

## 2023-2024 Rifle Selection Procedures Selections for Competitions

### Selection to 2023 through 2024 Teams

#### 2023 Pan Am Games and 2024 Olympic Games Selection

Separate Procedures will be posted on the USA Shooting website at <https://usashooting.org/resource-center/#category-olympic> once approved by USOPC.

#### ISSF Open World Championships Selection

The ISSF Open World Championship Team Selection Date will be 60 days out from the competition start date for the event. This corresponds to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Ranking Points current up to that date will be used to select the Team and will be exclusively on the ranking list. No Team Status nor One-Time scores will play a factor meaning all athletes must have 5 scores on file to be eligible. Athletes are selected on the Selection Date in order down the Ranking Points List, while also satisfying any ISSF event participation restrictions.

#### ISSF Open World Cup Selection

World Cup Team Selection Dates will be 2 months prior to the start of each World Cup with the exception of World Cup Jakarta. A full rundown of ranking list close dates are provided below. Note that dates may change based on changes to ISSF calendar and/or internal policy changes. Any changes will be communicated to athletes in advance. The Ranking Points List, National Team membership, and ISSF Open Championship Team status that are current at the World Cup Team Selection Date will be used to select the World Cup participants.

- Selection Dates:
  - o World Cup Jakarta – Friday, December 16 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Cairo – Friday, December 16 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Bhopal – Friday, January 20 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Lima – Friday, February 10 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Baku – Friday, March 3 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Rio – Friday, July 7 : 8:00 am MST
- ISSF Individual Olympic Event Automatic Invitations
  - o World Cup slots in ISSF individual Olympic events (Men's Air Rifle, Women's Air Rifle, Men's Smallbore 3x20, Women's Smallbore 3x20) will be offered to National Team members in order from the Ranking Points List that is current up to that World Cup Selection Date until all ISSF Individual Olympic event slots are filled or all National Team members in that event have been offered a slot, whichever comes first.
- Unfilled World Cup slots
  - o After the National Team list has been exhausted any unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events will revert to development team slots and filled through a committee selection. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List but the ranking list will be used by the committee, along with recent performances both domestically and international to help determine any unfilled slots.

- ISSF Mixed Team and 3-Person Team Event slots
  - o ISSF Team events at each World Cup will be filled by athletes who have already qualified for the World Cup in an ISSF individual Olympic event using the ranking list to determine order of mixed team entry
    - Air Rifle Mixed Team event
      - If the Air Rifle Mixed Teams for the ISSF Open Championship Team of the year have already been selected by the World Cup Team Selection Date, those athletes will fill the World Cup Air Rifle Mixed Team slots in World Cups held before the ISSF Open Championship.
      - The Air Rifle Ranking List will be used to fill any other open or declined World Cup Air Rifle Mixed Team slots.
    - Non-Olympic Air Rifle and Smallbore Team events
      - If the Air Rifle Mixed Teams for the ISSF Open Championship Team of the year have already been selected by the World Cup Team Selection Date, those athletes will fill the first two slots for World Cup Air Rifle Team events. The Air Rifle Ranking List will be used to fill all other non-Olympic Air Rifle Team event slots.
      - The Smallbore 3x20 Ranking List will be used to fill Smallbore Team event slots.
    - Declined Team Event slots will be passed down to next highest ranking athlete who has already qualified for the World Cup in an ISSF individual Olympic event.

### **ISSF Grands Prix Selection**

USA Shooting has established a Grand Prix policy for 2023. This policy can be found at <https://usashooting.org/app/uploads/2022/12/2023-USAS-Grand-Prix-Policy.pdf>

### **Jr World Cup and Jr World Championship Selection**

USA Shooting has established a Jr World Cup and Jr World Championship policy for 2023. This policy can be found at <https://usashooting.org/app/uploads/2022/12/23-Jr-RP-Procedures-Updated.pdf>

### **Tie-Breaking for Ranking List**

Should a tie exist at time of selection the tie will be broken by highest score of the 5 counting, not inclusive of any bonus points. Should that tie still exist it will move down the rank of top 5 scores until broken.

### **Other International Matches Selection**

A Team Selection Date will be established for each international match not listed above as they are known. The Ranking Points current up to that date will be used. The top two ranked athletes from the Ranking Points List will be offered automatic invitations to fill slots for these competitions. Declined and unfilled slots may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled.

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## **2023-2024 Rifle Selection Procedures**

### **USAS National Teams**

#### **USAS National Rifle Team (Team USA)**

The USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) includes the members of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. Members of the USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) are eligible to receive support from USA Shooting and represent the USA in international competitions.

#### **National Team (NT) Selection**

Members of the National Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Ranking Points.
  - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
  - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 15<sup>th</sup> place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.
  - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games and the World Championships. Due to the quad starting a year later the scores for 2023 will not be reset to maintain the two years of scores being in use.
  - o The 2023 - 2024 NT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
    - 2021 Men's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.03
    - 2021 Women's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.50
    - 2021 Men's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 588
    - 2021 Women's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 588

#### **National Development Team (NDT) Selection**

Members of the National Development Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Ranking Points.
  - o The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
  - o The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 30<sup>th</sup> place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.
  - o The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games or World Championships. Due to the quad starting a year later the scores for 2023 will not be reset to maintain the two years of scores being in use.
  - o The 2023 - 2024 NDT Qualifying Ranking Points are:

- 2021 Men's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.65
- 2021 Women's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.55
- 2021 Men's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 584
- 2021 Women's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 584

### **National Futures/Junior Team**

Members of the National Futures Team will include:

- Junior and Collegiate Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT and who:
  - Represent the USA in the major ISSF Junior Championship of the year in an Olympic event (World Championships); or
  - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USASNC; or
  - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USAS Junior Olympics; or
  - Win the Individual NCAA Championships in air rifle or smallbore; or
  - Finish in the top two USA NCAA season averages in air rifle or smallbore; or
  - Win the Air Rifle 3-Position National Championship; or
  - Qualify for an ISSF or equivalent international competition (El Salvador, Suhl, etc.); or
  - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)
- Open Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT who:
  - Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Smallbore 3x20 or Air Rifle; or
  - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)

Athletes remain members of the National Futures Team for a term of 1 year from when they qualify, except for the coach/committee selections whose term will be on a case-by-case basis.

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## **2021-2024 Rifle Selection Procedures**

### **USAS Rifle Athlete Ranking Points System**

Athletes will be ranked in order based on a 1-year rolling Ranking Points system. The Ranking Points will be a combination of the athlete's Average Score Points plus Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned.

#### **Ranking**

##### **Events and Valid Scores**

- Rankings will be kept in the Olympic Games Individual medal events. Currently this includes:
  - o Men's Air Rifle
  - o Women's Air Rifle
  - o Men's Smallbore
  - o Women's Smallbore
- Only scores from Olympic Games medal events will be used for ranking.
  - o Currently, these events and courses of fire are:
    - Men's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-Shot course of fire
    - Women's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
    - Men's Smallbore, ISSF 3x20 course of fire
    - Women's Smallbore, ISSF 3x20 course of fire
  - o Results from the following Olympic Games event can be used to earn Achievement Bonus Points only, and for performances only in World Championships and Olympic Games. Scores from this event cannot be included in the Average Score Points.
    - Air Rifle Mixed Team
- Average Score Points and Achievement Bonus Points must be earned in designated ranking competitions.
- Average Score Points are valid within a rolling 1-year window. Scores will be dropped from the ranking after 1 year, at the end of the month in which they were achieved.
- Achievement Bonus Points are valid for the following:
  - o Olympic Games ABP and World Championships ABP are carried over at half value for a second year.
  - o For 2023 – 2024 no ranking bonus points will be awarded at any other competitions
- The ranking starts on July 1, 2021. No retroactive scores or achievements will be included in the Average Score Points or Achievement Bonus Points

##### **Minimum Requirements for Ranking and Team Selection**

- To be included in the ranking system, athletes must shoot one Threshold Score in a qualification round of a designated ranking competition. Athletes will be tracked in the ranking system for 1 year after the last attained Threshold Score. No scores or achievements that were posted before the initial Threshold Score was met will be counted toward the Average Score Points or the Achievement Bonus Points.
  - o Men's and Women's Air Rifle Threshold Score: 623.0
  - o Men's and Women's Smallbore 3x20 Threshold Score: 580
- A minimum of five (5) ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions are required for Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.

### **The Ranking Points**

The Ranking Points used for Team Selection are the Average Score Points plus the Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned within the current 1-year window. Athletes will be ranked in order based on the Ranking Points.

### **The Average Score Points**

The Average Score Points used for ranking will be the average of the top five (5) scores from ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions that have been posted within the current 1-year window.

- Scores will count for 1 year through the end of the month in which they were posted.
- For Team Selection, at least one of the five (5) counting scores must be posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.
  - o Exception: The 4-month requirement may be waived if there were no designated ranking competitions available within 4 months of the Team Selection Date.

### **Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) – No Bonus Points offered in 2023 – 2024**

Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) will not be offered for any events in 2023 nor 2024. Any points earned previously will be grandfathered in as

### **Designated Ranking Competitions**

USA Shooting will designate ranking competitions and post within the list of ranking matches at <https://usashooting.org/resource-center/#category-olympic> at least 30 days prior to all competitions. All ISSF World Championships, World Cups, and Grand Prixes will count as well as a list of designated domestic competitions including USA Shooting competitions, quarterly NTCSC and CMP Matches, as well as other designated domestic matches.

### **Waivers**

- **Extended Break from Competition Waiver.** An athlete may take an extended break from competition and be re-instated into the Ranking System at the same level as at the start of the break if a waiver is requested in advance and approved by the Selection Committee. At least two new scores must be entered before the athlete is eligible for ISSF Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of the Selection deadline.
  - **Other Waivers.** Under extraordinary circumstances an athlete may file a waiver to accommodate unanticipated situations that are out of the athlete's control.
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