

Shooting Australia 2025 National Squad Frequently Asked Questions



What is the purpose of Shooting Australia's National Squad?

The purpose of Shooting Australia's (SA) National Squad is to identify groups of senior and junior athletes that have demonstrated their potential to achieve world-class performances across ISSF and WSPS disciplines/events.

SA will prioritise its support for these National Squad athletes through engagement in both their daily training and competition environments (i.e. domestic and international). The primary objective is to enable the progression of athletes' performances towards qualification for, and podium performances at, the Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and beyond.

What is the structure of the 2025 National Squad?

As SA transitions from the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic cycle to the LA 2028 cycle, the structure and composition of the National Squad has been reviewed. In 2025, SA will support a:

- **Senior Performance National Squad;** and a
- **Junior Performance National Squad.**

When is Shooting Australia's National Squad reviewed and renewed?

SA's National Squad is typically reviewed at the end of each year (e.g. in December 2024) for the following calendar year (e.g. 2025) but this review is dependent on operational requirements including commitments to international competition. At the conclusion of the review, athletes are then selected to the National Squad in accordance with selection criteria and upon endorsement from the SA Selection Panel. Occasionally, athletes will be added to or removed from National Squad during the year.

Who is eligible to be a member of a 2025 Shooting Australia National Squad?

To become a member of SA's National Squads, an athlete must:

- Be a registered financial member of a SA Member Organisation;
- Be eligible to compete for Australia in future Shooting events including Continental and World Championships, Olympic or Paralympic Games;
- Be offered and willing to sign and abide by SA's Athlete Agreement;
- Not be involved in any disciplinary matters (i.e. with SA or its Member Organisations) that restricts an athlete's eligibility; and
- For Junior athletes – be under the age of or turning 21 years between 1 January and 31 December 2025.



How were people selected to a 2025 Shooting Australia National Squad?

Unlike previous years, there was no application process for selection to the 2025 SA National Squad. Prospective members of SA's 2025 National Squads were identified by SA's High Performance Program staff and recommended to SA' Selection Panel for its endorsement.

What were the criteria used for selection to a 2025 Shooting Australia National Squad?

The **Senior Performance National Squad** comprises athletes that have met one or more of the following criteria:

- Athletes that were selected to the 2024 Australian Olympic or Paralympic Team;
- Athletes that meet the [criteria for Athlete Categorisation](#) with the Australian Institute of Sport in 2025;
- Athletes who, based on the progression of their Average Performance Scores (APS), are deemed capable of qualifying for the LA 2028 Olympic or Paralympic Games; and/or
- Athletes who demonstrated strong engagement in SA's National Squad in 2024.

Selection to **Junior Pathways National Squad** was based on age eligible athletes who are still able to compete as a Junior and who:

- Were selected to compete in the 2024 Junior World Championships;
- Are considered capable of selection to SA's Junior National Teams in 2025 and/or 2026.

What are the benefits of being a Shooting Australia National Squad member?

Support to members of SA's National Squads will include:

- Assistance with the development, implementation and monitoring of the athlete's annual Individual Performance Plan (IPP);
- Provision of important information regarding SA's High Performance Program including National Team Selection Criteria;
- Invitations to engage in National Squad camps;
- Possible access to targeted international competition(s) identified and agreed in the athlete's IPP;
- Potential funding towards the cost(s) of the athlete's engagement in international competition; and
- Select items of National Team uniform.

What are Shooting Australia's expectations of National Squad members?

SA National Squad members will be expected to:

- Sign and abide by SA's Athlete Agreement including timely completion of all Anti-Doping and Integrity e-learning requirements;
- Pro-actively engage in IPP development and review discussions with key SA High Performance staff throughout the year;



- Attend all camps and any other development activities planned and delivered for National Squad members;
- Work closely with key High Performance staff to ensure that they are well-planned and fully prepared for any international competition opportunities;
- Demonstrate performance progression through their [APS](#) and results in both domestic and international competitions; and
- Positively engage with and contribute to the 'Win Well' culture of SA's High Performance Program (including National Squad and Teams).

Can I apply to be a member of Shooting Australia's 2025 National Squads?

There is no application process for SA's 2025 National Squads.

In previous years, athletes have been invited to apply for membership of SA's National Squads. In 2025, however, SA implemented some changes to its National Squad selection criteria, panel and process, including the removal of any application process.

Do I have to be a National Squad member to be eligible for selection to Shooting Australia's National Teams?

No. Any athlete that meets the eligibility and selection criteria published by SA for ISSF and WSPS competitions may be considered for selection to SA's National Teams. National Squad members may, however, be given priority access to, and possible funding for, targeted international competition(s) identified and agreed in their IPPs.

You can visit the SA website for all published [Selection Criteria](#).

What is the connection between Shooting Australia's National Squads and Athlete Categorisation?

Selection to the Shooting Australia National Squad is a process conducted by SA, whereas Athlete Categorisation is a process conducted by the Australian Institute of Sport.

Currently, only athletes who are members of Shooting Australia's National Squads can be considered for Athlete Categorisation.

Further information about [Athlete Categorisation for Shooting](#) can be found on the SA website.

Who can I speak with if I have any questions about Shooting Australia's National Squad?

Questions regarding SA's National Squad can be directed to:

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