

USA SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
2021 USA Shooting Junior Travel Team

A. GENERAL

1. The 2021 Junior Travel Team will be selected from U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting (USAS) Policy.
2. Selected athletes must meet the following criteria
 - a. United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria. See USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section II regarding eligibility criteria.
 - b. 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.
 - c. To be eligible in the selection process athletes must be considered an Open Junior or Sub as per ISSF rule 7.4.3.1, based on the 2021 Junior World Championship Schedule.
3. Team members will be selected based on trials performance. 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 USOC Code of Conduct.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn.
6. Funding for Qualifying Athletes will be budget contingent.
7. In the event an athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team due to illness, injury or other reason or is removed, the next eligible athlete from the team selection process is added to the team. When replacement from the team occurs within 14 days of that athlete's competition, the slot may be filled by members already on the team if applicable, or the position left unfilled, due to international travel and administrative requirements. This time may be extended as dictated by visa requirements.
8. This USA Shooting Team will normally be a full team comprised of the maximum number of Medal Positions permitted by the IOC, ISSF and/or Organizing Committee. Due to budget constraints or other criteria determined by the USAS Board of Directors, team size may be limited.
9. In the event of inclement weather, power outages, range and range equipment errors, or circumstances beyond the control of the organizing staff, the team selection course of fire may be altered as determined by the competition jury in conjunction with the match director, National Coach and USA Shooting's Director of Operations or designated Technical Delegate who is the final authority.

10. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOC 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 USOC rules, as applicable.
11. The 2021 ISSF Junior World cup & World Championship schedule is as follows:
 - a. Suhl GER World Cup July 3 to 11, 2021
 - b. Almaty KAZ World Cup August 26 to September 6, 2021
 - c. Las Palmas PER World Championship September 25 to October 10, 2021

B. OPEN JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Team trials and dates –
 - a) Spring Selection Match, April 7 – 18, 2021
2. Events to be contested
 - a. Men's Trap
 - b. Women's Trap
 - c. Men's Skeet
 - d. Women's Skeet
3. Course of fire
 - a. Trap and Skeet Men 125 targets
 - b. Trap and Skeet Women 125 targets
4. Number of Courses of fire
 - a. Two Course of fire
 - b. One Final
5. Finals
 - a. One ISSF final per contested event after two courses of fire. Current ISSF Finals rules.
 - b. Finals points awarded by finish position
 - c. Finals points awarded will be added to qualification score for aggregate score
 - d. Finals points awarded Men & Women:
 - i. 1st = 3 points
 - ii. 2nd = 2 points
 - iii. 3rd = 1 point
6. Open Junior Start Positions
 - a. Start positions earned through the trials process will be the aggregate score from qualification course of fire and finals points awarded.
 - b. The top four (4) high aggregate scores, Men & Women, will earn one start position for 2021 Junior World Cup Amalty, AZ & World Championships Las Palmas PER.
 - c. Funding for Qualifying Athletes will be budget contingent.

C. SUB JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Team trials and dates –
 - a. Spring Selection Match, April 7 – 18, 2021
2. Events to be contested
 - a. Men's Trap
 - b. Women's Trap
 - c. Men's Skeet
 - d. Women's Skeet
3. Course of fire
 - a. Trap and Skeet Men 125 targets
 - b. Trap and Skeet Women 125 targets
4. Number of Courses of fire
 - a. Two Course of fire
 - b. No Final
5. Finals
 - a. None
6. Sub Junior Start Positions
 - a. Sub Junior start positions earned through the trials process will be the aggregate score from the qualification course of fire only.
 - b. The top two (2) high qualification scores, Men & Women, will earn one start position for 2021 Junior World Cup Almaty, AZ & World Championships Las Palmas PER
 - c. Funding for Qualifying Athletes will be budget contingent.

D. MIXED TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Mixed Team start positions through the trials process will be based on the individual finish at the selection competition.
2. The highest individual aggregate score for men and the highest individual aggregate score for women will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 1.
3. The Second highest individual aggregate score for men and the second highest individual aggregate score for women will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 2.

E. THREE (3) MAN TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Three Man Team start positions for all 2021 World Cups and World Championships will be based Individual finish positions from selection Match
 - a. The highest three (3) finishing individuals for men and the highest Three (3) finishing individuals for women, in attendance, will earn Team start positions and be entered as Team USA Men & Team USA Women.

F. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. Ties for Team start positions will be broken by shooting full regular rounds between the tied individuals until the tie is broken.
2. Regular Rounds are defined as a full qualification round of trap or skeet.

G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The current ISSF Finals impact the competition format and results significantly creating a challenge in selecting teams. Athletes selected to the teams must be able to demonstrate both high skill levels in the qualification and in the finals.
2. Elimination style finals require other than purely score based system for ranking athletes if international medal success is to be achieved. Therefore, a system including the award of points for finals placement has been developed.
3. 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 Shotgun Selection Procedure will be modified to mirror such changes.
4. 2021 priorities emphasize continued training of top athletes to perform and obtain World Championship podium and final appearances. A concentrated funding strategy will be focused on those top athletes that demonstrate the potential to podium at 2024 Olympic Games. Additional Team Training and Travel will be prioritized within the available budget with an emphasis on World Podium Potential.