



2019 WSPS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The World Shooting Para Sport (**WSPS**) World Championship (**WChamps**) is conducted according to WSPS rules.
- b) The WSPS is conducting the WChamps in 2019 and the details for this event are as follows:

Year	Discipline	Dates	Location
2019	Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun	9 th to 19 th October	Sydney, AUSTRALIA

- c) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may select athletes (see clause 5) to the team (**Team**) to participate in one or more events at the WChamps. Subject to automatic selection under clause 7, SA is under no obligation to select the maximum number of athletes for any event.
- d) This Selection Criteria (**Selection Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes to represent Australia at the WChamps.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's objective when selecting the Team is to maximise the number of medals that SA can win in benchmark events including (but not limited to) the 2019 World Championship and the 2020 Paralympic Games.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objective outlined above is to provide context to the Selection Criteria only and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel or the exercise of discretion (where exercised) by the SA Selection Panel.

3. SA SELECTION PANEL

- a) The SA Selection Panel will be made up of the SA's High Performance Director, the relevant SA Member Organisation's High Performance Committee Representative and one other member endorsed by the SA Board (**SA Selection Panel**).
- b) The SA Selection Panel will select the Team according to the terms of this Selection Criteria.

4. EVENTS

- a) The SA Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following events at the WChamps:

Paralympic Events

<i>Rifle</i>	<i>Pistol</i>
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men’s SH1	P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men’s SH1
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women’s SH1	P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women’s SH1
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	P3 – 25m Pistol Mined SH1
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2	P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1
R5 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	
R6 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	
R7 – 50m Rifle 3 positions Men’s SH1	
R8 – 50m Rifle 3 positions Women’s SH1	
R9 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	

Para-Trap Events

<i>Para-Trap</i>
PT1 – Class SG-S
PT2 – Class SG-L
PT3 – Class SG-U

Other Non-Paralympic Events

- b) In the event that there are any non-Paralympic events at the WChamps (i.e. not listed under clause 4(a)), the SA Selection Panel, at its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in any Non-Paralympic Event in accordance with clauses 7 and 8.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) Up to four (4) athletes may be selected to the Team per event by the SA Selection Panel. Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA or WSPS require SA to select the maximum number of athletes to the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to automatic selection under clause 7, nothing in this Selection Criteria operates so as to require the SA Selection Panel to exercise any discretion to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team, and the final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the SA Selection Panel.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) In order to be eligible for selection to the Team an athlete must:
 - (i) be a registered financial member of a SA Member Organisation;
 - (ii) be eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Paralympic, World Championship and World Cups;
 - (iii) meet all eligibility requirements imposed by WSPS; and
 - (iv) sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 10.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Athletes to compete in events at the WChamps will be selected to the Team according to the following process:

Paralympic Events and Para-Trap Events

- (i) Subject to clause 7(a)(ii), any athlete who achieves or has achieved the Performance Standard (see clause 8 which set outs the Performance Standards for Paralympic Events and Para-Trap) (**Performance Standard**) during the Performance Window (as defined in clause 7(b)) in an SA Endorsed Event will be selected to attend the WChamps in the event in which the relevant Performance Standard is achieved;
- (ii) If more than four athletes in one event achieve the relevant Performance Standard during the Performance Window in an SA Endorsed Event then the SA Selection Panel at its sole and absolute discretion will select the athletes to the Team in the event in which the relevant Performance Standard is achieved from those athletes who have achieved the relevant Performance Standard during the Performance Window and in an SA Endorsed Event only. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athletes to

select under this clause (if any), the SA Selection Panel may consider any of the following factors (the **Factors**):

- A. International podium performances since 1st May 2018;
 - B. international qualifying and finals performances since 1st May 2018;
 - C. international head-to-head performances since 1st May 2018;
 - D. all domestic performances since 1st May 2018 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances;
 - E. commitment to training and preparation for competition;
 - F. form and performance trends of the athletes; or
 - G. any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.
- (iii) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(ii) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
- b) For the purposes of selection under clause 7(a), athletes must achieve or have achieved the Performance Standard on or after 1 May 2018 and at least 45 days prior to the Official Arrival Day of the WChamps (**Performance Window**).
- c) Athletes will not be eligible for selection to the Team where they have not achieved the Performance Standard during the Performance Window.

Other Non-Paralympic Events

- d) In the event that there are any non-Paralympic events at the WChamps (i.e. not listed under clause 4(a)), the SA Selection Panel, at its sole and absolute discretion, may select up to four athletes to compete in any non-Paralympic event. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athletes to select under this clause (if any), the SA Selection Panel may consider any of the following factors (the **Factors**):

- A. International podium performances since 1st May 2018;
 - B. international qualifying and finals performances since 1st May 2018;
 - C. international head-to-head performances since 1st May 2018;
 - D. all domestic performances since 1st May 2018 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances;
 - E. commitment to training and preparation for competition;
 - F. form and performance trends of the athletes; or
 - G. any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.
- e) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(d) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

8. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Paralympic Events

- a) The applicable Performance Standard for each Paralympic event (i.e. benchmark score (BMS)) is as follows:

<i>Rifle</i>	<i>BMS</i>	<i>Pistol</i>	<i>BMS</i>
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men’s SH1	611	P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men’s SH1	559
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women’s SH1	613	P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women’s SH1	547
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	631	P3 – 25m Pistol Mixed SH1	554
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2	627	P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1	521
R5 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	632		

R6 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	613		
R7 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men’s SH1	1130		
R8 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women’s SH1	1117		
R9 –50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	606		

- b) To be a valid score considered towards selection in the Team, the above Performance Standard must be achieved by the athlete at an SA Endorsed Event (and during the Performance Window). An SA Endorsed Event is an event that appears on the SA Calendar that is labelled as “SA Endorsed”. The Calendar can be found at: www.shootingaustralia.org.

Para-Trap Events

- c) The applicable Performance Standard for each Para-Trap event (i.e. benchmark score (BMS)) is as follows:

Shotgun	BMS
PT1 – Class SG-S	92
PT2 – Class SG-L	101
PT3 – Class SG-U	88

Other Non-Paralympic Events

- d) Subject to clause 8(b), the applicable Performance Standard for any non-Paralympic events at the WChamps (i.e. not listed under clause 4(a)) is equal to the average qualifying score required to make a final in the same event at WSPS World Cups and Championships for the previous four years including up to the end of the Performance Window.

9. APPEALS PROCESS

- a) Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the SA Appeals Process, a copy of which may be downloaded from the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org or obtained by request from the SA office.

10. TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- a) Athletes selected to the Team are required to sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement to confirm their selection and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions and any such reasonable conditions as published from time to time.

- b) Acceptance of a position on a team for non-A4G Squad athletes must be made within seven days of notification. This position will be confirmed once SA has received a signed SA Athlete Agreement.
- c) In all cases, continuing membership of the Team is dependent on the athlete demonstrating to the SA Selection Panel and National Team Coach that they are maintaining a suitable training regime and where deemed necessary, attending such camps as determined by the National Team Coach. Athletes agree that the SA Selection Panel may remove an athlete from the Team where that athlete has not:
 - i. met SA's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by SA; or
 - ii. completed, signed and returned to SA the Athlete Agreement as required by SA.
- d) Any incident or act related to doping in breach of the relevant policies or any incident that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in the immediate withdrawal of the athlete(s) from the Team. In addition, these athletes may be subject to suspension pending an investigation and the outcome of any subsequent appeal.
- e) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from Teams where a need is clearly established. The SA High Performance Director must approve such changes. Examples of where this may be necessary are, but are not limited to:
 - i. Injury/Illness;
 - ii. Bereavement leave/personal matters;
 - iii. Discipline – Breach of Athlete Agreement; or
 - iv. Team harmony and balance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

- a) The Team will be announced as soon as possible at the completion of the selection process.
- b) The Team will be announced via the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org and via email to selected athletes.

12. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the relevant organising committee for the WChamps will be co-ordinated through SA. Subject to any funding provided by SA, athletes will be required to bear the cost of participation in the Team (**Participation Costs**), which will be advised to the athletes and are to be paid to SA in accordance with clause 12(d).

- b) The Participation Costs include, but are not limited to:
- (i) Entry fees;
 - (ii) Travel;
 - (iii) Accommodation;
 - (iv) Ammunition for competition and unofficial training (shotgun);
 - (v) Unofficial training costs; and
 - (vi) Meal allowance through a daily per diem at a rate stipulated by SA.
- c) SA may choose to provide funding to certain athletes in the Team to offset the Participation Costs, subject to the availability of funds and at the total discretion of the SA High Performance Director and National Team Coach, SA will determine the level of funding provided to each athlete on a case-by-case basis. In the cases of athletes who receive funding from SA, the funding will be provided in a reduction of their Participation Costs payable to SA. SA is under no obligation to invest in athletes equally.
- d) All payments of the Participation Costs to SA by an athlete must be paid in full to SA 7 days prior to the WChamps.
- e) Athletes agree and acknowledge that (where applicable) selection in the Team is subject to SA receiving payment of the Participation Costs, in accordance with clause 12(d), from the Athlete.

13. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Selection Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended Selection Criteria will be distributed as follows:
- (i) Posted on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org; and
 - (ii) Distributed to members of SA's A4G Squad.
- b) Any amendments to the Selection Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.