



2026

USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match Program - COS Version

Rifle Athletes,

USA Shooting is pleased to officially announce the 2026 Rifle Winter Selection Match that will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, December 11-16, 2026.

This match will serve as a selection event for the 2027 ISSF World Cup Rifle Teams competing in New Delhi, India; Munich, Germany; and Baku, Azerbaijan, as well as the 2027 Pan American Games Rifle Team.

The qualification scores fired during the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match will be combined for team selection in accordance with the applicable USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures.

Please read this Match Program in its entirety! There is a great deal of material covered, and it is your responsibility to know the information referenced and contained within this Program when registering for, and attending, the competition.

We hope to see you at the match.

Ashley MacAllister, Competitions Director



2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection

Match Dates

Colorado Springs, CO

December 11-16, 2026

Locations

U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center

USA Shooting, Building 3

1 Olympic Plaza

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Match Director

Gary Trisdale

Eligibility

All Athletes must be a current Member of USA Shooting. If you are not currently a member, use this link to register or renew: <https://usashooting.sport80.com/>

Junior Athletes are classified as those who are 21 and under before Dec 31, 2026.

Registration & Fees

Air Rifle Entry Fee: \$175

Smallbore Rifle Entry Fee: \$175

Athletes competing in both events must register separately for each event.

The registration deadline will be Dec 1, 2026.

Registration information can be found through your USA Shooting membership portal:

<https://usashooting.sport80.com/>

Coaches will need to register through their membership portal as a non-sporting event registration.

Late entries are subject to approval by the Match Director and may include a late entry fee.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations prior to December 1, 2026 will receive a full refund of match fees, minus a small administrative fee.

Cancellations after December 1, 2026 will not be refunded, except for emergencies or illness.



SafeSport & Background Screening

SafeSport Training and Background Screening is required for Coaches and Athletes over the age of 18 is required.

SafeSport training can be found through your membership profile at <https://usashooting.sport80.com/>
SafeSport Training can be started through the "SafeSport Training" tab on the top right of your profile.

All Coaches, Athletes, and Guardians should familiarize themselves with the following policies:

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPPs)

<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/training-and-education/minor-athlete-abuse-prevention-policies/> and
<https://usashooting.org/resource-center/#category-safesport>

[Reporting Policy](#) for all alleged sexual, emotional abuse, physical abuse, and violations of the MAAPP

USA Shooting Reporting Policy and USA Shooting [Quality Control Policy](#).

USOPTC Waiver

All participants attending must complete all required U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (USOPTC) access requirements prior to participating in the competition.

For minor participants, waiver requests will be sent to both the athlete and their parent/guardian. It is important that USA Shooting has two unique email addresses—one for the athlete and one for the parent/guardian—to ensure the waiver process can be completed properly.

All participants must possess a valid USOPTC Access Badge while on Training Center grounds.

USOPTC Access Badges must be visible and carried at all times while on campus.

Participants who have not completed the required access requirements may experience delays during check-in or may be denied access to the facility until all requirements have been satisfied.

Additional information regarding access requirements and event check-in procedures will be provided prior to the competition.

If you do not receive the waiver email prior to the competition, please contact Ashley MacAllister, Competitions Director, before traveling to Colorado Springs so the issue can be addressed in advance.

Check-In

ATHLETES

All athletes must complete event check-in prior to the start of Match Day 1.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that all required USA Shooting and U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Training Center (USOPTC) participation requirements have been completed prior to competition.

All athletes must possess a valid USOPTC Access Badge while on Training Center grounds and have their badge available at all times during the competition.



Detailed check-in instructions, including the check-in location, check-in schedule, and event access procedures, will be distributed in the athlete welcome email approximately one week prior to the competition.

COACHES

All coaches must check in with USA Shooting upon arrival.

To receive a coaching wristband for the competition, coaches must have current SafeSport Training and a valid USA Shooting Background Screening on file prior to the event.

Coaches who do not have current SafeSport certification and an approved background screening on file with USA Shooting will not be eligible to receive a coaching wristband or access field of play areas.

Detailed coach check-in information will be distributed in the welcome email approximately one week prior to the competition.

Schedule

Colorado Springs - Please see detailed schedule

Date	Day	Details
December 11, 2026	Friday	Air Rifle PET (Pre-Event Training)
December 12, 2026	Saturday	Air Rifle Match Day 1
December 13, 2026	Sunday	Air Rifle Match Day 2, Match Finals & Awards
December 14, 2026	Monday	Smallbore PET (Pre-Event Training)
December 15, 2026	Tuesday	Smallbore Match Day 1
December 16, 2026	Wednesday	Smallbore Match Day 2, Match Finals & Awards

Start Lists

It is the Athlete's responsibility to check the Start Lists for their events and know when and where they are scheduled to compete. Start Lists will be posted at the range and online on the USA Shooting Events page. Relay and Firing Point assignments for PET and Match Day 1 will be the same. Athletes will be re-squadded for Match Day 2 based on Match Day 1 results. While we endeavor to release an initial Start List a few days before the competition, please be aware that Start Lists are subject to change, so double-check your assignment on the day of the match!

Course(s) of Fire

PET

Athletes will have assigned relay times for Air Rifle PET and Smallbore PET in accordance with the published schedule.

Qualification

Athletes will fire two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire during the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match.



For selection purposes, qualification scores fired at the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match will be combined to create a four (4) match aggregate qualification score.

Finals Qualification

The top eight (8) eligible athletes in each event will qualify for the Final based upon the aggregate of:

- Two (2) qualification scores fired at the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match; and
- Two (2) qualification scores fired at the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match.

Finals Format

Finals will be conducted using the current ISSF Elimination Finals format and the USA Shooting carry-forward scoring method outlined in the 2026 Rifle Selection Procedures. Only US citizens who are eligible to compete internationally for Team USA are eligible for the final.

Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final. The Final will not start from zero.

The score from each Finals Shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based upon the cumulative total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots fired to that point.

The Selection Final will determine Open Category award placement and will be used in calculating final team selection rankings in accordance with the applicable USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures.

Final rankings used for team selection will be determined by the combined total of:

- Two (2) qualification scores from the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match;
- Two (2) qualification scores from the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match; and
- One (1) Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match.

The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match will not be used for team selection ranking.

Only athletes competing under the current 2026 ISSF Rifle Equipment Rules will be eligible for Finals participation.

Award Categories

Open Category Awards

Open Category awards will be determined by the final standings at the conclusion of the Winter Selection Final.

Junior Category Awards

Overall Junior awards will be determined using the aggregate of the two qualification scores fired during the Winter Selection Match. Finals results will not be used in determining Junior award winners. International visitors who are not U.S. citizens are only eligible for International awards.

Eligibility for Awards

Rankings, Finals participation, records, and team selection consideration will be limited to athletes competing under the current 2026 ISSF Rifle Equipment Rules.



Athletes electing to compete under previous ISSF equipment rules will be classified as Old rules and are not eligible for Finals participation, overall awards or team selection consideration.

International visitors who are not U.S. citizens are only eligible for International awards.

Rules

USA Shooting Rules, ISSF Rules, Match Director Bulletins, and the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures will govern this competition. All competitors are responsible for knowing and complying with these rules and procedures.

Links to the ISSF Rulebook are available below:

<https://backoffice.issf-sports.org/getfile.aspx?mod=docf&pane=1&inst=455&file=ISSF-Rule-Book-2026-Edition-2025-Second-Print-07-2026-Effective-1-July-2026.pdf>

A new update to the ISSF Rules was released on July 1. This competition will follow the most current version of the ISSF Rules, including this latest update.

Equipment

In accordance with the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures, athletes must conform to the new 2026 ISSF Rifle Equipment Rules to qualify for the Final at USA Shooting Selection Matches and to qualify to compete in international competitions.

All shooting equipment must comply with current ISSF 2026 Rifle Rules to be eligible for awards, Finals participation, rankings, records, and team selection consideration.

Equipment legality consultation will be available before each event. Please ask a Range Official if you have questions regarding equipment compliance.

Athletes competing under previous ISSF equipment rules will be classified as Old Rules and are not eligible for Overall awards, Finals participation, rankings, records, or team selection consideration.

Team Selection

This competition serves as a selection event for:

- 2027 ISSF World Cup New Delhi, India
- 2027 ISSF World Cup Munich, Germany
- 2027 ISSF World Cup Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2027 Pan American Games

Team selection rankings for these competitions will be determined in accordance with the applicable USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures.

Only the Top Eight (8) Finalists in each event will be eligible for nomination to these teams.

- The qualification scores fired during the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Rifle Winter Selection Match will be combined for team selection in accordance with the applicable USA Shooting Rifle Selection Procedures.



Match Director Bulletins

Match Director Bulletins will be posted on the Events page of the USA Shooting website and on the range. All competitors are responsible for reviewing and complying with any Match Director Bulletins issued before or during the competition.

Protests

A fee of \$50.00 will be charged for protests. An official Protest Form must accompany any protest. Protest forms are available on ISSF Website.

Officiating

Juries will be appointed and convened as required to resolve any protest. The jury will resolve any scoring challenges. Decisions of the jury are final.

Travel

Competitors are responsible for making their own travel and hotel arrangements. Nearby airports are Colorado Springs (COS), and Denver (DEN). If flying out of COS with air cylinders, you no longer have to inform TSA 48 hours in advance.

Relay Requests

Relay Requests will not be accepted.

Anti-Doping

This event is subject to doping control. All athletes at this competition are subject to drug testing conducted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and/or the International Federation (IF) under an in-competition testing program.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a HUGE part of our success. Please take the time to thank our Range Officials - we truly could not host this event without them. If you are interested in helping with this match or others, please contact Ashley MacAllister for details on how to get involved.

Subject To Change

Please keep in mind that the Match Schedule and Start Lists are subject to change. Although we make every attempt to maintain the published schedule, maintenance issues and other items are out of our control. It is the responsibility of Athletes and/or Coaches to check the Schedule and Start Lists daily. Updated information will be communicated to registered competitors' emails.

USA Shooting is not responsible for missed flights, airline change fees, missed relays, etc. Please keep this in mind when making your travel arrangements and schedules.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Match Director Gary Trisdale.