

# 2009 ATA All-American team requirements

Following is a brief summary of requirements for selection to a 2009 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. 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. Shooters are asked to check their Points assignments and standing periodically on the ATA website ([www.shootata.com](http://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](http://www.shootata.com) may contact tournament host management directly so that official corrections to the report can be forwarded to TRAP & FIELD and 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 Oct. 31, 2008.

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. [*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—Ed.*] Participants who note errors/omissions in winners' lists in T&F or on [www.shootata.com](http://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. (Exception: the White Flyer 2400—the combination of the Preliminary and Grand Week HOAs—will not be a Points event in 2008.) Grand Week trophies are assigned Championship Events points, while Prelim Week awards carry Other Events points.

In addition, at the Grand American only, Trophy Points are awarded to those who finish with the top 10 scores in the All-Around and two High-Over-All events (the Preliminary HOA, Grand Week All-Around and Grand Week HOA).

- **Satellite Grands**—all events in the

## 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 are 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                 |

## 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 met the specifications to be All-American Qualifying Shoots in the 2007 ATA target year will automatically be Qualifying Shoots in 2008, regardless of 2008 attendance. (Note: the Competition Factor is based on current attendance; i.e., the Competition Factor does not carry forward from year to year.)