

2019/2020 Paralympic National Teams Selection Procedures

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A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the Paralympic National Team (PNT) or the Paralympic Development Team (PNDT), an individual must be a/an:
 - a. U.S. Citizen
 - b. Member of USA Shooting in good standing
 - c. Active athlete in the sport by training and/or competitions
 - d. Meet International Paralympic Committee (IPC), United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and World Shooting Para Sports (WSPS) eligibility criteria for the Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games, and WSPS sanctioned international competitions.
2. All PNT/PNDT members 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.
3. A breach in the code of conduct is grounds for dismissal from the Paralympic National Team or Paralympic National Development Team.
4. Only current Paralympic events will be considered for eligibility toward the Paralympic National Team and Paralympic National Development Team.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. PNT – Paralympic National Team: Members are the most competitive US athletes and have proven they are capable to contend at the most elite competitions.
2. PNDT—Paralympic National Development Team: Members are US athletes considered to possess a very high skill level and could soon be competitive at elite competitions.

C. Selection to the Paralympic National Team

Members of the Paralympic National Team have proven themselves to be competitive at an elite level. Meeting one of the criteria below places an athlete on the PNT.

1. Fire two FBS Scores (See section E) within one year at a World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) sanctioned competition, International Shooting Championship of Hannover (ISCH), a USA Shooting (USAS) sanctioned selection match, USAS Winter Airgun, USAS National Championships
 - a. Once an athlete has fired one FBS, they have one year to fire a second, at that time they become a member of the Paralympic National Team.
2. Win a Paralympic Quota slot at a WSPS World Cup or World Championship

D. Selection Procedure for Paralympic National Development Team

Athletes will be selected to the PNDT upon completion of one of the following achievements (and will remain on the PNDT for one year upon nomination):

1. Fire one FBS score at a WSPS sanctioned competition, ISCH, a USA Shooting sanctioned selection match, USAS Winter Airgun, USAS National Championships
2. Medal at WSPS World Cup
 - a. Event must include at least 8 competitors
3. The discretion of the Paralympic Shooting Coach
 - a. The criteria used will include match performance, match progression, effort, commitment to training, and attitude

Retroactive Scores: To ensure all shooters have had an adequate number of opportunities to garner Finals Benchmark Scores, a score meeting the FBS outlined in this procedure fired at a WSPS sanctioned match or a USA Shooting sanctioned selection match (to include USASNC 2019) within the previous 6 months of December 1, 2020 (June 1, 2019 and onward) may count toward an athletes nomination to the Paralympic National Team or Paralympic National Development Team.

E. Finals Benchmark Scores (FBS)

Finals Benchmark Scores represent a score necessary for an athlete to be competitive at elite level competitions. For that reason, an athlete must fire two FBS scores within one year of each other to be named to the Paralympic National Team.

Once an athlete has fired one FBS, they have one year from that date to fire a second, at that time they become a member of the Paralympic National Team. Upon firing the second FBS they have National Paralympic Team status for one year from the time of the second FBS match.

Finals Benchmark Scores are calculated from the average 8th place score (the cutline for the final) from selected competitions (listed below). These competitions were selected because they are the four competitions in which it was possible to win a quota for the Paralympic Games – thus they had the strongest and most competitive fields. In events where integer scoring is used standard rounding conventions will be used if the average score results in a decimal. **World Cup Lima is the final opportunity to win Paralympic quotas, because this match will not be contested until late May 2020 it will not be factored into the Finals Benchmark Scores for 2019/2020**

Competitions Used to Determine FBS:

1. 2018 World Championship Korea
2. 2018 World Cup France
3. 2019 World Cup UAE
4. 2019 World Championship Australia

Below are the Final Benchmark Scores in each event:

Rifle

R1 – 616.2
R2 – 613.0
R3 – 632.0
R4 – 629.2
R5 – 633.9
R6 – 616.8
R7 – 1144
R8 – 1131
R9 – 611.7

Pistol

P1 – 563
P2 – 548
P3 – 561
P4 – 533