

USA SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – SHOTGUN**A. GENERAL**

The 2019 World Championship Shotgun team will be selected from the top-scoring U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting Policy and Procedure.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Funding for non-Olympic events will be budget contingent and reviewed on a case by case basis by the National Coach and High-Performance Manager. Alignment with the programs overall goals to include but not limited to quotas, extra range training, and preparation will be given the highest priority. All spots offered to USA Shooting athletes must be accepted or denied within a given timeline provided by the discipline National Coach. Depending on the relation of the International Competition to that of the Selection Match, more or less time may be allotted for decisions to be made. The exact decision timeframes will be posted in the selection procedures for each match.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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, Pan American Games and World Championships. 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 a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of the competition.
9. 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.
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 USA Shooting's Director of Operations or designated Technical Delegate who is the final authority.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The 2019 ISSF World Championship schedule is as follows:
 1. Lonato, ITA June 30 – July 10, 2019

B. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES – OLYMPIC EVENTS

1. Team trials and dates
 - a. Spring Selection Match
 - February 25 to March 9, 2019 – Tucson, AZ
2. Events to be contested
 - a. Men's Trap
 - b. Women's Trap
 - c. Men's Skeet
 - d. Women's Skeet
 - e. Mixed Team Trap – chosen based on individual performance in Men's and Women's Trap
3. Course of fire
 - a. Trap and Skeet Men 125 targets
 - b. Trap and Skeet Women 125 targets

4. Number of courses of fire
 - a. Spring Selection 2019 Two courses of fire- Men/Women
5. Spring Selection Finals
 - a. One ISSF final per contested event after two courses of fire. Current ISSF Finals rules.
 - b. Finals points awarded by finish position.
 - c. Finals points awarded will be added to qualification score
 - d. Finals points awarded Men & Women
 - 1) 1st = 3 points
 - 2) 2nd = 2 points
 - 3) 3rd = 1 points
6. 2019 World Championship Participant Selection – Olympic Events

At the time of this posting it is unconfirmed whether there will be Olympic Quotas on the line at the 2019 World Championships for Shotgun. Once this is known, these procedures will be updated to reflect the approach that we are taking. In the meantime, we have drawn out an if/then scenario in the case of still needing Olympic Quotas and Quota's being on the line at this match.

 - a. If Olympic Quota Places have been filled (2) in an individual event, the top three ranked individual athletes, Male and Female, per event, from the Shotgun (all events) 2019 Spring Selection Match – Tucson, AZ – February 25 – March 9 who meet the eligibility requirements for the 2019 World Championships will be selected to compete.
 - b. If Olympic Quota Places have not been filled and are still available (1 or 2) in an individual event, a discretionary selection committee will select the athletes with the best chance to compete and win a 2020 Olympic Quota Place at the 2019 World Championships
 - a. Based on the criteria below (in no priority order), the selection committee will rank six (6) athletes and the highest ranked three athletes will be selected to the 2019 World Championship Team. In addition, the Athlete must not have already won an individual Olympic Country Quota Place for the 2020 Olympic Games.
 - i. Athlete must have demonstrated an ability to qualify for elite international Finals. World Championship finalists and World Cup finalists from the competitions beginning 9/1/2018 – 6/1/2019 will receive strong consideration.
 - ii. Athlete must have demonstrated the ability to win 1st or 2nd place in at least National level finals in the USASNC (USA Shooting National Championships) and Selection competitions in the 2020 Tokyo quad. National Junior Olympic Results from the 2020 Tokyo quad may also be used in the case of a tiebreaker or comparison of athlete performance.
 - iii. Committee may consider an athletes performance at 2018 USAS National Championship, 2018 Summer Selection and overall competitive strength demonstrated as well as finals performance. Athletes demonstrating the ability to move forward in the finals at least 50% of their opportunities and that contend for a medal in at least 50% of the finals they qualify for will receive additional consideration.
 - iv. Athlete performance at the Shotgun 2019 Spring Selection Match will be strongly considered.

v. Athlete must be healthy and able to compete to the best of their ability at the 2019 World Championships as of April 1, 2019 and be able to participate in the training plan for the 2019 World Championships.

1. This information will come from the feedback of team physician Matt Zanis.

7. Mixed Team World Championship Selection – Olympic Events

a. The Mixed Team Selection for the 2019 World Championships will be based on the individual performances in Men's Trap and Women's Trap at Spring Selection. The highest ranked individual male and highest ranked individual female will be the first mixed team entry for World Championships. The second highest male and second highest female individual competitors will comprise the second mixed team entry.

8. Tie breaking procedures

a. Ties will be broken by shooting full regular rounds between the tied individuals until the tie is broken. Regular rounds are defined as a full qualification round of trap or skeet with full use of the gun.

C. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES – NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS

Athletes that have earned a Team nomination, based on the current USAS selection process, will be solely eligible to participate in Non-Olympic events held at World level ISSF Competitions. Athlete performance in the Olympic Event will be the highest priority when considering participation in Non-Olympic events and shall hold precedence over Non-Olympic events as to be determined by the athlete, National Coach, and High Performance Manager.

1. Non-Olympic Events to be contested at World Championships

- a. Mixed Team Skeet – Using Non-Olympic selection outlined below
- b. Men's Double Trap – Using Non-Olympic selection outlined below

2. 2019 World Championship Selection - Non-Olympic Events

a. Should there be more athletes interested in competing in a Non-Olympic Event than start positions allotted, the following criteria would be used to determine start positions:

i. Open Men and Women

1. The athlete with the highest World Ranking in the closest discipline, Trap - Double Trap, will earn one start position. The second highest World Ranking athlete would earn the second start position and so on until all start positions are full. If an athlete declines their spot it would then move to the next person on the ranking list.
2. In the event of a Mixed Team Non-Olympic event, the two athletes (Top Male and Top Female) with the highest World Ranking will be awarded the first mixed-team slot. If there is a second mixed team slot available, then the second highest athletes on the World Ranking list would earn the second Mixed Team start position. This process will continue until all teams are filled. If an athlete declines their spot it would then move to the next person on the ranking list.

ii. Junior Men and Women

1. The High Performance and National Coach staff will work in tandem to review the results of International and National performances in the closest discipline to determine the ranking list of athletes for the Non-Olympic events. The highest ranked athlete will be offered the first start position and if a second is available would be offered to the second on the ranking list. This would continue until all spots have been filled. If an athlete declines a spot then the next highest on the ranking list would be offered in their place.
2. In the event of a Mixed Team Non-Olympic event, the two athletes (Top Male and Top Female) that are highest on the ranking list will be awarded the first mixed-team slot. If there is a second mixed team slot available, then the second highest athletes on the ranking list would earn the second Mixed Team start position. This process will continue until all teams are filled. If an athlete declines their spot it would then move to the next person on the ranking list.

D. 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 2019 World Championship Shotgun Selection Procedure will be modified to mirror such changes.