

USA SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 WORLD CUPS – SHOTGUN

A. GENERAL

1. The 2018 Shotgun ISSF World Cup participants will be selected from the top-scoring and appointed U.S. citizens under these USA Shooting Policies and Procedures.
2. Qualifying and selected athletes selected to the 2018 Shotgun World Cups 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.
3. Team members will be selected on the basis of tryout performance and USAS staff selection.
4. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct. No alterations to the Code of Conduct are permitted.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn. Team positions will not be filled by non-firing athletes. Team members will be selected in Open categories only. Juniors are eligible to qualify for Open category event participation.
6. In the event of illness, injury or withdraw of an athlete, the National Coach will select a replacement(s) with the approval of the High-Performance Director. When a vacancy occurs within 14 days of the World Cup, that slot will be left unfilled due to international administrative, ticketing and visa requirements.
7. ISSF World Cups typically provide for three competition entries in each event and two additional entries. Athlete funding will be budget and program priority dependent. PSS Policy applies.
8. All secured Team slots must be accepted or declined within established suspense dates for the world cup event. Self-funding slots, if offered or applicable, must be accepted or declined within the stated suspense date and any required deposit for team travel must be received at USAS within 10 business days.
10. 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 designated Technical Delegate who is the final authority.
11. The 2018 ISSF World Cup schedule is as follows:
 1. Guadalajara, MEX Mar 2 – Mar 12
 2. Changwon, KOR Apr 20 – Apr 30
 3. Mosta, MLT June 5- June 15
 4. Tucson AZ, USA July 9 – July 19

B. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Team trials and dates
 - a. Fall Selection Match,
 - Sept 29 to October 8, 2017 Tillar, Arkansas
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 2017 one course of fire both Men & Women
5. Finals
 - a. One ISSF final per contested event after the course of fire. Current ISSF Finals rules.
 - b. Finals points awarded by finish position.
 - c. Finals points awarded Men & Women
 - 1) 1st = 3 points
 - 2) 2nd = 2 points
 - 3) 3rd = 1 point
6. 2018 World Cup participant selection
 - a. World Cup starts earned through the trials process will be the aggregate score from qualification course of fire plus the points earned from selection finals.
 - b. The high aggregate score will secure 1 start position for WC Guadalajara & Changwon,
 - c. The second and third high aggregate scores will secure 1 start position to WC Guadalajara.
 - d. The remaining WC Changwon start positions will be filled by national coach staff selection.
 - e. Any out-of-competition start positions will be determined by the national coach staff.
 - f. WC Mosta and WC Tucson will be attended by the 2018 World Championship Open Team.
7. Tie breaking procedures

Ties will be broken by shooting a miss and out style shoot off 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 such changes are adopted, this 2018 World Cup Shotgun Selection Procedure will be modified to support such changes.
4. 2018 priorities emphasize continued training of top athletes to perform and obtain World Championship podium. A concentrated funding strategy will be focused on those top athletes that demonstrate the potential to podium and acquire quota positions at the 2018 World Championships.