

## **USA SHOOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **U.S. SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. The U.S. Shooting Team (USST) will be selected from the top scoring U.S. citizens under USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section III, U.S. Shooting Team Selection Procedures and applicable appendix.
2. Athletes selected to the USST must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and International Sport Shooting Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games and ISSF sanctioned international competitions. See USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section I.
3. USST size and priority for selection is listed with each competition attached to their section as Appendices A, B, C, D, E and F. Team size for the World Shooting Championships, Championships of the Americas, and the World Clay Target Championships may be reduced as deemed necessary by the recommendation of the CEO/Executive Director and approval of the Executive Committee.
4. USST members will be selected on the basis of tryout performance with the exception of “additional athletes” to the World Shooting Championship.
5. All athletes selected to the USST must meet the criteria concerning performance standards under USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section VI with the exception of Pan American and Olympic Teams.
6. All athletes must sign and abide by the USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section I, Code of Conduct, Participant’s Agreement and sign the Liability Release as approved by the USA Shooting Board of Directors (USASB).
7. The final selection competition will be completed no less than 30 days prior to the beginning of the ISSF Championship. USA Shooting will publish a yearly selection competition schedule complying with this policy. Competitions eligible for consideration as USST selection competitions are the USA Shooting National Championships, the Fall At-Large Selection Match and the Spring Selection Match.
8. Athletes will occupy the USST position(s) they earn. Team positions left open due to one athlete filling more than one team position, will be filled by the next ranking performance qualified competitor from the selection grid until the team is completed. Team positions will not be filled by non-firing athletes. Only competing athletes will be members of the respective U. S. Shooting Team.

9. In the event of illness or injury to a selected athlete as determined by a USAS or USOC medical staff member, the next eligible athlete from the respective USST selection process is added to the Team. When withdrawal from the USST occurs within 21 days of the USST competition or after the USOC final suspense date for naming Team athletes, event replacements will be selected from within that USST based upon the relevant selection process.

10. If for any reason, an athlete declines or withdraws his/her position on a USST, the next eligible athlete from the respective USST selection process is added to the Team. When withdrawal from the USST occurs within 21 days of the USST competition or after the USOC final suspense date for naming Team athletes, event replacements will be selected from within that USST based upon the relevant selection process.

11. Selection for the USST will be conducted as follows:

a. Selection Competitions:

i. Shotgun selection procedures will consist of two separate competitions. The first selection competition will be the Fall At-Large Selection Match. The second selection competition will be the Spring USST Selection Match

ii. Pistol, rifle and running target selection procedures will consist of one competition. This selection competition will be the Spring USST Selection Match

b. Courses of Fire:

i. Pistol, rifle and running target selection procedures (competitions) will consist of three courses of fire in each event with a final at the end of each course of fire.

ii. Shotgun selection procedures will consist 250 targets in the trap and skeet events and 300 targets in the double trap events at each selection competition. One official final will be fired at the end of the second selection competition. The final will be conducted with the top six competitors have the highest course of fire aggregate at the end of the second selection competition.

c. USST Selection Criteria.

i. Shotgun USST selection will be based upon the aggregate of the scores from the courses of fire and the official final score.

ii. Pistol, rifle and running target USST selection will be based upon the aggregate of the scores from the courses of fire and the two highest scoring finals.

- d. Selection for non-Olympic events will normally be concurrent with the selection matches and will consist of a minimum of two match courses. Should the selection match or matches not meet the requirements of paragraph 7 above, an earlier event will be designated for those selections.
  
- e. In the event of inclement weather, power outages, range and range equipment errors, or circumstances beyond the control of the organizing staff, the tryout course of fire may be altered as determined by the competition jury in conjunction with the match director, applicable national coaches and USA Shooting's Director of Operations who is the final authority.
  
- f. In the event there are ties in the Olympic events, after completion of the trials procedures which involves the top six (6) athletes, a second final according to ISSF rules will be conducted to determine the team position(s) and final ranking of those competitors. That final will be conducted as soon as possible after verification that a tie exists. Ties occur in all events, when the aggregate of the match courses and the final(s), including tenths of points where applicable, are equal. USA Shooting Rules will break ties in non-Olympic events.