

USA SHOOTING SHOTGUN NATIONAL TEAM STRUCTURE

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the Elite National Team or (ENT), National Team (NT), National Development Team (NDT), Elite National Junior Team (ENJT), National Junior Team (NJT), 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 Team members must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct, complete Safe Sport Training and stay current on all certification.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. ENT → Elite National Team:
 - a. Members are traveling and competing in a medal start position at ISSF World level competitions sanctioned by USAS as described in section D.
2. NT → National Team:
 - a. Members are the top US Open athletes from National Championships finish positions as described in section E.
 - b. Elite National Team Members who have completed their travel term will be appointed to the National Team for the remainder of the calendar year as described in section E.
3. NST → National Senior Team:
 - a. Members are the top US Senior athletes from National Championships finish positions as described in section F.
4. NDT → National Development Team:
 - a. Members are appointed by the National Coach. Appointees shall include NJT members that age out in the next calendar year and other at-large members as described in section G.
5. ENJT → Elite National Junior Team:
 - a. Members are traveling and competing in a medal start position at ISSF World level competitions sanctioned by USAS as described in section H.
6. NJT → National Junior Team:
 - a. Members are the top US Open athletes from National Championships and JO National Championships finish positions as described in section I.
 - b. Elite National Team Members who have completed their travel term will be appointed to the National Team for the remainder of the calendar year as described in section I.
7. JOS → Junior Olympic Squad:
 - a. Members are the top US Junior athletes from JO National Championships finish

positions as described in section J.

C. TRAINING TERM

1. Any athlete selected to the NT/NJT/NST/JO Squad at National Championships or JO National Championships will remain a member of the team until the beginning of the qualifying event in the next calendar year.
2. Any athlete selected to the ENT/ENJT will remain a member of the team until the completion of the selected International competition/s.
3. Any athlete appointed to the NT/NJT/NDT will remain a member of that Team until the end of the calendar year.
4. Any athlete on the ENT/ENJT with a podium appearance in a selected competition at the ISSF World level will remain a member of the team until the end of the calendar year.

D. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ELITE NATIONAL TEAM (ENT)

1. Elite National Team shall be US open athletes, who earned an appearance in a selected competition at the ISSF World level through the Selection process to WC, WCH, CAT, Pan Am, Olympic Games. Any athlete qualifying for more than one position occupies those positions. In all events, competitors tied for team position will have tied scores broken, to 6th place, in accordance with USA Shooting Rules.

E. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL TEAM (NT)

1. National Team shall be selected from the top finishers in the events specified below at the USA Shooting National Championships (USASNC). 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>
a.	Shotgun – Men	Trap	1,2,3
		Skeet	1,2,3
b.	Shotgun – Women	Trap	1,2,3
		Skeet	1,2,3

F. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL SENIOR TEAM (NST)

1. National Senior Team shall be selected from the top finishers in the events specified below at the USA Shooting National Championships (USASNC). 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>
a.	Shotgun – Men	Trap	1,2,3
		Skeet	1,2,3
b.	Shotgun – Women	Trap	1,2,3
		Skeet	1,2,3

G. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NDT)

1. All positions are appointed by the National Coach. Junior Athletes that make the NJT in the calendar year of their 20th birthday will be considered for appointment to the NDT after their junior eligibility expires. Other at-large members appointed by the National Coach.

H. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR ELITE NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM (ENJT)

1. US Juniors as defined by USAS and ISSF (competitors under the age of 21 by December 31 of the year in which they are competing) who earned in- competition slots to ISSF World Level Junior competitions through the Selection process to Gran Prix, WC, WCH. Any shooter who qualifies for more than one team position occupies those positions.

I. 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 from the top finishers in the events specified below at the USA Shooting National Championships (USASNC) & Junior Olympic National Championships (JONC) 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 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>
a.	Shotgun – Men Junior	Trap USASNC	1,2
		Skeet USASNC	1,2
		Trap JONC	1,2
		Skeet JONC	1,2

b. Shotgun – Women Junior	Trap USASNC	1,2
	Skeet USASNC	1,2
	Trap JONC	1,2
	Skeet JONC	1,2

J. SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC SQUAD (JOS)

1. Juniors (competitors under the age of 21 by December 31 of the year in which they are competing) are selected to the JO Squad 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).

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Places</u>
a. Shotgun – Men Junior	Skeet JONC	3,4
	Trap JONC	3,4
b. . Shotgun – Women Junior	Skeet JONC	3,4
	Trap JONC	3,4

Current or past members of the National Team, National Junior Team, National Development Team, are not eligible to occupy JO Squad positions.

K. Entry Requirements

1. For all events listed in D, E, F, G, H, I, & J 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

L. ADDITIONAL AT-LARGE SELECTIONS TO THE NT/NJT

1. Other at-large athletes may be appointed by the National Coach to become members to the NT/NJT.

M. NATIONAL TEAM POLICY

1. All National Teams 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 National Coach and action of the Director of Operations and with the final approval of the Executive Director based on the following criteria:
 - a. Lack of progress in demonstrated performance
 - b. Attitude
 - c. Failure to attend required activities
 - d. 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. All National Team members must participate in the training and competition activities established by the National Coach staff. All shooters selected to the ENT, NT, ENJT, NJT, and JO Squad 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.

N. FUNDING PRIORITY

1. All funding will be prioritized to the ENT & ENJT with an emphasis on podium potential.

Podium potential is based on the following criteria:

- a. Podium appearances in the current and preceding years at earned in- competition slots to ISSF World level competitions through the Selection process
 - b. Finals appearances in the current and preceding years at earned in- competition slots to ISSF World level competitions through the Selection process
 - c. Top 10 finishes in the current and preceding years at earned in- competition slots to ISSF World level competitions through the Selection process
2. National Team & National Junior Team funding will be budget contingent after ENT & ENJT funding. Funding will be prioritized toward International finals potential.

International finals potential is based on the following criteria:

- a. Finals appearances in the current and preceding year at ISSF World level, National Level, and selection competitions
- b. Top 10 finishes in the current and preceding year at at ISSF World level, National Level, and selection competitions

N. FUNDING PRIORITY

3. National Senior Team & JO Squad Funding will be limited to:
 - a. Ammunition draw as per the current Ammunition issue policy.
 - b. Team Vest
 - c. Entry Fees at National Championships or National Junior Championships
 - d. Competition Ammunition at National Championships or National Junior Championships
 - e. Priority invites to developmental camps hosted in Colorado Springs