

2021-2024 Rifle Selection Procedures

Selections for the USAS National Rifle Team (Team USA)

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The USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) includes the members of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. Members of the USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) are eligible to receive support from USA Shooting and represent the USA in international competitions.

National Team (NT) Selection

Eligible for automatic invitations to ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions; eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Team will include:

- Athletes who represent the USA in the major ISSF Open Championship-of-the-year (World Championships, Continental Championships, Olympic Games) in an Olympic event.
- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Ranking Points.
 - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
 - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 15th place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.
 - o The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games and the World Championships.
 - Exception: Because of the delay in the 2020 Olympic Games and loss of the 2020 ISSF World Cup season, the 2021 NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the 2019 World Cup scores and remain in effect through 2022.
 - o The 2021-2022 NT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
 - 2021 Men's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.03
 - 2021 Women's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.50
 - 2021 Men's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 1173.50
 - 2021 Women's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 1170.75

National Development Team (NDT) Selection

Eligible for automatic invitations to ISSF Grands Prix; eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Development Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Ranking Points.
 - o The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
 - o The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 30th place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.

- The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games or World Championships.
 - Exception: Because of the delay in the 2020 Olympic Games and loss of the 2020 ISSF World Cup season, the 2021 NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the 2019 World Cup scores and remain in effect through 2022.
- The 2021-2022 NDT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
 - 2021 Men's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.65
 - 2021 Women's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.55
 - 2021 Men's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 1168.25
 - 2021 Women's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 1165.25

National Futures Team

Eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Futures Team will include:

- Junior and Collegiate Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT and who:
 - Represent the USA in the major ISSF Junior Championship of the year in an Olympic event (World Championships); or
 - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USASNC; or
 - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USAS Junior Olympics; or
 - Win the Individual NCAA Championships in air rifle or smallbore; or
 - Finish in the top two USA NCAA season averages in air rifle or smallbore; or
 - Win the Air Rifle 3-Position National Championship; or
 - Qualify for an ISSF or equivalent international competition (El Salvador, Suhl, etc.); or
 - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)
- Open Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT who:
 - Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Smallbore 3x40 or Air Rifle; or
 - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)

Athletes remain members of the National Futures Team for a term of 1 year from when they qualify, except for the coach/committee selections whose term will be on a case-by-case basis.

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USAS Rifle Athlete Ranking Points System

Athletes will be ranked in order based on a 1-year rolling Ranking Points system. The Ranking Points will be a combination of the athlete's Average Score Points plus Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned.

Ranking

Events and Valid Scores

- Rankings will be kept in the Olympic Games Individual medal events. Currently this includes:
 - o Men's Air Rifle
 - o Women's Air Rifle
 - o Men's Smallbore
 - o Women's Smallbore
- Only scores from Olympic Games medal events will be used for ranking.
 - o Results from the following Olympic Games events can be included in the Average Score Points and used to earn Achievement Bonus Points. Currently, these events and courses of fire are:
 - Men's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-Shot course of fire
 - Women's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
 - Men's Smallbore, ISSF 3x40 course of fire
 - Women's Smallbore, ISSF 3x40 course of fire
 - o Results from the following Olympic Games event can be used to earn Achievement Bonus Points only, and for performances only in ISSF World Cups, World Championships, and Olympic Games. Scores from this event cannot be included in the Average Score Points.
 - Air Rifle Mixed Team
- Average Score Points and Achievement Bonus Points must be earned in designated ranking competitions.
- Average Score Points are valid within a rolling 1-year window. Scores will be dropped from the ranking after 1 year, at the end of the month in which they were achieved.
- Achievement Bonus Points are valid within a rolling 1-year window. ABP will be dropped from the ranking after 1 year, at the end of the month in which they were achieved, except for the following:
 - o Olympic Games ABP, World Championships ABP, and ISSF World Record ABP are carried over at half value for a second year.
 - o ISSF World Ranking ABP are valid as long as the athlete is ranked by the ISSF.
- The ranking starts on July 1, 2021. No retroactive scores or achievements will be included in the Average Score Points or Achievement Bonus Points, although any ISSF World Rankings that are current as of July 1 will be included.

Minimum Requirements for Ranking and Team Selection

- To be included in the ranking system, athletes must shoot one Threshold Score in a qualification round of a designated ranking competition. Athletes will be tracked in the ranking system for 1 year after the last attained Threshold Score. No scores or achievements that were posted before

the initial Threshold Score was met will be counted toward the Average Score Points or the Achievement Bonus Points.

- Men's and Women's Air Rifle Threshold Score: 623.0
- Men's and Women's Smallbore 3x40 Threshold Score: 1162
- Exceptions:
 - An initial National Team and National Development Team will be selected after the results of the 2021 USASNC have been posted. All three courses of fire will be used, regardless of when the threshold score was achieved.
 - If five or fewer courses of fire in designated ranking competitions have been available in time for selection to late 2021 events, all courses of fire in designated ranking competitions will be used regardless of when the threshold score was achieved.
- A minimum of five (5) ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions are required for Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.
 - Exception: An initial National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team will be named on the following dates:
 - On July 1, named to the National Team:
 - The 2021 Olympic Team
 - On July 1, named to the National Futures Team:
 - The 2021 El Salvador Junior Team
 - The 2021 NCAA Champions
 - The athletes with the top two USA 2020-21 NCAA season smallbore and air rifle averages
 - The Top 3 finishers at the 2021 Junior Olympics
 - After the results from the 2021 USASNC have been posted:
 - National Team members based on the Ranking Points from all three USASNC scores, regardless of when the threshold score was obtained.
 - National Development Team members based on the Ranking Points from the three USASNC scores, regardless of when the threshold score was obtained.
 - Exception: Late season 2021 Teams may be selected using fewer than 5 scores if fewer than 5 designated ranking competitions have been available before entries are due. If 5 or fewer courses of fire have been available, all scores in designated ranking competitions will be used regardless of when the threshold score was obtained.

The Ranking Points

The Ranking Points used for Team Selection are the Average Score Points plus the Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned within the current 1-year window. Athletes will be ranked in order based on the Ranking Points.

- Results from Open designated ranking competitions can be used toward the Average Score Points and earning ABP. Results from Junior-only designated ranking competitions can be used toward the Average Score Points; ABP will not be awarded for junior events.

The Average Score Points

The Average Score Points used for ranking will be the average of the top five (5) scores from ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions that have been posted within the current 1-year window.

- Scores will count for 1 year through the end of the month in which they were posted.
- For Team Selection, at least one of the five (5) counting scores must be posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.
 - o Exception: The 4-month requirement may be waived if there were no designated ranking competitions available within 4 months of the Team Selection Date.

Achievement Bonus Points (ABP)

Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) are earned for winning medals, for performance in finals, and for other significant achievements earned through performances in designated ranking competitions. ABP are added onto the Average Score Points.

- The following categories of ABP can be earned:
 - o Olympic Games ABP, earned by making the final and by medaling in the Olympic Games.
 - Valid at full value for 1 year after the Olympics through the end of the month in which they were achieved.
 - Valid at half value for the 2nd year after the Olympics up to the World Championships.
 - Exception: Because of the delay in the 2020 Olympic Games, the 2021 Olympic ABP will be valid through August, 2023.
 - o World Championships ABP, earned by making the final and by medaling in the World Championships.
 - Valid at full value for 1 year after World Championships through the end of the month in which they were achieved.
 - Valid at half value for the 2nd year after the World Championships up to the Olympic Games.
 - o Match ABP, earned by winning medals and placing in designated competitions.
 - The best five (5) Match ABP earned by winning medals and placing in competitions can be included in the Ranking Points.
 - The competitions used to earn the best five (5) ABP do not have to correspond to the same competitions used to determine the Average Score Points.
 - Match ABP are valid for 1 year through the end of the month in which they were achieved.
 - o ISSF World Record ABP, earned by setting a World Record recognized by the ISSF in Olympic events.
 - ISSF World Record ABP are valid at full value for 1 year through the end of the month in which the record was set.
 - ISSF World Record ABP are valid at half value for the 2nd year through the end of the month in which the record was set.
 - o Equivalent World Record ABP, earned by achieving a qualification score in any designated ranking competition that is equal to or higher than the current World Record in that event.
 - Equivalent World Record ABP are valid for 1 year through the end of the month in which they were achieved.

Designated Ranking Competitions

Results from the following competitions can be used for ranking.

International Designated Ranking Competitions

- Olympic Games
- ISSF World Championships
- ISSF and IOC Continental Championships
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF Grands Prix
- ISSF Champions Cup
- ISSF Junior World Championships (scores only, no ABP)
- ISSF Junior Continental Championships (scores only, no ABP)
- ISSF Junior Cups (scores only, no ABP)
- Other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches that have been designated as ranking competitions
 - o To count toward ranking, other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches must:
 - Be designated as a ranking competition.
 - Have a minimum of 3 countries and 25 competitors in an event to qualify as an ABP event. If the match does not meet the minimum number of countries and competitors, the score can be used toward the Average Score Points, but no ABP will be awarded.

Domestic Designated Ranking Competitions

- USAS National Championships
- USAS Junior Olympics (scores only, no ABP)
- Other USAS and non-USAS matches that have been designated as ranking competitions
 - o To count toward ranking, other USAS and non-USAS domestic matches must:
 - Be designated as a ranking competition.
 - Have a minimum of 25 competitors in an event to qualify as an ABP event. If the match does not meet the minimum number of competitors, the score can be used toward the Average Score Points, but no ABP will be awarded.

Waivers

- **Extended Break from Competition Waiver.** An athlete may take an extended break from competition and be re-instated into the Ranking System at the same level as at the start of the break if a waiver is requested in advance and approved by the Selection Committee. At least two new scores must be entered before the athlete is eligible for ISSF Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of the Selection deadline.
 - **Other Waivers.** Under extraordinary circumstances an athlete may file a waiver to accommodate unanticipated situations that are out of the athlete's control.
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