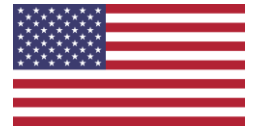


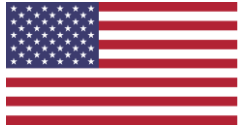
# Official United States National Ranking Competition System



The Mounted Archery Association of the Americas (MA3), the recognized governing organization for the sport of horseback archery in the United States and designated representative to the International Horseback Archery Alliance (IHAA), is pleased to introduce the Official United States National Ranking System. The National Ranking Competition Rules are intended to rank the best United States horse archers based on standard Raid, Tower, and Hunt course scores achieved in live competition. The National Ranking System is open to all horse archers based in the United States, regardless of affiliation, according to the guidelines and rules outlined herein.

## 1. Qualifying Scores

- 1.1. A competitor's two (2) highest scores from qualifying Raid events, two (2) highest scores from qualifying Tower events, and two (2) highest scores from qualifying Hunt events achieved in approved live competitions, will count toward their National Ranking.
  - 1.1.1. The National Ranking list will be comprised of two tiers.
    - Tier 1 will require six qualifying scores: Hunt (2) Raid (2) and Tower (2).
    - Tier 2 will consist of Raid (2) and Tower (2).
  - 1.1.2. The National Team will consist of 4 competitors and 1 alternate. The team will be selected, from Tier 1, on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year based on the last two years of National Ranking competition results.
- 1.2. US Ranking scores are intended to be "pressure scores" and as such qualifying courses (Raid or Tower styles) must be the first mounted course of the day, to avoid excessive competitor warm-up through running another style course first.
  - 1.2.1. The National Ranking Hunt Track may be the second course of the day (90 Meter track course going first). Warmup for the hunt course is outlined in 4.1.2. Other Hunt track's may be run on prior days of the competition to help familiarize riders with this style of track (3D animal targets adjacent to NR Hunt course targets would be acceptable).
- 1.3. A Competitor's six qualifying scores will be equally weighted, regardless of which qualifying Raid, Tower or Hunt style courses were run to achieve such scores. Scores shall be normalized by converting competitor's actual points scored to a percentage-based Ranking Score based on current USA National Course Records.
- 1.4. A Competitor's scores will remain valid for twenty-four (24) months from the date and time the score was achieved.
- 1.5. For greatest transparency, National Ranking results will be publicly available, including Ranked archer name, styles and courses, scores, competitions, dates, and conversions.
- 1.6. Only scores equivalent to an IHAA Horse Archer level 1 (HA1) or greater shall be included on the United States National Ranking list.
- 1.7. When more than one Raid or Tower course is run at an event, only the first scored course of each style during the competition will be considered eligible.
- 1.8. **When more than one Hunt course is run at an event, National Ranking scores will be taken from the course designated prior to the event. Both hunt courses may not be run on the same day.**
- 1.9. In general, the eligible course shall be planned, scheduled, or otherwise announced prior to the event date. Courses run for practice, entertainment, or as last-minute additions will not be eligible for ranking.



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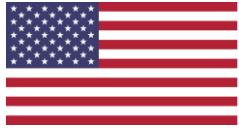


- 1.9.1. If at a pre-approved Qualifying Event: One or more qualifying courses shall be determined at the time the competition is approved as a Qualifying Event.

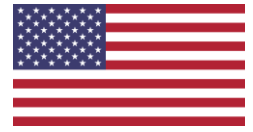
## 2. Qualifying Courses

- 2.1. Qualifying Raid courses are ~~R123; R23; R125~~; HBAE R233; and HBAE R235.  
**2.1.1** ~~R123, R23, and R125 scores currently used will still count until they expire. Moving forward, only the HBAE courses will count.~~
- 2.2. Qualifying Tower Courses are Tower T110 and T90. ~~and T60.~~
- 2.3. Qualifying Hunt Course.
- 2.3.1** The Hunt track distance is 350 to 500 Meters. Course design ~~and target placement~~ is flexible and may vary depending on available land ~~and target placement on the track~~. **There needs to be a minimum of two turns which will cause the average horse to perform a lead change both times.** ~~However, if a horse does not change leads, it is not disqualifying. Ensure adequate turns, both right and left, are incorporated into the course.~~
- 2.3.2** Par time is calculated at 350 Meters per minute.
- 2.3.3** Time bonuses are gained at 0.5pt/s for every second under the par time or deducted at 0.5pt/s over this par time. Time bonuses are only awarded if 3 targets are hit.
- 2.3.4** The width of the track is 3–5m and may vary depending on terrain conditions. The track does not have to be fenced along its full length; in places it may consist of open fields. ~~If the straight track is used, the width of that portion of the track may conform to straight track rules.~~
- 2.3.5** The **minimum** distance between shots is 30m. Targets themselves may be closer. However, the placement of proper shots count (30 m along the track).
- 2.3.6** ~~The first or last target must be no closer than 15 meters from the start or finish line respectively.~~  
**1.4.6.1** ~~If the first target is the front shot, then the target must be placed at 25 meters from the start (the ideal shooting spot is at 15 meters from the start).~~  
**1.4.6.2** ~~If the last target is the back shot, then it must be placed at 25 meters from the finish (the ideal shooting spot is at 15 meters from the finish).~~
- 2.3.7** All of the 80 CM **ROUND** targets can be hit multiple times. However, only the highest scoring arrow counts.
- 2.3.8** The 122 CM target (large target) must be round. ~~A 122 cm FITA paper target may be used or the target may be painted.~~ It shall be placed a minimum of 30 meters from the track, with enough distance on the track (~~minimum of 60 meters of track length~~) so a competitor has the opportunity to hit it at least three times. Although more than three scoring arrow hits are encouraged and will count.
- 2.3.9** Eight (8) **ROUND** targets will be utilized for the track. They may be placed in any order depending on track design.

	<b>TARGET SIZE</b>	<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Target 1	80 CM Backshot	8M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 2	80 CM Front shot	8M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 3	80 CM Side shot	5M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 4	80 CM Side Shot	7M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 5	80 CM Side Shot	10M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 6	80 CM Offside Angled	3M	1-2-3-5-7
Target 7	80 CM Ground Shot	0M *Next to track	1-2-3-5-7
Target 8	122CM ROUND	30M	10 pts per hit



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- 2.3.10** The Hunt course will be run two times for score. The scores will be added to determine the total. One Hundred Percent (100%) for this course is currently 118 points. Scores over 100% may be achieved with time bonuses and additional shots on the multi-shot 122CM Round target.
- 2.3.11** Photographers or spotters on the Hunt track must be standing or seated in their designated, visible positions for the competitor practice run. \*The spotter or photographer should be positioned a minimum of 5 meters from the track edge, safe from any stray arrows.
- 2.3.12** All other rules, for hunt track setup, will follow [IHAA rules and guidelines](#).

## 3. Qualifying Events

- 3.1.** Official Qualifying events must be pre-approved by MA3 no later than 2 Months prior to the event start date, following the standard MA3 competition approval process. A competition is considered a qualifying event if it meets the requirements outlined in both the IHAA Competition Rules and the United States National Ranking Rules.
- 3.2.** There must be at least twelve (12) actual competitors participating at the center level in any given event or course style for its scores to be considered toward a competitor's National Ranking.
- 3.3** **When there are 2 courses per day, National Ranking Events are limited to 30 competitors. When there is only 1 course per day, National Ranking events are limited to 45 competitors.**
- 3.4** No club or facility will be able to hold more than **four** Qualifying Events per calendar year. These events must be at least fourteen (14) days apart.
- 3.5** Qualifying competition events must be publicly designated as and understood to be a Competition in advance of the event itself. This must be verifiable through some form of dated flyer or online event page. It is required to be able to demonstrate that the event had a formal registration process. This must be verifiable through online registration or copy of paper/PDF registration with dates and shown to have been opened to registration four weeks prior to the event. Registration through casual private message does not qualify as a formal registration process. Casual get-togethers, Club Practices, Clinics, Demonstrations, Postal Matches, and other non-approved events shall not be considered Qualifying Events, regardless of 'spur-of-the-moment' changes such as number of competitors, course modifications, or other efforts by organizers. All National Ranking events are to be open to all eligible competitors.
- 3.6** Select competitions held by official MA3 Partners (e.g., IHAA, Canadian Federation of Mounted Archery, Villa Cavalcare Brasil, Asociación Mexicana de Arquería Montada) may be considered Qualifying Events. These include European Grand Prix events, IHAA Official World Championships, and other international worldwide events. Scores from these events may be submitted by the individual competitor for approval by MA3.
- 3.7** non-MA3 competitions held in the United States must be pre-approved as Qualifying Events through the standard United States National Ranking approval process administered by MA3 and payment of a processing fee.
- 3.7.1 Non-MA3 Entities must provide an insurance certificate for Mounted Archery with MA3 listed as additionally insured. Specific language will be provided by MA3.**



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- 3.8 All qualifying events must have a competent and knowledgeable non-competitor scorekeeper.
- 3.9 All Qualifying events must have a MA3 Certified Track Marshal present.
  - 3.9.1. For MA3 Qualifying events, the Track Marshal will ensure the event meets with MA3 Competition Rules, IHAA guidelines and the National Ranking Competition Rules.
  - 3.9.2. For Non-MA3 Qualifying events, the Track Marshal will ensure the event meets with their host organizations rules, IHAA guidelines and the National Ranking Competition Rules.
  - 3.9.3 For both MA3 and Non-MA3 qualifying events, the Track Marshal's checklist will be completed and forwarded to the [Events@mountedarchery.org](mailto:Events@mountedarchery.org) email on the practice day of the competition.
- 3.10 **All qualifying events must have an IHAA Level II Judge present to oversee the event.**
- 3.11 The first day of any National Ranking event will be a practice day. Each competitor is allowed up to SIX 90M track runs and THREE hunt track runs (1 non-Shooting and 2 shooting).
  - 3.11.1 If a competitor does not make it to practice day, that competitor is ineligible to compete in the competition.
  - 3.11.2. If a horse does not make it to practice day, that horse is ineligible to participate in the competition.
  - 3.11.3 During practice, the Track Marshal will ensure each horse and rider combination can complete each course safely shooting at the Canter / Gallop. (A competitor can waive some of their runs but must complete each course safely at least once).

## 4. Process and Fees

- 4.1. Approved MA3 competitions may advertise as an "Official MA3 National Ranking Qualifying Event" upon written approval by MA3.
- 4.2. Non-MA3 Qualifying Events may be submitted to MA3 for approval at least 60 days prior to event dates accompanied by a USD\$50.00 Processing Fee. Once approved, such non-MA3 competitions may publicly advertise as a "US National Ranking Qualifying Event. Under no circumstances may an approved, non-MA3, Qualifying Event use the MA3 brand, name, or logo in its statements or published materials. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in immediate revocation of approval.
- 4.3. **Scores from these qualifying MA3 or non-MA3 National Ranking Events will be entered into the IHAA.EU website (RADEK system) by the competition organizer.**
  - 4.3.1 Scores should be entered during the event. However, they may be entered up to 72 hours after the last day of the event and still count towards National Ranking.
  - 4.3.2 When results are final, all scores will be public and announced.
- 4.4. Scoresheets [may be requested by](#) MA3 or designated committee for all eligible scores. Exceptions can be made for select events outside the US per MA3 discretion.
- 4.5. All decisions regarding National Rankings, including courses; discrepancies; eligibility; fees; qualification; scoring; and/or team selections shall be at the sole discretion and determination of the MA3 Board of Directors, or a committee delegated by the MA3 Board of Directors, and may be amended at any time. Any issues or questions should be submitted in writing, via email, to [Events@mountedarchery.org](mailto:Events@mountedarchery.org), with the subject line "National Ranking"; items sent by text, verbally discussed, or posted on social media, will not be considered.



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5. **Equine Welfare** - No more than 3 competitors (preferably 2) shall be assigned a given equine in any one competition.
  - 5.1. No competitor shall exceed the amount of shooting warm-up runs from horseback in a given competition day as dictated by the course rules. These rules apply for the entire competition day.
    - 5.1.1. Raid & Tower style: The archer is allowed 2 test runs in canter before a scored competition or grading, shooting is allowed on both runs. **At the judge's/organizer's discretion warm up runs on the track at walk or trot, with no shooting, may be permitted prior to these.**
    - 5.1.2. Hunt style: The archer is allowed **1 non-shooting test run (walk, trot, canter, or gallop) before the scored competition runs.** At the judge's/organizer's discretion warm up runs on the track at walk or trot, with no shooting, may be permitted prior to these.
  - 5.2. **The maximum number of runs (to include warm up runs) offered for a multiple day competition is TWENTY-FOUR (24) per day per EQUINE (((THIS INCLUDES ALL PRACTICE DAYS))). NO HORSE WILL EXCEED 24 RUNS PER DAY AT ANY NATIONAL RANKING COMPETITION.**
    - 5.2.1. **If the Horse is shared with 2 people, that is 12 total runs per person.**
    - 5.2.2. **If the Horse is shared with 3 people, that is 8 total runs per person per day.**
  - 5.3. **A walk/jog on the track prior to the start on practice day is mandatory to check for soundness.**
    - 5.3.1. **All horses should be presented in-hand and unsaddled.**
    - 5.3.2. **A ground jury of 2-3 individuals (of appropriate experience, including a member of the judging team with/without a veterinarian; who have been appointed by the organizer) will examine the horse at rest then observe it walking and trotting.**
    - 5.3.3. **The ground jury should check for: a) sores or injury, b) signs of illness, c) lameness, d) that the horse is in an appropriate condition for ridden work. The ground jury may recommend to the chief referee that a horse is excluded from competition if they feel that participating would compromise its health or welfare.**

[IHAA rules and guidelines](#)