

TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES NATIONAL TEAMS

Pistol

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the National Travel Team (NTT), National Team (NT), National Development Team (NDT), National Junior Team (NJT), National Junior Development Team (NJDT), Junior Olympic Squad (JOS), 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 NTT/NT/NDT/NJT/NJDT/JOS shooters 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. NTT--National Travel Team: Members are the top US athletes, who qualified for in-competition slots to ISSF World level competitions through the Selection process to WC, WCH, CAT, Pan Am, Olympic Games.
2. NT--National Team: Members are the top US athletes considered to be at the skill level needed to medal at ISSF World level competitions. NT members must be PSS qualified.
3. NDT--National Development Team: Non-PSS Team members qualified for the NT in accordance to the grid (Section F below) and at-large members appointed by the National coach.
4. NJT--National Junior Team: Members are juniors as defined by USAS and ISSF. NJT athletes are considered to be at the skill level to compete for World Level Junior medals. NJT members must be PSS qualified (Junior PSS).
5. NJDT—National Junior Development Team: Non-PSS junior Team members qualified for the NJT in accordance to the grid (Section F below) and at-large members appointed by the National coach.
6. JOS--Junior Olympic Squad: See Policy XXI.
7. Funding is prioritized towards NTT and NJT as outlined by the National coach's staff

C. TRAINING TERM

1. Any athlete selected to the NT/NDT/NJT during a calendar year will remain a member of the team until the beginning of the corresponding match in the next calendar year. NJT members that "age out" will be moved to the NDT as applicable.

2. The term of any athlete qualifying for or selected to the NTT/NJT for a specific competition will expire at the end of that competition.
 1. Those that made the National Travel Team (TT) for a specific event will be placed on the National Team or National Development team pending PSS verification.

D. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL TEAM

1. Regular members of the NT shall be selected from the top finishers in the events specified below at the USA Shooting National Championships (USASNC) or any USA Shooting Selection Matches. Doubled team positions (slots) are not filled in any discipline or events. Any athlete qualifying for more than one position occupies those positions. In all events, competitors tied for the last team position will have tied scores broken in accordance with USA Shooting Rules.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Places</u>
c. Pistol -- Men	25m Rapid Fire Pistol 10m Air Pistol	1,2,3
d. Pistol -- Women	25m Pistol 10m Air Pistol	1,2,3

2. Non-Olympic Events: NDT/NJDT slots will only be awarded to Non-Olympic Event athletes if they qualify for the World Championship Team in that event. Team tenure expires with the conclusion of the competition. There will be no funding to the WCH in non-Olympic events.

3. For all events listed in D. 1 above, a minimum of three entries in each event is required to select one team position, a minimum of six entries to select two team positions where two positions are indicated on the grid, and a minimum of nine entries to select three team positions where three positions are indicated on the grid. Junior category events are exempt from participation requirements.

E. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NDT)

1. NDT positions are non-PSS Team qualifiers based on the grid as outlined in D1 above as well as Travel Team members that are not PSS qualified and at-large appointments by the discipline National Coach. Any athlete that makes the NJT in a calendar year of their 20th birthday will be moved to the NDT after their junior eligibility expires.

F. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM (NJT)

1. Juniors (competitors under the age of 21 by December 31 of the year in which they are competing) are selected to the National Junior/National Junior Development Team according to the grid below. Doubles will not be filled in any event. Any shooter who qualifies for more than one team position occupies those position(s). Junior PSS qualification is required to be named to

the National Junior Team. Non-PSS Team qualifiers are named to the National Junior Development Team.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Places</u>
d. Pistol -- Men	10m Air Pistol JOSC	1,2,3
	25m Sport Pistol USASNC	1,2
	25m Sport Pistol JOSC	1,2,3
	25m Rapid Fire Pistol USASNC	1,2
	10m Air Pistol USASNC	1,2
e. Pistol -- Women	25m Pistol USASNC	1,2
	25m Pistol JOSC	1,2,3
	10m Air Pistol USASNC	1,2
	10m Air Pistol JOSC	1,2,3

G. JUNIOR OLYMPIC SQUAD

See Policy and Procedure XXI,

H. ADDITIONAL AT-LARGE SELECTIONS TO THE NDT/NJDT/JOS

Other at-large athletes may be appointed by the National Coach to become members to the NDT/NJDT.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Places</u>
Pistol	up to 10

I. NATIONAL TEAM POLICY

1. The National Team may consist of an “A” squad and a “B” squad for each discipline. Initially, all members of the NT will be selected to the “A” squad. Any “A” squad member may be moved to the “B” squad at any time by recommendation of the coach and action of the Director of Operations and with the final approval of the Executive Director based on the following criteria:

1. Lack of progress in demonstrated performance
2. Attitude
3. Failure to attend required activities
4. Code of Conduct violation

2. “B” squad members will not receive further support except at the recommendation of the National Coach and approval by the Director of Operations.

3. National Team members must participate in the training and competition activities established by the National Coach staff. All shooters selected to the NTT, NT, NDT, NJT or NJDT will work with the National Coach staff in creating and executing a training program designed to produce acceptable progress toward maximum performance. Failure of the Team member to do so may result in reduction or suspension of support.