



## **2023 Shotgun National Team Selection**

### **A. GENERAL**

1. The USA Shooting, Shotgun National Team, will be selected from the top-scoring U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting Policy and Procedure.
2. Athletes selected to the Team must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic & Para Olympic Committee (USOPC) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria. See USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section II regarding eligibility criteria. Athletes must hold a current passport that does not expire for six months following the championship. Passports are the responsibility of the athlete. USAS will obtain any required visas.
3. Team members will be determined based on selection performance. There will be no subjective selection unless stated and detailed in procedures outlined below.
4. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct and USOC Code of Conduct as may be applicable.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn. Team positions will not be filled by non-firing athletes. Team members may be selected in Open and Junior categories as provided by ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations as well as the Organizing Committee program.
6. In the event an athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team due to illness, injury or other reason or is removed by a USAS or USOC medical staff member, the next eligible athlete from the team selection process may be added to the team. When replacement from the team occurs within 14 days of that athlete's competition, the slot will only be filled by members already on the team if applicable, or the position left unfilled, due to international travel and administrative requirements. This time may be extended as dictated by visa requirements.
7. This USA Shooting Shotgun National Team will be comprised of the top six (6) athletes as per the current selection process.
8. In the event of inclement weather, power outages, range and range equipment errors, or circumstances beyond the control of the organizing staff, the team selection course of fire may be altered as determined by the competition jury in conjunction with the match director, National Coach and USA Shooting's Director of Operations or designated Technical Delegate who is the final authority.
9. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOC rules, as applicable.





10. In the event of unforeseen changes that affect the team trial process or approved selection procedures such as:
  1. Schedule
  2. Programs
  3. Government Restrictions
  4. Rules or other unforeseen circumstances
  5. The USA Shooting Team Selection Committee will meet and determine if policy changes are necessary

## **B. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION**

### **MATCHES Selection Matches and Dates**

1. 2022 Selection Match 2 -2022 July Hillsdale Mi
2. 2023 Selection Match 1- TBD 2023
3. 2023 Selection Match 2 - TBD 2023

### **Events to be contested**

1. Men's Trap
2. Women's Trap
3. Men's Skeet
4. Women's Skeet

### **Course of fire**

1. Trap and Skeet Men and Women
  - a) One course of fire equals 125 targets

### **Number of courses of fire**

1. All selection Matches will consist of Two (2) courses of fire- Men and Women

### **2022 & 2023 Selection Match Finals Format**

1. One ISSF final per event. 2021 ISSF Finals rules or new format once finalized
2. Match Qualification score (250) + performance points will set each Match final
3. Finals points awarded by finish position.
4. Awarded Finals point(s) will be added to qualification score (Total Aggregate Score)
5. Finals points awarded Men & Women
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
  - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 points



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### C. National Team Policy

1. National Team (NT) will consist of the top 6 scoring athletes, in the current selection process
2. National Team Ties
  - a) Ties will be broken by shooting 2021 after finals miss and out until the tie is broken
3. National Development Team (NDT) members will be appointed by the coaching staff
  - a) National Development Team ranking determined by current selection procedures.
4. Only NT & NDT members are eligible for Travel
5. National Team ranking 1 through 6 determined by current selection procedures
6. The National Team status will reset at the conclusion of each selection match

### Performance Points

1. Performance points will be awarded based on 2022 WCH finish positions
2. Performance points can be utilized at the athlete's discretion at either Selection Match 1, 2023 or Selection 2, 2023.
3. Performance points can only be utilized one (1) time

### E. Performance Points Distribution 2022 World championships

1. Gold = 6 points
2. Silver = 5 points
3. Bronze= 4 points
4. 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 points
5. 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 points
6. 6<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

### D. National Team Selection Policy

1. **Selection Match 1, 2023 (SM1)**
  - a) Open to all eligible competitors
  - b) Top 6 aggregate scores will earn National Team Status
2. **Aggregate Score Selection Match 1, 2023**

SM 2, 2022 aggregate score+ qualification score SM 1,2023 +performance points +Finals points

#### EXAMPLE

SM2 AS - 2022	SM1 QS - 2023	Performance Points	SM1 FP	Aggregate Score
247	247	May or may not be used based on finals finishing position	3	497





**3. Proposed National Team Travel Selection Match 1, 2023 Results**

- a) TBD

**4. National Team Start Positions**

- a. National Team Positions 1,2,3 are considered a Medal Start Positions
  - 1. Medal Start positions will have prioritized funding
- b. National Team Positions 4,5,6 are considered a Ranking Start Positions
  - 1. Ranking positions will be rotated by finish position on a space available basis.
  - 2. Ranking positions will be funded budget contingent

**5. Selection Match 2 (SM2) 2023**

- a) Open to all eligible competitors
- b) Top 6 aggregate scores will earn National Team Status

**6. Aggregate Score Selection Match 2, 2023 (SM2)**

SM 1, 2023 aggregate score+ qualification SM 2, 2023 +performance points +Finals points

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SM1 AS – 2023	SM2 QS - 2023	Performance Points	SM2 FP - 2023	Aggregate Score
250	122	May or may not be used based on WCH results of athlete	3	375

**7. Proposed National Team Travel Selection Match 2, 2023 Results**

- 1. TBD
- 2. WCH 2023 -TBA

**8. Pan American Games Special Consideration**

a. Please note that the intention is to use similar procedures for 2023 Pan American Game Selection however the specific selection procedure for this competition must be posted separate due to USOPC standards. These procedures will be announced in full as soon as the qualification guide has been published and the USOPC approves of said procedures. Know in advance that there will be an effort to maximize quota opportunities at this competition that may result in the addition of language to the selection process.

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### **E. 2023 International competition Three (3) Man Team Start Positions**

1. The highest three (3) ranking individuals for men and the highest Three (3) ranking individuals for women, in attendance, will earn Team start positions and be entered as Team USA Men & Team USA Women.

### **F. 2023 International Competition Mixed Team Start Positions**

1. If match schedule permits the highest individual match qualification score for men and the highest individual match qualification score women, will be paired as USA Team 1.
2. The Second highest individual match qualification score for men and the second highest individual match qualification score for women, will be paired as USA Team 2.
3. If match schedule does not permit the use of qualification score see 5 & 6 below
4. The highest-ranking individual for men and the highest ranking for women in attendance, will be paired as USA Team 1.
5. The Second highest ranking individual for men and the second highest ranking individual for women, in attendance, will be paired as USA Team 2

### **G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. The current ISSF Finals impact the competition format and results significantly creating a challenge in selecting teams. Athletes selected to the teams must be able to demonstrate both high skill levels in the qualification and in the finals.
2. Elimination style finals require other than purely score based system for ranking athletes if international medal success is to be achieved. Therefore, a system including the award of points for finals placement has been developed.
3. It is recognized that changes to the ISSF events program including finals may change for the 2022-2024 triennial. In the event changes are adopted, this Selection Procedure will be modified to mirror such changes.
4. 2023 priorities emphasize continued training of top athletes to perform and obtain World Cup & Continental Championship podium and final appearances. A concentrated funding strategy will be focused on those top athletes that demonstrate the potential to podium and acquire quota positions for the 2024 Paris Gam



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