

2024 WSPS WORLD CUPS AND GRANDS PRIX

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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BACKGROUND

- a) The World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cups (WC) and Grand Prix (GP) are conducted according to WSPS rules.
- b) Shooting Australia (SA) may select athletes to compete at the following WSPS events in 2024:

Rifle, Pistol	6 15 March	New Delhi, India
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Pistol	22 April-1 May	Changwon, Korea
Pistol	3-12 May	Hanover, Germany
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- c) Shotgun and Visually Impaired Events The priority in 2024 is the preparation of athletes to compete successfully at the Paralympic Games. The Games includes only Rifle and Pistol events for athletes with physical impairments. Once the events for inclusion in the 2028 Paralympic Games are confirmed, SA may add one or more World Cups and/or Grands Prix to this list.
- d) SA may select athletes (see clause 5) to the team (**Team**) to participate in the 2024 WC and GP. SA is under no obligation to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to compete at any event at the WC or GP.
- e) This Selection Criteria (**Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the consideration for selection of athletes to the Team to represent Australia at the 2024 WC and GP.

OBJECTIVES

- a) In 2024 SA may use the WC and GP events prior to the 2024 Paralympic Games for the purpose of:
 - (i) preparing athletes for podium performance at the 2024 Paralympic Games; and
 - (ii) maximising the opportunity to achieve quota allocations and WSPS Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) for the 2024 Paralympic Games.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objectives in clause 2(a) simply provide context for these Criteria and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel (**Panel**) or the exercise of discretion by the Panel.

3. SELECTION PANEL

- a) There will be one Panel to consider selections to the Team subject to, and in accordance with, the terms of this Criteria.
- b) The 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 Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following events (**Events**) at the 2024 WC and GP:

RIFLE
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Men's SH1
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Women's SH1
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone Mixed SH1
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing Mixed SH2
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

PISTOL
P1 – 10m Air Pistol Men's SH1
P2 – 10m Air Pistol Women's SH1
P3 – 25m Pistol Mixed SH1
P4 – 50m Pistol Mixed SH1

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 2024 WC and GP.
- 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 Criteria, nor SA or WSPS require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Team for the WC and GP. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Criteria operates to require the 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 Panel.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for the WC and GP an athlete must:
 - (i) Be a registered financial member of and in good standing with the relevant SA Member Organisation;
 - (ii) Be eligible to compete for Australia in Shooting events in future Paralympic Games and WSPS World Championships;
 - (iii) Meet this Criteria and all eligibility requirements imposed by the WSPS including:
 - A. Hold a WSPS Athlete License for the 2024 season;
 - B. Be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of Confirmed; or Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later;
 - (iv) Sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 11.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Subject always to clauses 5 and 6, the athletes to compete in a WC or GP listed in clause 1, in the Events listed in clause 4, may be selected to the Team by the Panel according to the Selection Process for each event.
 - (i) WSPS WC New Delhi, India Athletes who have achieved at least one Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at WSPS Recognised Competitions (WSPS Championships, WSPS Sanctioned Competitions, WSPS Approved Competitions or IPC Games) between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024 (inclusive) may be selected;
 - (ii) WSPS WC Changwon, Korea Athletes who have won a quota place for the 2024 Paralympic Games and/or have satisfied the 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification System including the attainment of two (2) MQS' at two (2) WSPS Recognised Competitions (WSPS Championships, WSPS Sanctioned Competitions, WSPS Approved Competitions or IPC Games) in the same medal event between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024 (inclusive) may be selected;
 - (iii) WSPS GP Hanover, Germany Subject to confirmation of this event, at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel athletes who are selected for the WSPS WC Changwon may also be selected for this GP.

8. APPEALS PROCESS

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: Shooting Australia Appeals Policy or obtained by request from the SA office.

9. DATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTIONS

Unless otherwise determined by the Panel the Team will be announced via the SA website.

10. 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 SA 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 10(g).
- h) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team for the 2024 WC and/or GP 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.

11. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the local organising committee for the 2024 WC and GP 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 2024 WC and/or GP. These will be advised to athletes and must be paid to SA in accordance with clause 11(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 2024 WC and/or GP must be paid in full to SA at least seven (7) days prior to the athlete's departure.

12. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended 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 Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.
- c) Any failure to give any notice or follow any process under this Criteria does not invalidate such notice or process and does not give rise to an appeal in respect to the notice or process.