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Desert Sky Archers
2027 Buckle Series.

Season points rules, schedule and divisions for all ten tournaments.

About the Series

DSA is proud to continue its tournament points series in 2027, now renamed the **Desert Sky Archers Buckle Series**. Every archer who enters a series tournament is automatically entered in the Buckle Series at **no additional cost**.

New for 2027: the series now includes the USA Archery AZ State Indoor Championship and three ABFAA State Championships, for a total of **ten tournaments**: four State Championships and six DSA Series tournaments.

2027 Schedule

TOURNAMENT	DATE
State Championships (4) — you may drop 1	
USA Archery AZ State Indoor Championship	January 30–31, 2027
ABFAA 5-Spot State Championship	February 13, 2027
ABFAA 3-Spot State Championship	June 27, 2027
ABFAA Rushmore Face State Championship	September 19, 2027
DSA Series Tournaments (6) — you may drop 1	
Vegas Vengeance	March 6, 2027
Shamrock Slam	April 24, 2027
Summer Sizzle	August 28–29, 2027
Steve Yee Open	September 18, 2027
Zombie Apocalypse	November 6, 2027
Candy Cane Crunch	December 11–12, 2027

Attendance and Drops

- **One drop in each group.** You may drop one State Championship and one DSA Series tournament. Your drop is your lowest points score in that group.
- **Missing a tournament counts as your drop** for that group.
- **Missing two or more** State Championships, or two or more DSA Series tournaments, makes you ineligible for the series.

- **Pay and skip.** You may pay the entry fee for ONE DSA Series tournament without shooting it. You will be scored in last place in your division for that tournament.

Staying in Your Division

- **Same division all year.** Shoot the same bow style, gender and age division at every tournament.
- **Changing bow style.** If you shoot a different bow style at a tournament, you lose eligibility unless you also shoot that tournament in your division of record.
- **Aging up.** If you move to an older age group during the year, you must shoot the older age group at every DSA Series tournament. Shooting your younger age group counts as changing divisions, and eligibility is lost.
- **Exception for State Championships.** At a State Championship you may shoot your usual age group for that event. For season points you are still ranked in your season points division.

Season Points Divisions

Because some divisions have few or no archers, several age groups and genders have been combined for season points. Each tournament uses its usual age groups; your finish is then mapped into the season points divisions below.

DIVISION	AGES
Barebow	
Adult Male	18–59
Adult Female	18–59
Senior (gender combined)	60+
Youth (gender combined)	8–17
Recurve	
Adult (gender combined)	18+
Youth (gender combined)	8–17
Fixed Pin (includes ABFAA Bowhunter and Modern Bowhunter)	
Adult Male	18+
Adult Female	18+
Youth (gender combined)	8–17
Compound	
Cub/Youth (gender combined)	8–14
Young Adult (gender combined)	15–17
Adult Male	18–40
Mature Adult Male	41-59
Adult Female	18–59
Senior Male	60+
Senior Female	60+

EXAMPLES

- **Recurve:** a 52-year-old woman shooting Freestyle Limited Recurve at the ABFAA State Championships is ranked for season points in Recurve Adult (gender combined) 18+.
- **Aging up:** a 17-year-old male compound archer turns 18 on December 1, 2027. He shoots the ABFAA State Championships as Young Adult Male and the USA Archery State Indoor Championship as U21. For season points he is ranked as Compound Adult Male 18–59 at every tournament all year, and he must shoot Adult at all DSA Series tournaments.

How Points Are Scored

YOUR POINTS AT EACH TOURNAMENT

Place points + the number of archers in your division

PLACE	PLACE POINTS	PLACE	PLACE POINTS
1st	15	7th	6
2nd	12	8th	5
3rd	10	9th	4
4th	9	10th	3
5th	8	11th	2
6th	7	12th and below	1

Example: first place in a division of 6 archers earns 15 + 6 = **21 points**.

TIES AT A TOURNAMENT

Tied archers add together the points for the positions they occupy and split them evenly.

Example: three archers tie for first in a division of 6. They share 1st, 2nd and 3rd: (21 + 18 + 16) ÷ 3 = **18.33 points each**.

ATTENDANCE BONUS

Archers who shoot all ten tournaments receive a **10-point bonus**.

Awards

- **1st place:** belt buckle for the winner of each division.
- **2nd and 3rd place:** plaques.

SEASON TIE-BREAKERS

If any of the top three season positions is tied after the Candy Cane Crunch:

1. The higher qualifying score at the Candy Cane Crunch takes the higher position.
2. If still tied, the higher qualifying score at the Summer Sizzle takes the higher position.