

**USA SHOOTING OPEN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2018 ISSF WORLD SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AMERICA'S**

**A. GENERAL**

1. The 2018 World Shotgun Championship Team will be selected from the top-scoring U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting Policy and Procedure.
3. Athletes selected to the Team must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) 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.
4. Team members will be selected on the basis of trials performance. There will be no subjective selection unless stated and detailed in procedures outlined below.
5. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct dated and USOC Code of Conduct as may be applicable. No alterations to the Code(s) of Conduct are permitted.
6. 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.
7. Athletes qualifying for non-Olympic events are fully self-funded. Self-funded athletes are required to adhere to applicable Team policies including training and travel as established by the Team leadership. An advance payment of expenses will be required.
8. 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 is 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.
9. This USA Shooting Team will normally be comprised of a full team comprised of the maximum number of athletes permitted by the IOC, ISSF and/or Organizing Committee. Due to budget constraints or other criteria determined by the USAS Board of Directors, team size may be limited if so determined 60 days before the first event competition.
10. All selected athletes are required to meet current Performance Score criteria in the event for which they are selected with the exception of the Olympic and Pan American Games. See Policies and Procedures, Section VI, Performance Standards. The locations, dates and programs for events where authorized Performance Standard Scores may be earned will be published.

11. All Team positions earned must be accepted or declined within 24 hours of the end of the final selection competition for the related event. Self-funding slots, if offered or applicable, must be accepted or declined within 24 hours of the offer and any required deposit for team travel must be received at USAS within 10 business days.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. In the event of unforeseen changes regarding schedule, program, rules, or other significant events or amendments that affect the team trial process or conduct of approved selection procedures, the USA Shooting Team Selection Procedures Committee (Selection Committee) will meet as soon as possible to determine if any procedures regarding the selection of team members is warranted.

## **B. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. Team trials and dates – Open Team
  - a. Fall Selection Match Tillar, AR Sept 29 to Oct 8, 2017
  - b. Spring Selection Match, Proposed March 19 to 30, 2018 TBA
2. Events to be contested
  - a. Men's Trap
  - b. Women's Trap
  - c. Men's Skeet
  - d. Women's Skeet
3. Course of fire
  - a) Trap and Skeet Men 250 targets
  - b) Trap and Skeet Women 250 targets
4. Number of Courses of fire
  - a. Fall Selection Match 2017 one course of fire
  - b. Spring Selection Match 2018 one course of fire

5. Finals
  - a. Fall Selection
    - i. The finalists will be determined by the aggregate of Fall Section course of fire.
    - ii. One ISSF final per contested event after the course of fire. Current ISSF rules.
    - iii. Finals points awarded by finish position.
    - iv. Finals points awarded Men & Women
      - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points
      - 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
      - 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point
  - b. Spring Selection
    - i. The finalist will be determined by the sum of Fall Section qualification + Fall finals points awarded + Spring selection qualification= “total qualification score”
    - ii. All finalist complete a full course of fire as outlined
      1. Trap—50 Single Barrel Targets
      2. Skeet—30 Pairs in Current Finals format
  - c. One final per contested event after the course of fire.
6. World Championship Team selection is aggregate score from Fall selection course of fire + Fall Selection final points earned + Spring Selection course of fire + Spring Selection final, total score.
7. Championship of America’s selection is the aggregate score Fall selection course of fire + Fall Selection final points earned + Spring Selection course of fire + Spring Selection final, total score.
  - a. Previous quota winners will not be eligible to participate in Championship of America’s quota events unless both quotas have been won.
8. There are two selection matches with two courses of fire and two finals.
9. Team qualification tie breaking procedures

Ties will be broken by shooting full rounds 25 Trap & Skeet until ties are broken.

### C. 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 2017-2020 quadrennial. In the event changes are adopted, this 2018 World Shotgun Championship Team Selection Procedure will be modified to mirror such changes.