

USA SHOOTING RIFLE/PISTOL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

2021 El Salvador Junior Airgun Team Selection

March 8 – 14, 2021 San Salvador, El Salvador

This Junior Airgun Grand Prix will be held March 8-14, 2021 in San Salvador, El Salvador to award country Quota places for participation in the 2021 Junior Pan American Games. 15 Country Quota Places will be awarded in each individual event; Junior Men's Air Rifle, Junior Women's Air Rifle, Junior Men's Air Pistol, and Junior Women's Air Pistol. Up to three athletes per individual event will be selected by using the below selection criteria.

A. GENERAL

1. The 2021 El Salvador Junior Grand Prix participants will be selected from the discretionary criteria as outlined in Section B below. To be eligible for selection the athlete must meet the following criteria:

- **Age:** Athletes must be at least 15 years old and up to 20 years old by the day the competition begins, March 8, 2021.
- **Commitment of Travel:** Athlete must commit to being available to travel to and compete in El Salvador from at least March 5 – 15, 2021.
- **Passport:** Athlete must have a valid passport or submitted for one by the time you have submitted your application below.
- **Commitment of Cost:** Athletes must be able to pay up to the full cost of the trip including flights, hotels, entry fees, firearm permits, and any other items associated with the travel and competition.

2. Qualifying and selected athletes 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.

3. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct. No alterations to the Code of Conduct are permitted.

4. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn. Team positions will not be filled by non-firing athletes. Selection of team members will consist of eligible junior athletes only in compliance with the entry restrictions of this competition.

5. In the event of illness, injury or withdrawal of an athlete, the next highest ranked athlete from the team selection process will be added onto the team. When a vacancy occurs within 14 days of the competition the athlete qualified for, that slot will be left unfilled due to international, administrative, ticketing and visa requirements.

6. All Team slots earned must be accepted or declined within established suspense dates. Self-funding slots, if offered or applicable, must be accepted or declined by the stated suspense date and any required deposit for team travel must be received at USAS within a defined timeframe.

7. Due to the COVID related cancellations and postponements that have been experienced over the course of the last year and moving forward, the criteria below will include results from matches previously held as well as matches upcoming.

B. RIFLE/PISTOL TEAM DISCRETIONARY SELECTION PROCEDURES

Due to the unprecedented cancellation and postponement of competitions from early 2020 and continuing now this selection procedure will include a discretionary panel looking at results over the course of 2019 – 2020. Below you will find the full details of the discretionary selection including results considered, application process, and selection committee.

1. Events to be selected
 1. Junior Men's Air Rifle
 2. Junior Women's Air Rifle
 3. Junior Men's Air Pistol
 4. Junior Women's Air Pistol
2. Application Process
 1. Athlete must apply to be selected to the 2021 El Salvador Junior Airgun Grand Prix by submitting an online Competition Resume, which can be found [HERE](#). The application window will stay open through January 7th, 2021.
3. Application Deadline
 1. Applications for consideration must be submitted by January 7th, 2021. Any applications received after the deadline will not be accepted after this date. There will also be no edits to applications after this date.
4. Team Selection Date
 1. All team selections will take place by January 14th, 2021.
5. Application/Selection Criteria
 1. Athletes wishing to be eligible must fill out the Competition Resume at the link online, which can be found [HERE](#).
 2. As part of the Competition Resume athletes will be asked to provide relevant airgun competition scores from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020
 1. Stronger consideration will be given to results from major competitions, more recent competitions, and head-to-head results with like applicants.
 1. Major Competitions are defined as ISSF competitions and/or USA Shooting National Level competitions such as USAS National Championships, Spring/Fall Selection, and Winter Airgun. These ISSF and USA Shooting competition scores will carry more weight in the selection process.

2. Athlete development and overall progression will be factored in to final selections due to the prolonged timeframe of results being considered as well as future competitions.
3. Athletes must be healthy enough to train and compete at the best of their ability leading up to and including the 2021 El Salvador Youth Airgun Grand Prix.
6. USA Shooting Discretionary Selection Committee
 1. The USA Shooting Discretionary Selection Committee for this competition will consist of the following individuals:
 1. National Pistol Coach
 2. National Rifle Coach
 3. USAS Sr Manager of High Performance
 4. USAS Pistol Athlete Representative(s)
 5. USAS Rifle Athlete Representative(s)
7. Mixed Team Events
 1. At this time it is not known if the Mixed Team event will be part of the schedule for this competition. Should Mixed Team be an event the team members will consist of the same athletes chosen to compete through the discretionary selection committee. Partners for the Mixed Team format would also be chosen by the selection committee.

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All selected Individuals will be named to the USAS National Junior Team from January 14th, 2021 through the 2021 USA Shooting National Championships.
2. In the event of an individual no longer wishing to compete, the discretionary selection committee will offer the spot to the next individual based on the internal ranking list created.
3. In the event of event cancellation, postponement, or other unforeseen changes USA Shooting reserves the right to update these procedures as needed.