

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

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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.