

TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES NATIONAL TEAMS

Rifle – Effective June 21, 2019

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the National Team (NT), National Development Team (NDT), or National Junior Team (NJT), an individual must be a U.S. citizen, a USA Shooting Member, and meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and International Shooting Sports Federations (ISSF) eligibility criteria for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, and ISSF sanctioned international competitions.
2. All NT/NDT/NJT athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct, including annexes, and sign the Athlete's Agreement and Liability Release form as approved by USA Shooting. The USAS documents must be signed as presented and may not be modified.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. NT--National Team: Members are the top USA athletes considered to be at the skill level needed to medal at ISSF World level open competitions.
2. NJT--National Junior Team: Members are juniors, defined by USAS and ISSF as competitors under the age of 21 by December 31 of the year in which they are competing. Members are the top USA junior athletes considered to be at the skill level needed to medal at ISSF World level junior competitions.
3. NDT—National Development Team: Members are athletes who have demonstrated, through sustained competitive excellence in national level competitions, the potential to develop into medal contenders at ISSF World level open or junior competitions.

C. TRAINING TERM

1. Any athlete selected to the NT/NJT will remain a member of the team for a 1-year rolling calendar from the time of earning their spot until the conclusion of the corresponding selection match the following year, except as outlined below. If an athlete re-qualifies as a team member, the 1-year cycle will reset at that time.
2. Athletes selected to the NDT will remain a member of the team for a specific training term designated by the National Team Coach at the time of the selection.
3. NJT members who “age out” will be moved to the NDT until their training term expires.

D. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM (NT)

1. Qualifying through USAS Selection Matches

Members of the National Team shall be selected from the top three finishers at all USAS Selection Matches. Selection matches generally include Spring Selection, Fall Selection, USAS National Championships, and Winter Airgun Championships. If there are any additional selection matches that are designated to select for ISSF World Cups, ISSF Continental Championships, or ISSF World Championships, these will also count toward National Team selection. Athletes will qualify for the National Team by medaling at any USAS Selection Match in the following events:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Places</u>
a. Rifle -- Men	50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions	1,2,3
	10m Air Rifle	1,2,3
b. Rifle -- Women	50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions	1,2,3
	10m Air Rifle	1,2,3

2. Qualifying through a National Team Qualifying Score (NTQS)

Athletes who meet or exceed the following NTQS in a USAS Selection Match or ISSF Competition will qualify for the National Team.

Men's and Women's Air Rifle NTQS – 630.0
Men's and Women's Smallbore NTQS – 1177

2. Qualifying through NCAA Rifle

Members of the National Team will be selected through the NCAA Rifle Championships and the NCAA Season Averages. Qualification through NCAA Rifle will include:

NCAA Championships:
NCAA Smallbore Rifle Champion
NCAA Air Rifle Champion

NCAA Season Averages:
Smallbore Rifle High American Season Average
Air Rifle High American Season Average

3. Qualifying through in-competition participation in an ISSF “protected” competitions

Any athlete competing in-competition in an ISSF “protected” competition (such as ISSF World Cups, ISSF Continental Championships, or ISSF World Championships) regardless of placement in Selection Matches will be named to the National Team for a training term that runs from the end of the Selection Match through the end of that ISSF competition.

4. Doubled team positions (slots) on the National Team are not passed down in any discipline or events. Any athlete qualifying for more than one position occupies those positions.

E. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM (NJT)

1. Qualifying through the USA Shooting National Championships (USASNC) or the Junior Olympic Shooting Championships (JOSC)

Athletes will qualify for the National Junior Team by medaling in the Open Junior category at the USASNC or by medaling in the Open Class at the JOSC in the following disciplines:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Junior Places</u>
a. Rifle – Junior Men	Jr 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions USASNC	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle USASNC	1,2,3
	Jr 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions JOSC	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle JOSC	1,2,3
b. Rifle – Junior Women	Jr 50m Rifle 3-Positions USASNC	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle USASNC	1,2,3
	Jr 50m Rifle 3-Positions JOSC	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle JOSC	1,2,3

3. Qualifying through in-competition participation at an ISSF “protected” junior competitions

Athletes will qualify for National Junior Team membership if they finish in the top three juniors at a USAS Selection Match used to select a junior team for ISSF Junior Championships or ISSF Junior Cups and if they compete in-competition in those ISSF matches in the following disciplines.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Junior Places</u>
a. Rifle – Junior Men	Jr 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle	1,2,3
b. Rifle – Junior Women	Jr 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions	1,2,3
	Jr 10m Air Rifle	1,2,3

If an athlete not in the top three at the Selection Match participates in-competition in the ISSF Junior Championships or ISSF Junior Cup in the above disciplines, the athlete will be named to the National Junior Team for a training term that runs from the end of the Selection Match through the end of that ISSF competition.

4. Qualifying through the National Council/CMP 3-Position Precision Air Rifle Championships

Athletes may qualify for the National Junior Team through the 3-Position Precision Air Rifle Championships which is the aggregate of National Council and CMP Championships. The high scoring Male and Female Athlete will be selected to the National Junior Team.

4. Doubled team positions (slots) on the National Junior Team are not passed down in any discipline or events. Any athlete qualifying for more than one position occupies those positions.

F. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NDT)

Athletes who have demonstrated medal winning potential and a consistent degree of success in national level competitions may be selected by the National Team Coach to become members of the National Development Team for a designated period of time. Members of the National Junior Team who “age out” before their one-year NJT membership would have expired will be moved to the NDT.