

**USA SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2021 World Cup Selection Procedures**  
**RIFLE**

**A. General**

1. The 2021 World Cup Teams will be selected from U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting (USAS) Policy.
2. Athletes selected to the Team must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria. See USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section II regarding eligibility criteria. Athletes must hold a current passport that does not expire for six months following the championship. Passports are the responsibility of the athlete. USAS will obtain any required visas.
3. Team members will be selected based on trials performance and Tokyo 2020 ISSF Ranking. There will be no subjective selection unless stated and detailed in procedures outlined below.
4. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct and USOPC Code of Conduct as may be applicable.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn. Team members will be selected as provided by ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations as well as the Organizing Committee program.
6. Funding for Qualifying Athletes will be budget contingent for all competitions. For any spots that are offered as completely self or partial funded USA Shooting will communicate with the athlete(s) who qualifies the expected trip cost as close as possible to the actual cost. This will be communicated before the deadline to accept or deny your position.
7. In the event and athlete voluntarily withdraws form the Team due to illness, injury, or other reasons or should be removed, the slot may be filled according to the following competition deadlines:
  - a. If withdrawal occurs before the visa application, gun permit application, or final entry deadline (whichever comes first) the slot will be filled with the next highest ranked athlete eligible for that Team slot.
  - b. If withdrawal occurs after the vis application, gun permit application, or final entry deadline (whichever comes first) the slot may be filled by members already on the Team or left unfilled if no one is able to fill the spot.
8. USA Shooting will offer enough spots to each listed competition to submit a full team. Should eligible athletes not fill the available spots we will not be extending invitations beyond the threshold described below.

9. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.
10. The 2021 ISSF World Cup schedule is as follows:
  - a. World Cup New Delhi March 18 to March 29, 2021
  - b. World Cup Changwon April 16 to 27, 2021
  - c. World Cup Baku June 21 to July 1, 2021

## **B. 2021 World Cup Participant Selection**

1. World Cup Participants will be selected based on the USA Shooting Olympic Trials Final Ranking List comprising of the 2019 – 2020 Olympic Trials. Team Positions for 2021 World Cups will be distributed as follows:
  - a. In Air Rifle 2020 Olympic Team members and alternates shall claim four of the team positions at all 2021 World Cups. Athletes will have priority by how they finished in the 2020 Olympic Trials Ranking List should there be less in-competition slots than athletes. Until the Smallbore Trials are completed the top four athletes in the current Olympic Trials Ranking will claim the four spots with any declined spots dropping to the next on the ranking list down to 8<sup>th</sup> place.
  - b. Any remaining start positions will be geared towards a development slot. Development slots are defined as individuals who did not finish in the top 4 of the final Olympic Trials Ranking List for the event in question but stand to benefit from World Cup experience in that particular event in order to develop potential team members for the World Championship Team and/or Paris 2024 and will be selected using the criteria as follows:
    - a. Results at competitions from January 2019 through the time of Team Selection for the designated World Cup
    - b. Past international experience and corresponding results
    - c. Eligibility for major ISSF Junior competitions such as Junior World Championships and Jr Pan American Games.
  - c. Development Team Slots will be awarded by a selection committee that will rank a top 3 of eligible athletes. Should a development individual turn down a team slot, the next highest ranked individual by way of the selection committee will be offered in their place. Should the list of top 3 athletes be exhausted that team slot will not be filled. The selection committee will consist of the following individuals:
    - a. National Team Coach
    - b. High Performance Staff
    - c. Athlete Representative that is not eligible to be selected or has already been selected for the particular World Cup

## **C. 2021 World Cup Mixed Team Start Positions**

1. Mixed Team start positions for all World Cups will be filled by those selected to compete as individuals described in Section B above.

- a. The highest ranked individual for men and the highest ranked individual for women in attendance, will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 1.
- b. The Second highest ranked individual for men and the second highest ranked individual for women, in attendance, will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 2.

#### **D. 2021 World Cup Three (3) Man Team Start Positions**

1. Three Man Team start positions for all 2021 World Cups will be based on the 2020 Olympic Trials Ranking List, individual finish position.
  - a. The highest three (3) ranked individuals for men and the highest three (3) ranked individuals for women, in attendance, will earn Team start positions and be entered as Team USA Men & Team USA Women.

#### **E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. It is recognized that changes to the ISSF events program including finals may change for the 2021-2024 quadrennial. In the event such changes are adopted, this 2021 World Cup Rifle Selection Procedure will be modified to mirror such changes.
2. 2021 priorities emphasize continued training of top athletes to perform and obtain World Cup & Continental Championship podium and final appearances. A concentrated funding strategy will be focused on those top athletes that demonstrate the potential to podium at 2021 World Cups & 2020ne Olympic Games. Additional Team Training and Travel will be prioritized within available budget with an emphasis on 2020ne Olympic and 2024 Olympic Podium potential.