



2023 WSPS WORLD CUP AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The World Shooting Para Sport (**WSPS**) World Championship (**WCH**) and World Cups (**WC**) are conducted according to WSPS rules.
- b) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may select athletes to compete at the following WSPS events in 2023:

Event Name	Disciplines	Dates	Location
WSPS World Cup	Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun	22 nd May to 1 st June	Changwon, KOR
WSPS World Championships	Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun	17 th to 28 th September	Lima, PERU
WSPS World Cup	Rifle/Pistol	5 th to 17 th December	Al Ain, UAE

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

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 benchmark events including (but not limited to) the 2024 Paralympics Games and WSPS World Championships; and
 - (i) maximise the opportunity to achieve quota allocations and WSPS Minimum Qualification Score (**MQS**) for the 2024 Paralympic Games; and
 - (ii) use this and other WSPS 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) There will be one Selection Panel to consider selections to the Team subject to, and in accordance with, the terms of this Selection Criteria.
- b) The Selection Panel shall comprise one member from each of the relevant SA Member Organisations and the SA High Performance Manager (**SA HPM**).

4. EVENTS

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

RIFLE	PISTOL
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 Mixed 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	
	SHOTGUN
	PT1 - Trap Seated SG-S
	PT2 – Trap Standing (Lower Limb) SG-L
	PT3 – Trap Standing (Upper Limb) SG-U

- b) If there are any Team or Mixed Team events at the WCH or WC, 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 or WC in accordance with clause 9.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) SA may select and enter up to three (3) athletes in each single gender event as members of the Team to the 2023 WCH and WC.
- b) In mixed gender events, SA may enter up to four (4) athletes in each event provided one of these is a female athlete. If no female athletes are entered, the maximum number of entries in mixed gender events is three (3).
- c) Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA or WSPS require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Team for the WCH and WC. 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 Selection Panel.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for the WCH and WC an athlete must:
- Be a registered financial member of the relevant SA Member Organisation;
 - Be eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Paralympic Games and World Championships;

- (iii) Meet this Selection Criteria and all eligibility requirements imposed by the WSPS including:
 - A. hold a WSPS Athlete License for the 2023 season;
 - B. be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later; and
 - C. for the WCH only have achieved a MQS at a minimum of one (1) WSPS-recognised competition between 1 January 2023 and 1 September 2023 (to be confirmed by WSPS). An athlete may compete in multiple events if they have achieved the MQS score in each event.
- (iv) Have competed in the relevant Selection Events (**Selection Events**) detailed in clause 7.
- (v) Have achieved the Minimum Performance Standard (**MPS**) for the relevant event in accordance with clause 8.
- (vi) Sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 13.

7. 2023 SELECTION EVENTS

- a) To be considered for selection to WC #1 in a Rifle or Pistol event, athletes must compete in Selection Events #1 and #2, in the discipline and events in which they want to be considered for selection. For WC #2 there are no required Selection Events.
- b) To be considered for selection to the WCH athletes in a Rifle or Pistol event, athletes must compete in Selection Events #1, #2, #3 and #4, in the discipline and events in which they want to be considered for selection.
- c) Rifle and Pistol Selection Events are as follows:

RIFLE SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	TRV State Titles	BISC Open	Adelaide Grand Prix	BISC Grand Prix
DATES	24 th -26 th February	24 th -26 th March	21 st -23 rd April	15 th -18 th June
LOCATION	Melbourne International Shooting Centre, VIC	Brisbane International Shooting Centre, QLD	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

- d) There are no specific Selection Events for Shotgun Trap.

8. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

- a) There are different MPS' for WCH and WC #1, based on the difference in the level and depth of competition at the different events.
- b) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team athletes must have achieved the MPS for the relevant event as detailed in clauses 8(c) and 8(d).
- c) The MPS for each event for the WC #1 is as follows:
 - (i) For Rifle and Pistol disciplines the MPS must be achieved in at least one (1) 2023 Selection Event (**Selection Event**) for an athlete to be eligible for selection;
 - (ii) For Shotgun Trap the MPS must be achieved in at least one (1) 2023 SA Endorsed Event (Shotgun).
- d) No MPS is required for selection for WC #2.

RIFLE	MPS	PISTOL	MPS
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men's SH1	609	P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men's SH1	556
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women's SH1	611	P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women's SH1	544
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	629	P3 – 25m Pistol Mixed SH1	551
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2	626	P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1	518
R5 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	631	SHOTGUN	
R6 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	610		
R7 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men's SH1	1127		
R8 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women's SH1	1125		
R9 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	613		
		PT1 – Trap Seated SG-S	99
		PT2 – Trap Standing (Lower Limb) SG-L	101
		PT3 – Trap Standing (Upper Limb) SG-U	102

- e) The MPS for each event for the WCH is as follows:
 - (i) For Rifle and Pistol disciplines the MPS must be achieved in at least two (2) 2023 Selection Events for an athlete to be eligible for selection;
 - (ii) For Shotgun Trap the MPS must be achieved in at least two (2) 2023 SA Endorsed Events (Shotgun).

RIFLE	MPS	PISTOL	MPS
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men's SH1	611	P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men's SH1	562
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women's SH1	614	P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women's SH1	548
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	631	P3 – 25m Pistol Mixed SH1	559
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2	628	P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1	527
R5 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	633	SHOTGUN	
R6 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH1	612		
R7 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men's SH1	1133		
R8 – 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women's SH1	1130		
R9 – 50m Rifle Prone Mixed SH2	616		
		PT1 – Trap Seated SG-S	100
		PT2 – Trap Standing (Lower Limb) SG-L	101
		PT3 – Trap Standing (Upper Limb) SG-U	102

9. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Subject always to clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8, the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team according to the following process (**Selection Process**):
- b) World Cup 1 Changwon (WC #1) – After the completion of Selection Events #1 and #2:
 - (i) All Rifle and Pistol athletes who have achieved the WC MPS in at least one of the 2023 Selection Events #1 or #2 may be selected to the Team.
 - (ii) All Shotgun Trap athletes who have achieved the WC MPS in at least one 2023 SA Endorsed Event (Shotgun) may be selected to the Team.
- c) World Cup 2 Al Ain (WC#2) - only 2023 National Squad Members will be considered for discretionary selection by the Selection Panel. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Selection Panel, when selecting National Squad Members for WC #2, the Selection Panel may consider any of the following Factors, and in no particular order:
 - (i) The value to the development of the athlete of competing at WC #2 in achieving the Objectives as per clause 2 of this criteria.
 - (ii) Based on the results of the athlete at Selection Events #1, #2, #3 and/or #4, that the athlete is capable of achieving the WSPS MQS for Paris 2024 in competition in Al Ain.
- d) World Championships (WCH) – After the completion of Selection Events #1, #2, #3 and #4:
 - (i) Up to two (2) positions in each event may be allocated to athletes who have demonstrated medal winning performance/s in WSPS WC competitions in 2023:
 - a. The athlete with the highest number of WSPS WC medals shall be selected to the first position on the Team;
 - b. The athlete with the second highest number of WSPS WC medals shall be selected to the second position on the Team;
 - c. If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on medal winning performances in WSPS WC competitions during 2023, positions on the Team will be selected at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel;
 - d. If less than two (2) athletes have demonstrated medal winning performances at WSPS WC competitions in 2023, all remaining positions on the Team will be determined in accordance with clause 9(c)(ii).
 - (ii) Subsequent to the application of 9(c)(i) above, athletes who meet all criteria as described in clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 may be selected to the Team.

10. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) In determining whether an athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 6, 7, 8 or 9, the Selection Panel at its absolute discretion may take in to account any Extenuating Circumstances (**Extenuating Circumstances**) which prevent an athlete from competing in sufficient Selection Event/s 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 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. DATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

- a) Unless otherwise determined by the Selection Panel the Team will be announced via the SA website following the conclusion of all relevant 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 to the SA Selection Panel and Para Technical Lead that they are maintaining a suitable training regime and where deemed necessary, attending such camps as determined by the SA Para Technical Lead.
- d) Athletes must be and remain of a level of fitness and health to be able to travel including:
 - (i) independently managing personal care commensurate with impairment. For clarity this means only athletes classified as SH2 would be expected to possibly require any assistance with personal care (e.g. dressing, bathing etc.);
 - (ii) able to compete competitively following long haul flights and multiple night accommodation in hotels; and
 - (iii) be a positive, engaged, and constructive member of the SA community.
- e) Where there may be doubt the decision of the SA HPM or their delegated representative, will be final in determining that an athlete has the health and fitness to travel and compete overseas without impact on their performance.
- f) 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 training and participation in training camps as required by SA.
- g) Any incident or act related to doping in breach of the relevant policies or any other incident or act 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(g).

- h) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team for the 2023 WCH and/or WC 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 and WC will be co-ordinated 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 and/or WC. 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 Para Technical Lead. 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 WCH and/or WC must be paid in full to SA at least seven (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.