

# NATIONAL TEAM FUNDING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## BACKGROUND

Shooting Australia (SA) is responsible for selecting athletes to National Teams that compete in ISSF and WSPS World Cups (WC) and Grand Prix (GP) in accordance with its Selection Criteria. SA is not required to select the maximum number of athletes to its National Teams nor is it required to send athletes/teams to all ISSF and/or WSPS events.

SA will coordinate travel and logistics to all ISSF and WSPS events and may choose to provide funding to athletes towards the costs of their participation in National Teams. SA will determine the level of funding provided to each athlete and is under no obligation to invest in athletes equally.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** I have been selected to one of SA's National Teams. What funding is available to support my travel and associated participation costs?
- A.** In most cases, SA will prioritise its funding for athletes who are 'categorised' in accordance with [SA's Athlete Categorisation Policy](#). Sometimes, Pathways National Squad athletes who are selected to National Teams may also be eligible for funding from SA. All other athletes who are selected to a National Team will be required to contribute to their travel and associated participation costs through the payment of a levy.
- Q.** When will I know if I am required to pay a levy?
- A.** Athletes will be advised of the need to pay a levy, including the amount, when they receive notification of their selection to a National Team.

**Q.** What does the levy include?

- A.** The levy is a contribution to participation costs that may include:
- Air travel (international and domestic) to and from the event;
  - Additional baggage as/if required by the athlete;
  - VISA's and/or firearms permits where necessary;
  - Accommodation including in transit if required;
  - Ground transport during the competition;
  - Competition entry fees;
  - Training (PET) and/or ammunition where necessary at the competition;
  - National Team uniform if required.

In most cases, the levy will not cover an athlete's total participation costs. SA will cover participation costs in excess of the levy.

**Q.** Are there other participation costs that athletes are responsible for?

- A.** Yes. Athletes may be required to pay for meals not included in the athlete's entry fee or accommodation at an event.

Additionally, SA may not approve and will not be responsible for any costs associated with changes to travel and accommodation that athletes might request. This includes upgraded flights, single rooms, extended stays, etc.

**Q.** Are there other costs associated with National Team travel that SA is responsible for?

- A.** Yes. SA is responsible for the following costs, which are not part of an athlete's levy:
- Travel insurance for all National Team members;
  - Costs associated with National Team staff travelling in support of athletes/teams;
  - Any costs associated with the organisation and administration of athlete and staff travel.

**Q.** When will I be required to commit to pay the levy?

- A.** Commitment to pay the levy will be required from athletes – in writing – by the due date specified in their National Team selection letter. If an athlete cannot/chooses not to pay the levy, they will not be selected and announced as a member of the team.

- Q.** What if I am selected to a National Team but cannot afford the levy?
- A.** Athletes may be able to negotiate a payment plan with SA which would need to be discussed and confirmed with SA in writing prior to the accepting their position on the National Team. Failure by the athlete to meet the terms of their payment plan would result in the athlete being ineligible for future team selection.
- Q.** When is the levy due to be paid?
- A.** Unless a payment plan has been negotiated and confirmed in writing, the athlete must pay the levy prior to their departure for an event.
- Q.** If my financial situation means I cannot afford the levy and hence cannot accept my selection to a National Team, will this preclude me from selection to future National Teams?
- A.** Not necessarily. In most cases, National Team selections are made on a 'by event' basis meaning that if you decline selection for financial reasons, you will still be eligible for team selection in the future.
- Q.** Are there any sources of funding other than SA?
- A.** Yes. Athletes can apply for funding from a variety of Local, State and/or Federal Government grant schemes. Further information is publicly available through the relevant organisations' websites with some information available on the [SA website](#).

Some examples include:

Australian Sports Commission – [Local Sporting Champions Program](#)  
Sport and Recreation Victoria – [Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program](#)  
Queensland Government – [Emerging Athlete Pathways](#)

Athletes must apply directly with these organisations for these grants. SA is able to provide athletes with any supporting evidence of National Team selection as/if required.

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