

2007 ATA All-American team requirements

In brief, following are requirements for selection to a 2007 ATA All-American team. 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.

- Candidates must compete in All-American Qualifying Shoots in a minimum of three states and/or provinces. (Exception: the PVA/ATA team has no such minimum requirement.)

- Applications are not required; shooters are asked to check their standings periodically on the ATA web site (www.shootata.com). Because trophy reports as received by the ATA office and/or TRAP & FIELD magazine from tournament hosts are the official records from which trophy points are awarded, participants who note errors/omissions on winners' lists in T&F or on www.shootata.com are encouraged to contact the tournament host directly and have corrections forwarded to TRAP & FIELD or ATA.

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 will have a fixed Competition Factor of ten (10).
- Grand American Preliminary Days events will have a fixed Competition Factor of eight (8).
- Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone Shoots will be assigned a minimum Competition Factor of four (4).

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 399	1
400	to 699	2
700	to 1149	3
1150	to 1749	4
1750	to 2499	5
2500	to 2749	6
2750	to 3099	7
3100	to 3999	8
4000	to 4499	9
4500	to 4999	10
5000	to 5999	11
6000	to 6999	12
7000	to 7999	13
8000	and over	14

- Each candidate will be considered for one team only. 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.)

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 wheelchair participants must inform the ATA of their eligibility for the PVA/ATA team (if they have not already done so in the past). Please make these declarations as early as possible. Final deadline for notification is Oct. 31, 2006.

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.

PVA/ATA Wheelchair—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: PVA/ATA 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, 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 met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2005 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2006, regardless of 2006 attendance.

All-American team selection will be substantially guided by the following policy: If a qualifying All-American point 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.

The Selection Committee will assign points 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

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

- **Grand American**—all events, championship and preliminary. Grand Week trophies are assigned Championship Events points, while prelim-day awards carry Other Events points.

In addition, *at the Grand American only*, points are awarded to those who finish with the top 10 scores in the All-Around, High-Over-All and Preliminary HOA.

- **Satellite Grands**—all events, 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. (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 *singles class* and *doubles class* 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 events/preliminary handicap. Points are not awarded for club trophies at telephonic sites unless the site qualifies as an "Other Major Tournament" (see below).

However, shooters earning points at *both* an individual zone site that is classified as an "Other Major Tournament" (see below), *and* points for the overall zone shoot for that site will have only the higher of the two point totals count for point total purposes.

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

Resident and non-resident shooters are considered separately for point awards where there are resident and non-resident trophies. Open trophy winners are awarded

ATA All-American Points System

—Trophy Points and Tie Points—

Championship Events

for trophies awarded in

- all singles, handicap and doubles events during Grand Week
- 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-day events at the Grand American
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands
- 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

Champion.....	5
Runnerup.....	4
3rd through 5th.....	3
6th through 10th.....	2
tie.....	1

In addition, those who finish in the top 10 during the Grand American All-Around and High-Over-All will earn Champion through 10th-place points using the "Championship Events" points scale. Those who finish in the top 10 during the Preliminary HOA at the Grand will earn Champion through 10th-place points using the "Other Events" points scale.

Note: Trophy Points are awarded for trophies only, except in the Grand American All-Around, High-Over-All and Prelim HOA, as explained in the above paragraph. In all other cases, if no trophies are given for places listed, no points are awarded. For example, in the President's Handicap during Grand Week, no points will be awarded for 16th through 20th places because no trophies are given. In a Satellite Grand Handicap Championship, five place trophies are awarded, so points are given for Champion through 5th.

The same point system applies for placement in categories, and category shooters cannot earn "double points." For example, a category shooter who placed 10th in the President's Handicap with the high score in the category would earn 10 points, not six points for 10th place and not 16 points for both.

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

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.). Tie points only 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 singles, handicap and doubles events during Grand Week
- 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
- all preliminary events at Satellite Grands
- 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

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 if their scores are in the top three (3) for the event.

points based on their placement as compared to other resident or non-resident shooters as applicable.

- **State/Provincial** (*resident and non-resident*)—all championship events, including all-around and HOA; class singles and doubles events; plus the preliminary handicap.

For points-assignment purposes, the singles class, doubles class 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.

- **Other Major Tournaments**—the singles, handicap and doubles championships plus the all-around and high-over-all.

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.

At tournaments with resident and non-resident or open trophies, residents are competing against residents and non-residents against non-residents. Points for open trophy winners will be adjusted based on the shooter's actual placement in the event.

All-American Points System

Trophy Points: awarded when the applicant has earned a 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 applicant has tied for a 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 value of Trophy Points, Tie Points and Score Points will be one of two numbers, 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)

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.). Tie points only will be awarded in cases

where clear winners are not reported.

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

Competition Factor

The Competition Factor is a numeric representation of 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" and "Other Major Tournaments" paragraphs 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 will have a *fixed* Competition Factor of ten (10). Preliminary Days events will have a *fixed* Competition Factor of eight (8). Satellite Grand Americans and ATA Zone Shoots will be assigned a *minimum* Competition Factor of four (4).

All Other Major Tournaments which met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2005 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2006, regardless of 2006 attendance.

A listing of the 2005 All-American Qualifying Shoots, including attendance and Competition Factors, appeared on Page 80 of the November issue of TRAP & FIELD and on Page A-17 of the 2005 Average Book. A list of attendance and Competition Factors for All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2006 target year will appear and be updated periodically in T&F issues and on the ATA web site (www.shootata.com).

HONOR ROLL

Persons breaking 100 straight for the first time in registered competition (from scratch, and no carryovers) and 200 straight in a registered race of that length will be listed in this column upon notice to TRAP & FIELD. This information may be supplied by the gun club or the participant.

200x200

David Knapp—July 9, Alexandria (Minn.) SP*

100x100

Dale Horton—Aug. 17, Grand American, Clay Target Championship

David Knapp—July 9, Alexandria (Minn.) SP*

Brian Lee—Nov. 5, Santa Maria (Cal.) GC
Daniel Olcott—Nov. 20, Howell TC, Farmington, N.J.

Donald J. Owens—Nov. 20, Triple B Clays, El Monte, Cal.

Ronald Yurenka—Sept. 11, Michigan TA, Mason, Mich.

*ATA state, provincial or ATA Zone shoot

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 points have been awarded.

For special category shooters, class and yardage trophy wins are not recognized (whether there is a special category trophy available or not) unless it is for the highest class or longest yardage group. Tie Points would be awarded if such a person's class/yardage trophy-winning score equals or betters the category trophy winner's score. (This stipulation applies to class/yardage trophy wins only and not event champion, runnerup, or any other place trophy won over the entire field of shooters.)

Categories

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.

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 category shooters, class and yardage trophy wins are not recognized (whether there is a special category trophy available or not) unless it is for the *highest class or longest yardage group*. Tie Points are awarded if the class/yardage trophy-winning score equals or betters the category trophy winner's score. (This does not apply to event champion, runnerup, or any other place trophy won over the entire field of shooters.)

A category shooter winning an event champion award will be awarded top category placement points. A category shooter winning a place award over the field (i.e., runnerup, third-place, etc.) will be awarded top category placement points provided he or she is in fact the category's top-ranking shooter for the event (i.e., provided no one else in the same category placed higher in the event).

For example, if a sub-junior wins the Handicap Championship, he or she receives 10 points because he or she has the top trophy-winning score in the category. If the person winning the top sub-junior trophy has the second-high score, he or she is awarded the eight runnerup points.

PVA/ATA Wheelchair All-American team

All-American Qualifying Shoots are the same as for the ATA All-American teams, with the addition of PVA Trap Trail events.

There are no minimum-target requirements or shoot attendance requirements. There are no score points.

Competition Factors are the same as for the ATA All-American team. PVA Trail events have a minimum Competition Factor of 2.

Points for trophy wins, ties and event attendance are allocated based on the following: first place equals five points; second is four; third/tie is three; attendance per event equals one.

All trophy wins at qualifying tournaments will receive point awards. This includes class, ATA special category and event champion. Total points will be 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 Oct. 31, 2006.

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; Men's second—20
Women's first—8; Women's second—12
Junior first—8; Junior second—12
Sub-junior first—8; Sub-junior second—12
Veteran first—10; Veteran second—15
Senior veteran first—10; Senior veteran second—15
PVA/ATA Wheelchair—7

No application is necessary for selection to the All-American team. The ATA web site (www.shootata.com) includes team standings and individual reports for qualifying tournaments. Information displayed on the ATA web site is considered official and will be the basis for team selection. Any discrepancy should be reported to the ATA office. Shooters in apparent contention will receive a detailed printout of their individual achievements on or about Oct. 1, 2006. Team selection will be announced in the next available issue of TRAP & FIELD and on the ATA web site. Formal notification will come from the ATA office sometime in December.

Revisions

Average Book

Following are changes in the state, provincial and overall ATA high average listings printed in the Average Book (pages A-34 through A-57). Placement mentioned is for state/province; changes in the all-ATA list are noted.

The following changes incorporate information received by T&F from the ATA office as of Jan. 6.

Singles

Montana—**Bill Vassar**—remains eighth with .9662 on 3,400 targets.

Handicap

Wisconsin—**Keith Lehmann**—was 16th; ties for 15th with .9071 on 2,800 targets.