



2023 ISSF
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
RIFLE | PISTOL | SHOTGUN
TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) World Championships (**WCH**) are conducted according to ISSF rules.
- b) ISSF is conducting the WCH for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun athletes in 2023. The details for the event are as follows:

Year	Date	Disciplines	Location
2023	14 th August to 3 rd September	Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun	Baku, AZE

- c) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may select athletes (see clause 5) to the team (**Team**) to participate in the WCH. SA is under no obligation to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes for any event at the WCH.
- d) This Selection Criteria (**Selection Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes to the Team to represent Australia at the 2023 WCH.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's objectives when considering selections to the Team are to:
 - (i) maximise the number of medals that SA can win in this event, and other benchmark events including (but not limited to) the 2024 Olympic Games and future ISSF World and Continental Championships; and
 - (ii) maximise the opportunity to achieve quota places and satisfy other ISSF qualification criteria for the 2024 Olympic Games; and
 - (iii) use this and other ISSF events to provide elite and pre-elite athletes with exposure to high-quality international competition that will help to accelerate their development for 2024 and beyond.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objectives in clause 2(a) simply provide context to and for these Selection Criteria and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel (**Selection Panel**) or the exercise of discretion (if any) by the Selection Panel.

3. SELECTION PANEL

- a) The Selection Panel shall comprise the High-Performance representative from each of the relevant SA Member Organisations and the SA High-Performance Manager (**HPM**).
- b) The Selection Panel to select the Team subject to, and in accordance with, the terms of this Selection Criteria.

4. EVENTS

- a) The Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following events at the 2023 WCH:

MEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION
50M RIFLE PRONE
10M AIR RIFLE
25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
SKEET

WOMEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION
50M RIFLE PRONE
10M AIR RIFLE
25M PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
SKEET

- b) If there are any other non-Olympic events, including Mixed Gender Events, on the program at the WCH, the Selection Panel may select athletes to compete in such non-Olympic events at its absolute discretion.
- c) If there are any Team or Mixed Team events at the WCH, the Selection Panel, at its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in any such Team or Mixed Team event from amongst the Team selected for the WCH in accordance with clause 9.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) SA may select and enter up to three (3) athletes in each event as members of the Team to the 2023 WCH.
- b) Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA nor ISSF require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Team for the WCH. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Selection Criteria operates to require the Selection Panel to exercise any discretion to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team. Final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the SA Selection Panel.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for the WCH an athlete must:
- (i) Be a registered financial member of the relevant SA Member Organisation;
 - (ii) Be eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships;
 - (iii) Meet this Selection Criteria and all eligibility requirements imposed by the ISSF;
 - (iv) Have achieved an Average Performance Score (**APS**) that meets or exceeds the Minimum Performance Standard (**MPS**) for the relevant event in accordance with clause 7; and
 - (v) Sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 13.

7. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team athletes must have achieved an APS that meets or exceeds the MPS for the relevant event as detailed in clause 7(c).

- b) The APS is determined by SA based on the average of each athlete's top three (3) qualification scores in SA-endorsed events conducted within the Performance Window (**Performance Window**). SA-endorsed events are events that appear on the SA Calendar with the label "SA Endorsed". The SA Calendar can be found on the SA website. The Performance Window for the calculation of the APS for the 2023 WCH shall be from 1 January 2022 until the conclusion of the last 2023 WCH Selection Event.
- c) The MPS for each event is as follows:

MEN'S EVENTS	MPS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION	584.3
50M RIFLE PRONE	622.9
10M AIR RIFLE	627.9
25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL	579.0
10M AIR PISTOL	576.0
TRAP	118.2
SKEET	119.9

WOMEN'S EVENTS	MPS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION	582.3
50M RIFLE PRONE	619.5
10M AIR RIFLE	628.4
25M PISTOL	578.0
10M AIR PISTOL	572.0
TRAP	112.8
SKEET	114.3

8. PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A WCH SELECTION SCORE

- a) The process for obtaining a Selection Score for the 2023 WCH (**Selection Score**) is as follows:
- (i) Athletes will have an opportunity to participate in up to four (4) WCH Selection Events (**Selection Events**) in 2023 to accumulate points (**Event Points**) that contribute to their WCH Selection Score. Specific dates and locations of Selection Events are as follows:

RIFLE SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	SA State Titles	TRA Nationals	Adelaide Grand Prix	BISC Grand Prix
DATES	10 th -12 th March	3P: 4 th April AR: 5 th April 50m Prone: 6 th April	21 st -23 rd April	15 th -18 th June
LOCATION	Wingfield Rifle Range, SA	Whiteman Park International Shooting Complex, WA	Wingfield Rifle Range, SA	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD

PISTOL SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	Sydney Cup 1	BISC Open	Sydney Cup 2	BISC Grand Prix
DATES	10 th -12 th February	24 th -26 th March	13 th -16 th April	15 th -18 th June
LOCATION	Sydney International Shooting Centre, NSW	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD	Sydney International Shooting Centre, NSW	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD

SHOTGUN SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	ACTA National Championships Commonwealth Title	ACTA National Championships National Title	Yarra Valley Grand Prix	QCTA State Titles
DATES	14 th -19 th January	14 th -19 th January	10 th -12 th February	15 th -18 th June
LOCATION	WA Gun Club, WA	WA Gun Club, WA	Melbourne Gun Club, VIC	Brisbane Gun Club, QLD

(ii) Rifle and Pistol Selection Scores:

- A. At each Selection Event, athletes will be awarded Event Points based on their score in the Qualification round. For example, an athlete competing in the 10M AR event who achieves a qualification score of 625.5 will be awarded 625.5 Event Points.
- B. For the avoidance of doubt, the process for accumulating Event Points is the same for all WCH Selection Events;
- C. At the end of the Selection Events, each athlete will obtain a Selection Score which is calculated based on the combined total of the three (3) best Event Points achieved in all the Selection Events. Accordingly, and for the avoidance of any doubt, where an athlete:
 - Participates in four (4) Selection Events: their Selection Score is calculated based on the combined total of the three (3) highest Events Points achieved in all the Selection Events. All other Event Points are disregarded.
 - Participates in three (3) or less Selection Events: their Selection Score is calculated based on the combined total of the Event Points achieved in all of the Selection Events they participated in; and
- D. At the end of the Selection Events, Selection Scores for all eligible athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest.

(iii) Shotgun Selection Scores:

- A. At each Selection Event, athletes will be awarded Event Points based on the combined total of their Qualifying Points (**Qualifying Points**) and Finishing Points (**Finishing Points**).
- B. Qualifying Points at each Selection Event will be equal to the athlete's score in the qualification round. For example, an athlete competing in Trap who achieves a qualification score of 117 will be awarded 117 Qualifying Points.
- C. Finishing Points at each Selection Event will be calculated at the end of an event and will only be awarded to athletes who progress to the finals as follows: first place is awarded 8 points, second place is awarded 7 points, third place is awarded 6 points and so on until all finalists have received points, regardless of the number of starters in the finals.
- D. The sum of an athlete's Qualifying Points and Finishing Points will be recorded as their Event Points awarded for that Selection Event.
- E. For the avoidance of doubt, the process for accumulating Event Points is the same for all WCH Selection Events.
- F. At the end of the Selection Events, each athlete will obtain a Selection Score which is

calculated based on the combined total of the Event Points achieved in all the Selection Events.

- G. At the end of the Selection Events, Selection Scores for all eligible athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest.

9. SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENTS

- a) Subject always to clauses 5, 6 and 7, the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team according to the following process (**Selection Process**):
- (i) Up to two (2) positions in each event may be allocated to athletes that have achieved medals or finals in ISSF World Cup competitions within the timeframe 1 January 2023 until the conclusion of the last 2023 WCH Selection Event, based on the following order:
 - A. Highest number of ISSF World Cup **medals**;
 - B. Second highest number of ISSF World Cup **medals**;
 - C. Highest number ISSF World Cup **finals**;
 - D. Second highest number of ISSF World Cup **finals**;
 - E. If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on clauses 9(a)(i) A to D, based on performances in ISSF World Cup competitions during the Performance Window, positions on the Team will be selected at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel;
 - F. If less than two (2) athletes have achieved performances as per clauses 9(a)(i) A to D at ISSF World Cup competitions during the Performance Window, all remaining positions on the Team will be determined in accordance with clause 9(a)(ii).
 - (ii) Subsequent to the application of 9(a)(i) above, athletes will be selected to the Team in order of their WCH Selection Score ranking at the conclusion of the Selection Events. If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on their Selection Scores, the tie will be broken as outlined in clause 9(a)(iii).
 - (iii) If there is a tie, the Selection Panel may consider the following criteria, in the order listed, until the tie is broken:
 - A. Total of qualification scores (actual targets shot), from all Selection Events where the athletes participated head-to-head;
 - B. At the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel.
 - (iv) For the avoidance of doubt, only those athletes that remain tied after consideration of the first criterion in 9(a)(iii)A will be considered against the second criterion 9(a)(iii)B to break the tie.
- b) In the unlikely event that a minimum of three (3) or four (4) WCH Selection Events for Rifle/Pistol or Shotgun (respectively) cannot be completed due to extenuating circumstances (**Extenuating Circumstances**), athletes may be selected to the Team by the Selection Panel at its absolute discretion.

10. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) In determining whether an athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 7, 8 or 9, the Selection Panel at its absolute discretion may take in to account any Extenuating Circumstances which prevent an athlete from achieving the Selection Score which would otherwise be required to obtain selection to the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of this discretion by the Selection Panel may result in a different athlete being selected to the Team.
- b) Without limitation, the Selection Panel may consider an athlete's non-attendance at a Selection Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion.
- c) If an athlete is unable to attend a Selection Event for a genuine and exceptional reason, that athlete must submit notification in writing, including evidence (such as a medical certificate from a doctor for injury or illness) to the SA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) prior to the first day of competition as scheduled.
- d) Where an athlete becomes ill or injured during a Selection Event and this impacts their performance, notification in writing must be immediately provided to the SA CEO and a medical certificate must be provided within 2 days of the conclusion of the event.

11. APPEALS PROCESS

- a) Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the process detailed in the SA Appeals Policy, a copy of which may be downloaded from the SA website or obtained by request from the SA office.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

- a) Unless otherwise determined by the Selection Panel the Team for the 2023 WCH will be announced via the SA website following the conclusion of all WCH Selection Events.

13. TEAM MEMBERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE READINESS

- a) Athletes selected to the Team must sign and return the SA Athlete Agreement within seven (7) days of notification. Team selection will be confirmed once SA has received a signed SA Athlete Agreement.
- b) By signing the SA Athlete Agreement, athletes agree to be bound by its terms and conditions and any other reasonable conditions as determined and published by SA from time to time.
- c) In all cases, continuing membership of the Team is dependent on the athlete demonstrating performance readiness to the SA HPM and relevant National Coach. This includes and is not limited to the submission of requested training programs and training logs, completion of performance tests and/or attendance at competitions or camps, and/or undertaking a medical review with a designated medical practitioner at the discretion and direction of the SA HPM and relevant National Coach.
- d) Athletes agree that the Selection Panel may remove an athlete from the Team where that athlete has not:
 - (i) Completed, signed and returned to SA the Athlete Agreement as required by SA; or
 - (ii) Met SA's requirements in relation to performance readiness as required by SA.

- e) Any incident or act related to doping in breach of the relevant policies or any other act or 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. There is no right of appeal against a withdrawal under this clause 13(e).
- f) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team for the 2023 WCH where a need is clearly established. The SA HPM must approve such changes. Examples of where this may be necessary are, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Injury or Illness;
 - (ii) Bereavement leave or personal matters;
 - (iii) Disciplinary action - Breach of SA Athlete Agreement;
 - (iv) Non-compliance with performance readiness requirements; and/or
 - (v) Team harmony and balance.

14. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the local organising committee for the 2023 WCH will be coordinated through and by SA. Subject to any funding provided by SA, athletes will be required to bear all costs of participation (**Participation Costs**) in the Team for the 2023 WCH. These will be advised to athletes and must be paid to SA in accordance with clause 14(d).
- b) Participation Costs may include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Entry Fees;
 - (ii) Travel;
 - (iii) Accommodation;
 - (iv) Meals
 - (v) Ammunition for competition and unofficial training; and
 - (vi) Unofficial training costs.
- c) SA may choose to provide funding to athletes in the Team to offset Participation Costs, subject to the availability of funds and at the total discretion of the SA HPM. SA may determine the level of funding provided to each athlete (if any) on a case-by-case basis. SA funding (if any) will be provided to athletes via 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 for the 2023 WCH must be paid in full to SA at least 7 days prior to the athlete's departure for the 2023 WCH.

15. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Selection Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended Selection Criteria will be distributed by:
 - (i) Posting it on the SA website; and
 - (ii) Distributing it by email to members of the SA National Squads.
- b) Any amendments to the Selection Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.