



How to Become an S3DA Coach

To be a coach in the S3DA Organization, any interested party must attend and complete the Basic Instructor Training Class. After completing the class, coach membership, background check fees, and SafeSport fees **MUST BE PAID** prior to assuming the role of coach.

Background checks are required. S3DA requires a background check to be kept on file and that you must renew your background check every 3 years for \$18.50. Background checks are completely entirely online to ensure privacy of your confidential information. If you DO NOT pass your background check, the Communications & Member Services Coordinator will notify you and the respective State Coordinator with a copy of the background check.

SafeSport Certification is also required. S3DA requires the SafeSport certification to be kept on file and renewed every 2 years for \$20. To protect our students and coaches, we comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's requirements per Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017.

A list of upcoming Basic & Advanced Instructor classes will be posted on the S3DA Event Calendar. If an instructor course cannot be located in your immediate area, please contact the National Outreach Coordinator. The National Outreach Coordinator will follow up with the State Coordinator, who will work diligently to schedule an instructor class in your area. Current S3DA State coordinators are listed on the S3DA website.

If you have already completed the S3DA Basic Instructor Training and all fees are paid, then you are certified to be an S3DA coach. Becoming an instructor allows you to start your own team and train students (see "How to Start an S3DA Team"). Due to insurance coverage requirements, an S3DA certified coach MUST be present during any S3DA practice, as well as S3DA team events.

Once you have been certified to be a Basic Instructor, S3DA would like you to continue your archery training and eventually become an Advanced Instructor. This course is usually taken over two days. To become an Advanced Instructor, you must demonstrate mastery of intermediate archery skills as well as the S3DA curriculum. You must also demonstrate the ability to communicate well and be able to teach large groups in a classroom setting. Becoming an Advanced Instructor allows you to teach the Basic Instructor Course. Only Advanced Instructor Trainers are certified to teach the course that allows individuals to become Advanced Instructors.

- USA Archery Level 2 or above can take a modified S3DA training class to obtain their Basic Certification. The class will cover Chapter 1 (Intro to S3DA), Chapter 3 (Set-up 3-D Range) and Chapter 11 (Pope & Young Clear Path Bowhunting Initiative).

If you have USA Archery Level 2 or above certification and would like to become an S3DA coach, please visit our online store to purchase the S3DA Modified Instructor Training for \$25 by using this link: <https://www.s3da.net/product/s3da-modified-instructor-training/>. Once you have completed the training modules and associated exams, e-mail your exam answers to the Communications & Member Services Coordinator (Madison Cox – madisons3da@gmail.com) along with your USA Archery background check credentials (a screenshot from your USA Archery Sport:80 login showing valid background check dates will suffice) and a copy of your SafeSport certificate. You will be contacted after your credentials are validated with a Welcome E-mail that includes the steps on how to create and purchase a coach membership within the S3DA Sport:80 platform.