Points unless the official shoot program specifies where trophies will be awarded in each qualifying event.

[*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 shootoff results for all ATA registered events that qualify for All-American Points is required (ATA Rulebook III, D, 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.

A clear winner for each eligible point 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, flip of the coin, etc.). Only Tie Points will be awarded in cases where clear winners are not reported.

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

- **Grand American**—all events, championship and preliminary. (Exceptions: the HOAs on 1) the total Preliminary Week targets and 2) the total Preliminary Week and Grand Week targets. These are not Points events.)

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 table.

All Grand Week trophies are assigned Championship Events points, while

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 ten (10).
- Grand American Preliminary Days events have a fixed Competition Factor of eight (8).
- Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone Shoots have a minimum Competition Factor of three (3).
- State/provincial championship shoots have a maximum Competition Factor of seven (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 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

ATA All-American Points System

—Trophy Points and Tie Points—

Championship Events

for **trophies** awarded in

- all events during Grand Week (except 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

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 HOAs not exempted as mentioned above. 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 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. In a Satellite Grand Handicap Championship, seven place trophies are awarded, so points are given for Champion through 7th.

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, flip of the coin, 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 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)

High score points are NOT multiplied by the Competition Factor but 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).

Other Events

for **trophies** awarded in

- all Prelim Week events at the Grand American (except the HOA on the week’s total targets)
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands (final week 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

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

Other Events

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

- all prelim-day events at the Grand American (except the HOA on the week’s total targets)
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands (final week 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

Preliminary Week awards carry Other Events points.

- **Satellite Grands**—all events in the final week, championship and preliminary.
- **ATA Zones** (*resident only*)—all championship events, including the all-around and HOA (if zone-wide); plus the class singles, class doubles and preliminary handicap as well as any event(s) with 600 or more entries. (Note: to qualify, the preliminary handicap must be zone-wide.)

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

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*).

However, shooters earning points at *both* an individual zone site that is classified as an “Other Major Tournament” (*see “Other Major Tournaments” section below*) as well as points for the overall zone shoot for that site can have only one of the two point totals (i.e., the higher) count as one of their seven best shoots.

Non-residents may be eligible for awards points as well (*see “Other Major Tournaments” section below*).

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 will be eligible to receive All-American Points.

- **State/Provincial** (*resident and non-resident*)—all championship events, including all-around and HOA; class singles and doubles events; plus the preliminary handicap as well as any event(s) with 600 or more entries.

For points-assignment purposes, the class singles, class doubles and preliminary handicap events are those which immediately precede the like championship events.

Resident and non-resident shooters are considered separately for point awards 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 will be eligible to receive All-American Points.

- **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.

Shooters winning trophies as a non-resident at an ATA Zone shoot in the

championship events, including the all-around and any *zone-wide* HOA, earn points if the tournament meets the "Other Major Tournaments" attendance requirement of 600 total entries in the championship events.

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 applicant 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, the same system is applied separately for the men's team and for each of the special category teams. However, 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 will be determined by one of two tables, depending on the event in which those points are earned:

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

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

Competition Factor

The Competition Factor is a multiplier determined by tournament attendance. It is derived by combining the attendance in the championship singles, handicap and doubles events. [For exceptions, see "Grand American and Satellite Grands" paragraph in this section.] The resulting number is then applied to the accompanying table [see "Competition Factor" box] and assigned the corresponding Competition Factor. At each All-American Qualifying Shoot, points received for each trophy win or tie are multiplied by that shoot's Competition Factor 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 and Satellite Grands: Grand American Grand Week events have a fixed Competition Factor of ten (10). Preliminary Days events have a fixed Competition Factor of eight (8). Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone shoots have a minimum Competition Factor of three (3). State/provincial championship shoots have a maximum factor of seven (7).

All Other Major Tournaments which met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2008 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2009, regardless of 2009 attendance. (Note: the Competition Factor is based on the current target year's attendance; i.e., the Competition Factor does not carry forward from year to year.)

A listing of the 2008 All-American Qualifying Shoots, including attendance and Competition Factors, appears on Page 83 of the December 2008 issue of TRAP & FIELD and on Page A-17 of the 2008 Average Book. A list of attendance and Competition Factors for All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2009 target year will be listed and updated periodically in T&F issues and on the ATA website (www.shootata.com).

Class/yardage trophies

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.

For special categories (women, juniors, sub-juniors, veterans, senior veterans and chairshooters), 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.

Categories

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.

For special categories (women, juniors, sub-juniors, veterans, senior veterans and chairshooters), 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.

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 this shooter earned as a veteran will apply to his senior veteran status. The same applies for shooters turning 65 during the target year who declare themselves veterans. Similar logic applies to sub-juniors and juniors.

For the 2009 target year, shooters became eligible for new age-based categories on Sept. 1, 2008 (ATA Rulebook IV, J, 7).

Chairshooter All-American 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 will be 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).

One Attendance Point will be awarded for each individual event shot. No Attendance Points will be awarded for all-around, high-over-all or any other combined award.

Attendance Points are not multiplied by the Competition Factor.

An applicant's best seven shoots will be used toward total points. The team will include seven members.

Shooters who qualify for this team and wish to be considered for it must notify the ATA office if they have not already done so. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2009.

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.)

Following are the team sizes:

Men's—first, 12; second, 20

Women's—first, 8; second, 12

Junior—first, 8; second, 12

Sub-junior—first, 8; second, 12

Veteran—first, 10; second, 15

Senior veteran—first, 10; second, 15

Chairshooter—7

No application is necessary for selection to the All-American team. The ATA website (www.shootata.com) includes team standings and individual reports for qualifying tournaments. Information displayed on the ATA website is considered official and will be the basis for team selection. Errors in point assignment/calculations may be reported to the ATA office, while errors/omissions in trophy assignment are to be brought directly to the attention of the tournament host involved (see "Trophy Event" 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, 2009.**

Shooters without Internet access may request a printout of their wins from the ATA office, 937-898-4638 ext. 516; fax 937-898-5472. 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. Formal notification will come from the ATA office during this time frame.

IMPORTANT

Reporters for All-American Points shoots: include the following in your reports submitted to TRAP & FIELD 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, c).**

- Shooter numbers (entry figures) for every event.

- A copy of the printed shoot program.