

ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS 2021: COVID-19 UPDATE

The May issue of TRAP & FIELD traditionally includes this article detailing the ATA All-American points system and requirements for placing on a team. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing as of press time, requirements for the 2021 team (based on 2020 performance) are under review.

The ATA All-American Committee is closely monitoring the situation. Should adjustments to the

2020 All-American team requirements become necessary, the All-American Committee will provide recommendations to the ATA Executive Committee. Decisions relating to All-American requirements will be made during the Grand American and will be announced as soon as possible. Watch the ATA website shootata.com and pages of T&F.

Requirements: summary

For the 2021 ATA All-American teams, shooters earn points by having one of the top three scores in their respective categories. (There are separate points “pools” for the open team and for each of the special category teams.) The top trophy winner in each category, outright or by tie-breaker, receives the most points (base point level 1).

Selections to the 2021 ATA All-American teams will be based on points earned during the 2020 target year (duration: Sept. 1, 2019, through Aug. 31, 2020). 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 (open, Lady I, Lady II, sub-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 qualifying shoots (shoots where the championship singles, handicap and doubles entries total 450 or more).

The AIM National Championships at Sparta, IL, is also be an All-American qualifying shoot, with a Competition Factor based on total entries in the trap singles, handicap and doubles events. Points will be awarded in sub-junior, junior and junior gold divisions only, with pre-sub competitors eligible for sub-junior points if their scores qualify.

- 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 assignments and standings periodically and report any problems or questions to the ATA office.

Because 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 any official corrections to the 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 should 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, L.

Minimum-target requirements

Open and sub-vet—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 vet—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
- the AIM National Championships (points will be awarded in sub-junior, junior and junior gold divisions only, with pre-sub competitors eligible for sub-junior points if their scores qualify)

- 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

- the Canadian Championships and U.S. Open®

- Other qualifying shoots: ATA shoots where entries in the singles, doubles and handicap championship events total at least **450 entries** (individually or in any combination)

Any additional individual event of 450 entries or more will also be an All-American qualifying event, with points awarded using the “Preliminary events” scale (see “ATA All-American Points System” box). Exception: no points will be awarded for team events.

All other qualifying shoots which met the specifications to be All-American qualifying shoots in the 2019 ATA target year will automatically be qualifying shoots in 2020, regardless of 2020 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 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 points information for the target year is input. Once all the aggregate information is included,

ATA All-American Points System

Shooters earn points by having one of the top three scores in their respective categories (open, Lady I, Lady II, sub-junior, junior, junior gold, sub-vet, veteran, senior vet or chair) at qualifying tournaments. Qualifying events vary, depending on the tournament.

Grand Week events

All events during Grand Week, except the Champion of Champions and the combined Prelim- and Grand-Week HOA:

Base point level 1	12
Base point level 2	9
Base point level 3	7
Base point level 4	5
Base point level 5	3

Championship events

The championship singles, handicap, doubles, all-around and HOA at

- AIM National Championships (points will be awarded in sub-junior, junior and junior gold divisions only, with pre-sub competitors eligible for sub-junior points if their scores qualify)
- Satellite Grands
- Resident ATA Zone Shoots
- Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial Shoots
- U.S. Open® and Canadian Championships
- other qualifying shoots (combined championship events entries of 450 or more)

Base point level 1	10
Base point level 2	7
Base point level 3	5
Base point level 4	3
Base point level 5	2

Preliminary events

- 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 (the final seven days of preliminary and championship events are points-earning; exception: team events, a preliminary HOA)

- the class events and preliminary handicap at Resident ATA Zone tournaments (note: to apply, these events must be zone-wide)
- any preliminary events from Wednesday on at Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial shoots (a total of five days' worth, or a maximum of 1,300 preliminary and championship targets, are points-earning)
- any preliminary events from Thursday on at the U.S. Open®
- any preliminary events from Wednesday on at the Canadian Championships
- any event(s) at Resident ATA Zone, Resident and Non-Resident State/Provincial, or Other Major tournaments with 450 or more entries

Base point level 1	5
Base point level 2	4
Base point level 3	3
Base point level 4	2
Base point level 5	1

Base points are multiplied by the shoot's Competition Factor.

Level 4 points apply in two instances: 1) when there are multiple shooters tied for a champion trophy. In that case, the champion receives the base level 1 points, remaining tied shooters receive the base level 2 points, and the second- and third-high scores receive the level 3 and 4 points, respectively; and 2) when the event champion trophy is won by a non-open category shooter with a score that is higher than the highest open category shooter's score. In this case, the event champion receives base level 1 points, and the top three open category scores receive base level 2, 3 and 4 points, respectively.

Level 5 points apply only when a special category shooter wins the overall event champion trophy and there are multiple shooters with that same score in his/her special category tied for category champion. In that case, the overall event champion receives the base level 1 points; the remaining shooters in his/her category would determine the category champion, who receives base level 2 points; the remaining shooters in that category with the same score receive base level 3 points; and the second- and third-high scores in that category receive the level 4 and 5 points, respectively.

If there is no champion trophy, shooters with the top score all receive base level 1 points.

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.)

To determine total All-American points earned at a given shoot, points are multiplied by the corresponding Competition Factor.

Shooters may not earn "double points" for the same trophy/score. Therefore, when two All-American Points Shoots are concurrent (such as an ATA Zone shoot and a state/provincial shoot, or an ATA Zone shoot and other qualifying shoot), *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" box for additional details.

How All-American points are awarded

Shooters earn points by having one of the top three scores in their respective categories (open, Lady I, Lady II, sub-junior, junior,

junior gold, sub-vet, veteran, senior vet or chair) at qualifying tournaments. Qualifying events vary, depending on the tournament.

For details on the base point scales for different tournaments, see the ATA All-American Points System box accompanying this article.

Points for trophy wins and scores

Points are awarded for wins and scores 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 points are assigned.

To earn points for all-around and high-over-all scores, a shooter must have shot every event included in the respective total: for the all-around, the championship singles, handicap and doubles events; for the high-over-all, each event included in the HOA (totals vary from tournament to tournament). Shoot management may award a trophy to a shooter who does not shoot every included event, but in such a case, All-American points will not be awarded.

Information regarding any 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.

[Shoot reporters: Reports must include entry numbers for each points event. 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.

Points shoots and events

Tournaments and events for which points are awarded are the following:

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.

• **Grand American**—all events, championship and preliminary. *Exceptions are as follows (1-4):*

- 1) HOA on the total Preliminary Week targets (in 2019, that was 1,500 targets)
- 2) the Prelim Week “Super” singles, handicap and doubles (total in each discipline; in 2019, those were 500 singles, 500 handicap and 500 doubles targets)
- 3) the total of Preliminary Week and Grand Week targets (in 2019, that was 2,600 targets)
- 4) the Grand Week Champion of Championships event

All Grand-Week events are assigned Grand Week events points, while Preliminary-Week events carry preliminary events points.

• **AIM National Championships**—the trap singles, handicap, doubles and all-around events

Points will be awarded in sub-junior, junior and junior gold divisions only, with pre-sub competitors eligible for sub-junior points if their scores qualify.

• **Satellite Grands**—all events, championship and preliminary, in the final week (seven days).

• **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 450 or more entries, provided such event(s) are zone-wide and are not team races.

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.].

• **State/Provincial (resident and non-resident)**—all championship events, including all-around and HOA; plus preliminary events during the last five days, for a maximum of 1,300 targets in both preliminary and championship events. Any additional event with 450 or more entries (exception: team races) is also an All-American points event.

In those events where only open (residency) trophies are awarded, points will be earned based on a shooter’s score without regard to the shooter’s residency. In events where any combination of resident, open (residency) or non-resident trophies are awarded, points will be earned based on a shooter’s residency.

• **U.S. Open® and Canadian Championships**—the U.S. Open® has a guaranteed CF of 4 for Thursday’s through Sunday’s events, and the Canadian Championships has a minimum CF of 2 for Wednesday’s through Sunday’s events.

• **Other qualifying shoots**—the singles, handicap and doubles championships, the all-around and/or high-over-all, plus any event(s) with 450 or more entries, provided they are not team races.

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, ATA Zone Shoots, U.S. Open® and Canadian Championships information.*]

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 are multiplied by that shoot’s CF to determine total 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 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 qualifying shoots have a minimum CF of 2 and a maximum of 7. The U.S. Open® has a guaranteed CF of 4 for Thursday’s through Sunday’s events, and the Canadian Championships has a minimum CF of 2 for Wednesday’s through Sunday’s events.

Other qualifying shoots which met the specifications to be All-American qualifying shoots in the 2019 ATA target year will automatically be qualifying shoots in 2020, regardless of 2020 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.)

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 American Grand-Week events have a fixed Competition Factor of 10.
• Grand American Preliminary-Week 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 qualifying shoots” (see accompanying article for details) have a minimum Competition Factor of 2 and a maximum of 7.

The U.S. Open® has a guaranteed CF of 4 for Thursday’s through Sunday’s events, and the Canadian Championships has a minimum CF of 2 for Wednesday’s through Sunday’s events.

“Other qualifying shoots” which met the specifications to be All-American qualifying shoots in the 2019 ATA target year will automatically be qualifying shoots in 2020, regardless of 2020 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.)

At each All-American qualifying shoot, points received are multiplied by that shoot’s Competition Factor to determine total points.

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 300	2
301 to 600	3
601 to 1100	4
1101 to 1600	5
1601 to 2200	6
2201 and over	7

A list of the 2019 target year’s All-American qualifying shoots, including attendance and Competition Factors, was published in the January 2020 issue of TRAP & FIELD and in the 2019 Average Book.

Special 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 vet on that date, but no points that this shooter may have earned as a veteran will apply to his senior vet record. Similar logic applies to other categories as well. A shooter may choose to remain in the age group he or she was in as of Sept. 1, 2019 (the beginning of the 2020 target year) for the entire 2020 target year, regardless of birthdate.

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 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).** At Satellite Grands, all events (other than any preliminary HOA events) within the last seven days are All-American Points-earning. At state and provincial championship tournaments, the last five days and up to the last 1,300 targets are All-American Points-earning.

- ❖ Shooter numbers (entry figures) for every event.
- ❖ A copy of the printed shoot program.

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

Chairshooter team

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

To be eligible to compete for chairshooter awards and slots on the chairshooter team, shooters must have a signed, permanent-disability letter on file in the ATA office. For more information on regulations regarding chairshooters, see the ATA Rulebook, IV, L.

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.)

- Open—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-vet—first, 12; second, 20
- Veteran—first, 12; second, 20
- Senior vet—first, 12; second, 20
- Chairshooter—7

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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 2020 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.
- ❖ Category shooters must have declared eligibility for, and competed for trophies in, their respective categories at a number of tournaments during the target year. For example, if a shooter age 55 to 64 does not declare sub-vet at any shoots during the year, he or she would not be eligible for a sub-vet T&F Average Award.
- ❖ Candidates must be ATA members in good standing.

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 Sept. 13, 2020.** 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.