

2022 - 2024 National Para Teams Selection Procedures

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the National Para Team (NPT) , National Para Development Team (NPDT), and/or National Para Futures Team (NPFT) 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 NPT, NPDT, and NPFT 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.
5. Once nominated to a National Team athletes will have one full year of eligibility from when they earned their spot.

B. TEAM BREAKDOWNS

1. NPT - National Para Team: Members are the most competitive US athletes and have proven they are capable to contend at the most elite competitions.
2. NPDT - National Para Development Team: Members are US athletes considered to possess a very high skill level and could soon be competitive at elite competitions.
3. NPFT – National Para Futures Team: Members may be comprised of junior aged athletes or up and coming open level competitors who are on track to become competitive on the international stage as they progress in the sport.

C. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA TEAM (NPT)

National Para Team (NPT) Athletes are eligible for automatic invitations to WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix's, and other WSPS International Competitions. The NPT Members will include:

- Athletes who represent Team USA in the major WSPS Open Championship(s)-of-the-year (World Cups, World Championships, Continental Championships, Paralympic Games) in a Paralympic event.
- Athletes who win USA Shooting National Championships. Win defined as taking first place in qualification total score.
- Athletes whose Qualifying Score Average (QSA) meet or exceed the NPT Competition Qualifying Score minimum.

- The NPT Competition Qualifying Score Average (QSA) minimum will be the average **8th** place score of the WSPS World Cup results over a two-year period, from the Paralympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Paralympic Games.
- The NPT QSA minimum will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Paralympic Games and the World Championships. Exception: Because of the delay in the 2020 Paralympic Games and loss of the 2020 WSPS World Cup season, the 2021-2022 NPT Competition Qualifying Score minimum will be based on the 2021-2022 World Cup, World Championships and Paralympic Games scores and remain in effect through 2023.
- The 2021-2022 NPT QSA minimums by event are:

Rifle:

SH1 R1 10m Men's Standing: 616.2
SH1 R2 10m Women's Standing: 616.7
SH1 R3 10m Mixed Prone: 632.4
SH2 R4 10m Mixed Standing: 630.3
SH2 R5 10m Mixed Prone: 634.6
SH1 R6 50m Mixed Prone: 617.1
SH1 R7 50m Men's 3 position: 1149
SH1 R8 50m Women's 3 position: 1139
SH2 R9 50m Mixed Prone: 617.2

Pistol:

P1 10m Men's: 563
P2 10m Women's: 553
P3 25m Mixed Sport: 564
P4 50m Mixed Free Pistol: 533

D. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NPDT)

National Para Development Team (NPDT) Athletes are eligible for automatic invitations to WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix's, and other WSPS International Competitions. The NPDT Members will include:

- Athletes who represent Team USA in the major WSPS Open Championship(s)-of-the-year (World Championships, Continental Championships, Paralympic Games) in a Paralympic event in a developmental slot.
- Athletes whose Qualifying Score Average (QSA) meet or exceed the NPDT Competition Qualifying Score minimum.
 - The NPT Competition Qualifying Score Average (QSA) minimum will be the average **16th** place score of the WSPS World Cup results over a two-year period, from the Paralympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Paralympic Games.
 - The NPT QSA minimum will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Paralympic Games and the World Championships.

Exception: Because of the delay in the 2020 Paralympic Games and loss of the 2020 WSPS World Cup season, the 2021-2022 NPDT QSA minimum will be based on the 2021-2022 World Cup, World Championships and Paralympic Games scores and remain in effect through 2023.

- The 2021-2022 NPDT QSA minimums by event are:

SH1 R1 10m Men's Standing: 604.2
SH1 R2 10m Women's Standing: 608.6
SH1 R3 10m Mixed Prone: 629.9
SH2 R4 10m Mixed Standing: 622.2
SH2 R5 10m Mixed Prone: 631.5
SH1 R6 50m Mixed Prone: 614.4
SH1 R7 50m Men's 3 position: 1125
SH1 R8 50m Women's 3 position: 1120
SH2 R9 50m Mixed Prone: 612.0

Pistol:

P1 10m Men's: 551
P2 10m Women's: 540
P3 25m Mixed Sport: 551
P4 50m Mixed Free Pistol: 515

E. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA FUTURES TEAM (NPFT)

National Para Futures Team (NPFT) Athletes are eligible to fill developmental slots, should any be available, at WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix's, and other WSPS International Competitions. The NPFT Members will include:

- Junior Athletes who are not already on the NPT or NPDT who either:
 - Represent Team USA in the major WSPS Paralympic event(s) (World Championships)
 - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USASNC
 - Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USAS Junior Olympics
 - Qualify for a WSPS or equivalent international competition
 - Selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)
- Open Athletes who are not already on the NPT or NPDT who either:
 - Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Smallbore 3x40 or Air Rifle
 - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)

Athletes remain members of the NPFT 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.

F. SELECTION TO WSPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Athletes will be ranked in order, in accordance with their individual Classification as per WSPS Classification standards, based on a 1-year rolling Qualifying Score Average (QSA) system.

This QSA will include the top 5 Qualifying scores in the Athletes Classification Paralympic event. At least one of the 5 Qualifying Scores is required to be within 4 months of an NPT/NPDT/NPFT selection. Competitions recognized in the QSA will include, but are not limited to:

Matches held at USA Shooting Paralympic Camps

USA Shooting designated Selection matches

USA Shooting Winter Air Gun National Championships

USA Shooting National Championships

WSPS Open Championship-of-the-year (World Championships, Continental Championships)

WSPS World Cups