



USA Archery JOAD

Junior Olympic Archery Development

The Olympic Archery Pathway to Personal Development

USA Youth Target Archery.....beyond camp, school, and after-school archery programs

JOAD is the youth program of USA Archery (www.usarchery.org) and offers:

- Youth member clubs
- Year around program
- Championship and International competition including the "Olympics"
- Personal development including goal setting, dedication, discipline, focus, fair play, training and nutrition

USA Archery is sanctioned by the US Olympic Committee to administer Olympic Archery in the USA. USA Archery is also sanctioned by the International Archery Federation (FITA www.archery.org) to oversee international and world championship target archery including indoor, field, compound bow as well as Olympic style. FITA is sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee to oversee Olympic Archery.



Texas Archery Association by James Massey

JOAD **Junior Olympic Archery Development:**

Youths: JOAD typically supports boys and girls ages 8 to 18. Sometimes younger archers are welcomed. There are four divisions (Bowman, Cub, Cadet and Junior)

Equipment: Olympic style Recurve and Compound bows are integral parts of JOAD.

JOAD Club Leaders: JOAD club leaders are the foundation of the JOAD program. Club leaders are typically certified archery instructors and coaches that organize and run a JOAD club.

JOAD Clubs: JOAD clubs operate under a structure outlined in the JOAD Handbook. (The JOAD handbook publication is available online at www.usaarcheryjoad.org in pdf format.)

Instruction: JOAD club certified instructors and coaches teach archery technique in conjunction with established teaching guidelines that have been universally adopted by both USA Archery and National Field Archery Association. The technique is in keeping with the BEST (**B**iomechanical **E**fficient **S**hooting **T**echnique) form.



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Achievement program: Typically the youth archers or “JOADs” quickly begin to take part in the JOAD Stars pin program after basic instructions. JOAD Stars pins in each of four categories Indoors, Outdoors, Compound bow and Olympic Bow. There are eight Stars pins achievement levels. High performing youth archers strive to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold JOAD Olympian. JOAD Olympians receive a jacket, duffle bag, plaque and recognition in the USA Archery national magazine.



JOAD Stars Program Pins



2006 Youth World Championships
Merida, Mexico

Tournaments: USA Archery sanctions local, state and regional tournaments. USA Archery conducts a variety of National Championship including indoors, outdoors and field championships. USA Junior and Cadet World Teams are also selected in trials tournaments. International competition is available via a series of open tournaments. Cadets and Juniors are eligible to compete at the international level.

High Performance Program: High performing JOADs are invited to apply for the USA Archery Youth High Performance Program. The program includes Junior USAT (A series of qualifying tournaments and achievement criteria) Junior Dream Team (A training program where the youth archers make periodic trips to the USOC Olympic Training Center for high performance coaching) and the Resident Athlete Program (Full time residence and training at the USOC Olympic Training Center focused on Olympic caliber skills development)

Membership: Youth are welcome to begin to take part in JOAD without becoming USA Archery members. Membership is required once significant progress is made in the JOAD Stars pin program, as well as JOAD Olympian and national and international competitions.

Liability Insurance: JOAD Clubs membership includes one million dollars of liability insurance coverage. Individual instructors are encouraged to consider “National Alliance for the Development of Archery” instructor and coach insurance.

After JOAD: The USA College Archery Program (USA CAP www.uscollegiatearchery.org) conducts indoor and outdoor championships including the US Intercollegiate Archery Championships (USIAC). USA CAP archery includes a combination of club and varsity archery programs. Graduate JOADs are also welcome to compete in the adult ranks after development.

More: Many communities have established JOAD clubs and the list can be found on the www.usarchery.org website. To start a JOAD Club in your community, become a member of USA Archery and then contact NADA (www.worldarcherycenter.com) and become a certified intermediate level archery instructor which includes club operation information. Utilizing school and ASAP space and equipment is a great way to start a JOAD club.

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