

# Shooting Australia National Squad Selection and Continuation Criteria for 2024 Squads



## 1. Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of the Shooting Australia (**SA**) National Squad, as identified in the SA Strategic Plan 2020-2024, is to identify and prioritise support and opportunities to athletes, at each stage of the Performance Pathway, who we consider are most likely to achieve future international success at Olympic, Paralympic, and/or Commonwealth Games, and World Championships.

The purpose of this criteria is to provide a transparent process for the selection of athletes to the SA National Squad for 2024. The process and timelines will be:

- Performance Squad – The Selection Panel will make selections by end of October 2023, no application required.
- Pathway Squad – The Selection Panel will make selections by mid November 2023. Shooting Australia will call for applications via the SA website.

SA will be reviewing the structure and criteria for National Squads for 2025 and beyond.

## 2. Selection Panels

**Pathway Squad** – National Coaches and National Pathway/Talent Coaches for their discipline only, Member Organisation High Performance Representatives (**MO HP Representatives**) for relevant discipline only, the Performance Pathway Manager (**PPM**) and the High Performance Manager (**HPM**).

**Performance Squad** – National Coaches and the MO HP Representatives for their discipline only and the HPM.

## 3. Squads

Two National Squads will be selected in 2024, being the Pathway Squad and the Performance Squad. SA will no longer select a High Performance Squad category.

Those athletes who meet the criteria for categorisation as per the SA Categorisation Policy are considered the highest level athletes. Categorised athletes will be included in the National Squads.

### PATHWAY SQUAD

ENTRY POINT 1		ENTRY POINT 2
ISSF age eligible Junior Athlete considered to have the potential within 2 years to achieve selection to the Junior World Championships/Cup	<b>OR</b>	Athlete 22 years or older with an adult training age in ISSF/WSPS disciplines of less than approximately 3 years.
<b>OR</b> An Athlete selected for the Junior World Championships/Cup in the previous year		Discretionary Selection based on perceived potential to meet progression targets.



Entry Point 1 examples for consideration for selection for 2024:

- 2023 Junior World Championships team members.
- 2024 age eligible junior athletes considered to have the genuine potential to be selected for the 2024 and/or the 2025 Junior World Championships and/or World Cup.
- While there is no WSPS Junior category, a Para Shooting athlete of a similar age can be included in this group.

Demonstrated commitment to becoming a high-performance athlete, as demonstrated by meeting process and performance targets, are required for selection to and continuation in the Pathway Squad.

### **Process Targets**

Meeting Process targets can be demonstrated by:

- a strong commitment to, and engagement in, Pathway Squad activities to which an athlete is invited; and
- choosing training and lifestyle behaviours aligned to achieving high performance outcomes.

### **Performance Targets**

Meeting Performance targets for continuation in the Pathway Squad can be demonstrated by:

#### **Junior athletes (ISSF age eligible for the following calendar year)**

The performance targets for junior athletes are the same as the selection criteria, ie achieve the selection criteria for the Junior Benchmark Event (ie Junior World Championships or Junior World Cup as determined by SA).

Example for consideration for selection for 2024:

- An athlete selected for the 2023 Junior World Championships who is age eligible as a junior in 2024 would continue as a Pathway athlete in 2024 if they are considered to have the potential to be selected for ISSF international junior competition/s in 2024.

#### **Senior athletes**

A current Pathway Squad athlete no longer eligible for ISSF Junior competition or an athlete previously selected as a senior athlete (Entry Point 2) should have achieved an APS that meets the World Cup MPS within 1-2 years of becoming a senior Pathway Squad member.

Examples for consideration for selection for 2024

- An athlete selected for the 2023 Junior World Championships who turns 22 in 2024 may remain in the Pathway Squad.
- An athlete selected as a senior (Entry Point 2) in 2022 would generally be expected to have achieved an APS that meets the 2023 World Cup MPS in 2023 to continue in the Pathway Squad in 2024.
- A Para Shooting athlete who achieved the SA WSPS World Cup standard on one occasion at a SA Endorsed Event may continue as a Pathway Squad athlete.



## PERFORMANCE SQUAD

Athletes who have achieved an APS which meets the World Championships MPS (**WCH MPS**) may be selected for the Performance Squad for 2024. For example, an athlete achieving an APS which meets the WCH MPS in 2023 may be selected for the Performance Squad in 2024.

A Para Shooting athlete who achieved the SA WSPS World Championships standard on one occasion in 2023 may also be selected to the Performance Squad.

For 2024 only, athletes who have achieved a QROG or Paralympic MQS, as relevant, may also be selected to the Performance Squad.

### 4. Extenuating Circumstances

SA recognises that the development of an athlete both in and outside sport is often not linear.

Some discretion may be applied by the Selection Panel to consider the inclusion of an athlete at any level, or to extend the period in which a target is to be met for Extenuating Circumstances. These may include, and are not limited to:

- Significant injury and/or illness.
- Pregnancy
- Career eg taking a year to prioritise completion of a University or Trade qualification. Generally, this would be negotiated and agreed through the IPP discussions.