



2023 OCEANIA SHOOTING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS RIFLE | PISTOL | SHOTGUN

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The Oceania Shooting Federation Championships (**OCH**) are conducted by the Oceania Shooting Federation (**OSF**) according to ISSF rules.
- b) Shooting Australia (**SA**) is the appointed Local Organising Committee (**LOC**) for the 2023 OCH for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun athletes. The details for the event are as follows:

Year	Date	Disciplines	Location
2023	30 October – 6 November	Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun	Brisbane International Shooting Centre (Rifle and Pistol) Brisbane Gun Club (Shotgun)

- c) To increase participation in 2023, both OCH and Oceania Open events will be held. Qualification rounds will be combined but there will be separate finals for OCH and Open events.
- d) SA may select athletes (see clause 5) to the Australia A or Australia B Team (**Team**) to participate in one or more events at the 2023 OCH. SA is under no obligation to select the maximum number of athletes for any event.
- e) Only those athletes selected and entered in the A Team will be eligible to participate in the OCH finals. There will be an Open final for all other athletes.
- f) This Selection Criteria (**Selection Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes to the Teams to represent Australia at the 2023 OCH.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's objectives when considering selections to the Team are to:
 - (i) Maximise the number of quota places won for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
 - (ii) Use this and other ISSF events to provide elite and pre-elite athletes with exposure to high-quality 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 will 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 OCH:

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

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

- b) If there are any Team events at the OCH, the Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in any such Team event from all the athletes selected to the Australia A and B Teams in accordance with clause 8.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) SA may select and enter up to three (3) athletes as members of the Australia A Team in each event, and up to three (3) athletes as members of the Australia B Team in each event. For the avoidance of doubt, the A Team is the 'highest' of the two teams.
- b) For Team A only: Prior to the commencement of qualification, the Selection Panel may make a substitution from Team B to Team A where an athlete selected originally in Team A wins an Olympic quota place in another preceding event at the 2023 OCH.
- c) Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA, nor OSF require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Teams for the OCH. 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 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 that may include Olympic Games, World and Continental Championships;
 - (iii) Meet this Selection Criteria and all eligibility requirements imposed by the ISSF; and
 - (iv) Sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 12.

7. PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN OCH SELECTION SCORE

- a) The process for obtaining a Selection Score for the 2023 OCH (**Selection Score**) is as follows:
- (i) Athletes will have an opportunity to participate in two (2) OCH Selection Events (**Selection Events**) in 2023 to accumulate points (**Event Points**) that contribute to their Selection Score. Specific dates and locations of Selection Events are as follows:

RIFLE SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2
NAME	BISC GP	MISC GP
DATES	15-18 June	15-17 September
LOCATION	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD	Melbourne International Shooting Centre, VIC

PISTOL SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2
NAME	BISC GP	MISC GP
DATES	15-18 June	15-17 September
LOCATION	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD	Melbourne International Shooting Centre, VIC

SHOTGUN SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2
NAME	QLD State Titles	Cecil Park GP
DATES	15-18 June	23-24 September
LOCATION	Brisbane Gun Club, QLD	Sydney International Shooting Centre, NSW

(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 Air Rifle 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 OCH Selection Events;
- C. At the end of Selection Events, each athlete will obtain a Selection Score which is calculated based on the combined total of Event Points from both the Selection Events, and;
- D. At the end of 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 the Trap event who achieves a qualification score of 117 will be awarded 117 Qualifying Points;
- C. Finishing Points at each Selection Event will only be calculated and awarded to athletes who progress to the finals as follows: First place is awarded 6 points,

- second place is awarded 5 points, third place is awarded 4 points and so on until all finalists have received points, regardless of the number of starts in the finals;
- D. The sum of an athlete's Qualifying Points and Finishing Points will be recorded as their Event Points for each Selection Event;
 - E. For the avoidance of doubt, the process for accumulating Event Points is the same for all OCH 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 from both the Selection Events; and
 - G. At the end of Selection Events, Selection Scores for all eligible athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest.

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

- a) Subject always to clauses 5 and 6, the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team according to the following process (**Selection Process**).
- b) The Australia A Team could be comprised of:
 - (i) Up to two (2) positions in each event may be allocated to athletes that have achieved one or more medals or finals in ISSF World Cup or World Championships competitions in 2023 based on the following order:
 - A. 2023 World Championships **finalist**;
 - B. Highest number of ISSF World Cup **medals**;
 - C. Second highest number of ISSF World Cup **medals**;
 - D. Highest number of ISSF World Cup **finals**;
 - E. Second highest number of ISSF World Cup **finals**;
 - F. If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on clauses 8(b)(i) A to E, positions on the A Team may be selected at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel;
 - (ii) If less than two (2) athletes have achieved performances as per clause 8(b)(i) A to E, all remaining positions on the A Team in order of their OCH 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 8(d).
- c) After the application of clause 8(b), the Australia B Team could be comprised of:
 - (i) Up to three (3) positions in each event may be allocated to athletes in order of their OCH Selection Score at the conclusion of the Selection Events.
 - (ii) If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on their Selection Scores, the tie will be broken as outlined in clause 8(d).
- d) If there is a tie between athletes based on their Selection Scores, the Selection Panel may consider the following criteria until the tie is broken:
 - (i) Rifle and Pistol
 - A. Highest Qualification score from all Selection Events;
 - B. At the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel.

(ii) Shotgun

- A. Total of qualification scores, from all Selection Events where the athletes participated head-to-head;
- B. At the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel.

For the avoidance of doubt, only those athletes that remain tied after consideration of the first criterion 8(d) (i)A and (ii)A may be considered against the second criterion 8(d)(i)B and (ii)B to break the tie.

- e) In the unlikely event that a minimum of two (2) OCH Selection Events cannot be completed due to extenuating circumstances (**Extenuating Circumstances**), athletes may be selected to the Team by the SA Selection Panel at its absolute discretion.

9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) In determining whether an athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 7 and 8, the SA Selection Panel at its absolute discretion may consider 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 and applies only for domestic Selection Events.
- b) Without limitation, the SA 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. 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.

10. 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.

11. DATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

- b) Unless otherwise determined by the Selection Panel the Teams for the 2023 OCH will be announced via the SA website following the conclusion of all OCH Selection Events.

12. 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.
 There is no right of appeal against a removal under this clause 12(d).
- e) 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. There is no right of appeal against a withdrawal under this clause 12(e).
- f) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team for the 2023 OCH 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.

13. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the LOC for the 2023 OCH will be coordinated through, and by, SA. Subject to any funding provided by SA, athletes will be required to bear all costs of participation in the Team for the 2023 OCH (**Participation Costs**). These will be advised to athletes and must be paid to SA in accordance with clause 13(d).
- b) Participation Costs may 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
- 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 National Coach. SA will 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 OCH must be paid in full to SA at least 7 days prior to the athlete's departure for the 2023 OCH.

14. 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.