

Mounted Archery Association of the Americas Official United States National Ranking 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!

Starting in early 2019, the National Ranking System is intended to rank the best United States horse archers based on standard Korean and Hungarian 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 Competitors, Courses, and Scores

- 1.1. A competitor's two (2) highest scores from qualifying Korean events and two (2) highest scores from qualifying Hungarian events, achieved in approved live competitions, will count toward their National Ranking.
- 1.2. Qualifying Korean courses are K123; K23; K125; HBAE K233; and HBAE K235.
- 1.3. Qualifying Hungarian Courses are Hun 90 (zones, 16s); Hun 90 (no zones, 18s); Hungarian 99 IHAA/Hungarian 99 Rotating (20s).
- 1.4. Only scores equivalent to an IHAA Horse Archer level 1 (HA1) or greater shall be included in National Ranking System.
- 1.5. When more than one Korean or Hungarian style course is run at an event, only one course of each style will be considered eligible. 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.
 - 1.5.1. If at a pre-approved Qualifying Event: Qualifying courses shall be determined at the time the competition is approved as a Qualifying Event.
 - 1.5.2. If a score is submitted from an event that is not an official Qualifying Event, the MA3 Ranking Committee shall, at the time of course and score verification, also determine which runs, courses, and styles will be considered eligible for that event, communicating this directly to the competition organizer and announcing it on the MA3 website.
- 1.6. A competitor's four qualifying scores will be equally weighted, regardless of which qualifying Korean- or Hungarian-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 IHAA Horse Archer Grading Tables; a then-current minimum HA8 Grading score shall be considered ninety-five percent (95%) of total available points for each event. Scores of more than one-hundred percent (100%) may be possible for certain courses, including the Hun and HBAE Korean.
- 1.7. A competitor's scores will remain valid for twenty-four (24) months from the date and time the score was achieved.
- 1.8. In order for greatest transparency, National Ranking results will be publicly available, including Ranked archer name, styles and courses, scores, competitions, dates, and conversions.
- 1.9. In some cases, scores from MA3 Events and IHAA or World Championship Events may be gathered by ranking committee and added to ranking system automatically, without organizer

submission. However, a competitor's request to have their name or a score removed from ranking list will be respected.

2. Qualifying Events

- 2.1. Beginning in 2019, competitions must be pre-approved by MA3 as a Qualifying Event no later than one (1) week prior to the event start date, following the standard MA3 competition approval process.
- 2.2. There must be at least nine (9) actual competitors participating at the canter level in any given event for its scores to be considered toward a competitor's National Ranking.
- 2.3. No club or facility will be able to hold more than two Qualifying Events per calendar year; these events must be at least ninety (90) days apart.
- 2.4. Competition events must be publicly designated as a "Competition" in advance of the event itself. Club Practices, Clinics, Demonstrations, Postal Matches, and other non-approved events shall not be considered as Qualifying Events, regardless of 'spur-of-the-moment' changes such as number of competitors, course modifications, or other efforts by organizers.
- 2.5. Select competitions held by official MA3 Partners (e.g. Canadian Federation of Mounted Archery, IHAA; Horseback Archery Association of Mexico, Villa Cavalcare Brasil) 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.
- 2.6. Non-MA3 competitions held in the United States may be pre-approved as Qualifying Events through the standard MA3 competition approval process and payment of a processing fee. Scores from other non-MA3 competitions held in the United States may also be submitted by the individual competitor, subject to MA3 approval and payment of processing fee.

3. Process and Fees

- 3.1. The National Ranking System will take effect on January 1, 2019. Initial National Rankings shall be calculated based on competition events held in 2018 whose courses and scores can be verified by the MA3 Board of Directors. These Rankings shall be first published during the month of January 2019, with the form and forum for posting to be announced at that time.
- 3.2. Approved MA3 competitions may advertise as an "Official MA3 Qualifying Event" upon written approval by MA3. Scores from these Qualifying MA3 Events may be submitted by the competition organizer (if using online scoring), or by the individual competitor, at no cost.
- 3.3. Non-MA3 Qualifying Events may be submitted to MA3 for approval at least 30 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" and the competition organizer may, if they choose, submit scores for their event's competitors. 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.
- 3.4. Individual competitors will be able to submit their own scores to the system.
- 3.5. Scores achieved at pre-approved Qualifying Events will be processed at no additional fee.
- 3.6. Scores achieved at events which were not pre-approved, but are later determined to have met all other criteria to be a Qualifying Event, may be submitted with a USD\$10.00 processing fee per individual course score, for example, submitting one Korean score and one Hungarian score requires USD\$20.00 in fees.
- 3.7. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the individual competitor to ensure that their scores or score sheets are, or have been, submitted in a timely manner.

- 3.8. If a submitted score is determined to be ineligible, for any reason except violation of the guidelines set herein, no fee shall be assessed, and if paid, shall be refunded.
- 3.9. 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 ma3board@gmail.com, with the subject line "National Ranking"; items sent by text, verbally discussed, or posted on social media, will not be considered.