



COMPETITION SELECTION CRITERIA
2026 ISSF WORLD CUP, GRAND PRIX
AND OTHER EVENTS

SHOTGUN ATHLETES

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) This Competition Criteria, together with the General Criteria, details the process established by Shooting Australia (SA) for the selection of athletes to Australian Teams in shotgun events (Team) at ISSF World Cups (WC), ISSF Grand Prix (GP) and Other International Events (Other Events). Other Events are those events where the Local Organising Committee requires the National Federation, i.e. SA, to enter athletes and SA has determined to send a team as part of the National Program.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, each selection of athletes to the Team for each event in each competition is an independent occurrence, and the selection of any athlete to the Team for one competition or event has no bearing on selections to the Team for any other competition or event.

2. AMENDMENTS TO COMPETITION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Competition Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended Criteria will be distributed by:
 - (i) posting it on the SA website www.shootingaustralia.org and social media platforms;
 - (ii) email to members of the SA National Squad and people subscribed to other distribution lists.
- b) Any amendments to this Competition Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.
- c) Any failure to give any notice or follow any process under this Competition Criteria does not invalidate such notice or process and does not give rise to an appeal in respect to the notice or process.

3. TEAM SIZE

- a) Up to five (5) athletes may be selected for Men's and Women's Trap and Men's Skeet to each WC by the Panel. Additional athletes may be selected for GP or Other Events at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel.
- b) Up to three (3) athletes may be selected for Women's Skeet to each WC, GP or Other Event by the Panel.
- c) Where there are four (4) or more athletes selected, the Panel will determine which athletes are entered as Ranking Points Only (RPO), if required by the Event Rules.
- d) Neither this Competition Criteria, nor SA, nor ISSF require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Team for any WC, GP or Other Event. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Competition 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.
- e) Final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the Panel.

4. MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

- a) Please refer to clause 6 of the General Criteria for information related to Average Performance Scores (**APS**) and MPS.
- b) To be eligible for consideration for selection to WCs, GPs or Other Events, athletes must have achieved an APS that meets or exceeds the MPS for the relevant event as detailed in clause 4(c).
- c) The MPS for each event is as follows:

MEN'S EVENTS	MPS
TRAP	114
SKEET	116

WOMEN'S EVENTS	MPS
TRAP	100
SKEET	106

- Note: MPS' are equal to the Minimum Qualification Scores (**MQS**) detailed in the Qualification System for the LA 2028 Olympic Games. These MQS values are subject to change
- d) The Performance Window for relevant WCs are detailed in clause 6(a)(i)-(v).

5. PROCESS FOR OBTAINING EVENT POINTS

- a) Athletes have an opportunity to participate in Selection Events (**Selection Events**) in 2026 to accumulate points (**Event Points**) that contribute to Team selection for WCs and GPs. Specific dates and locations of Selection Events are as follows:

WC SELECTION EVENTS – TRAP	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	ACTA Commonwealth	ACTA Nationals	VIC State Titles	QLD State Titles
DATES	7-11 January	7-11 January	22-24 May	12-14 June
LOCATION	Echuca	Echuca	MGC	BGC

WC SELECTION EVENTS – SKEET	#1	#2	#3	#4
NAME	ACTA Commonwealth	ACTA Nationals	VIC State Titles	QLD State Titles
DATES	15-19 March	15-19 March	22-24 May	12-14 June
LOCATION	Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga	MGC	BGC

- b) 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**).
- c) Qualifying Points at each Selection Event will be equal to the athlete's score in the Qualification round. For example, an athlete competing in Trap who achieves a qualification score of 117 will be awarded 117 Qualifying Points.
- d) Finishing Points at each Selection Event will only be calculated and awarded to athletes who qualify for and compete in the finals as follows:

SIX (6) PERSON FINAL FORMAT	
First Place	6 points
Second Place	5 points
Third Place	4 points
Fourth Place	3 points
Fifth Place	2 points
Sixth Place	1 point

EIGHT (8) PERSON FINAL FORMAT	
First Place	6 points
Second Place	5 points
Third Place	4 points
Fourth Place	3 points
Fifth and Sixth Places	2 points each
Seventh and Eighth Places	1 point each

Points will be awarded until all finalists have received points, regardless of the number of starters in the finals.

- e) The sum of an athlete's Qualifying Points and Finishing Points will be recorded as their Event Points awarded for that Selection Event.
- f) For the avoidance of doubt, the process for accumulating Event Points is the same for all WC Selection Events.

6. SELECTION PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES

- a) Subject always to the General Criteria and this Competition Criteria, the Selection Panel may select individual athletes to the Team according to the following process (**Selection Process**) for each event:
 - (i) **Amir Grand Prix Lusail, Doha** (5-13 February)
 - A. National Squad Athletes who are Categorised at Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential, Developing or Emerging may be selected.
 - (ii) **World Cup Tangier, Morocco** (25 March-2 April)
 - A. Trap athletes only will be selected to compete at this WC.
 - B. Athletes ranked in the top three (3) based on the combined total of their Event Points for the Trap WC Selection Events #1 and #2 may be selected.
 - C. After this process and subject always to clause 3, any remaining places may be filled by National Squad or other athletes at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel.
 - D. The Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 11/01/2026.
 - (iii) **World Cup Almaty, Kazakhstan** (2-11 May)
 - A. Trap and Skeet athletes will be selected to compete in this WC.
 - B. Athletes selected for the WC at 6(a)(ii) will not be selected for the Almaty WC.
 - C. Subject to clause 6(a)(iii) B, athletes ranked in the top three (3) based on the combined total of their Event Points for the Trap or Skeet WC Selection Events #1 and #2 may be selected.
 - D. After this process and subject always to clause 3, any remaining places may be filled by National Squad or other athletes at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel.
 - E. The Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 19/03/2026.
 - (iv) **World Cup Lonato, Italy** (3-12 July)
 - A. Athletes ranked in the top three (3) based on their Event Points from the Trap or Skeet WC Selection Event # 3 may be selected.

- B. After this process and subject always to clause 3, any remaining places may be filled by National Squad or other athletes at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel.
- C. The Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 24/05/2026.
- (v) **World Cup Hangzhou, China (20-29 July)**
 - A. Athletes selected for the WC at 6(a)(iv) will only be considered for selection to the Hangzhou WC if they are Categorised at Podium, Podium Ready or Podium Potential.
 - B. Subject to clause 6(a)(v) A, athletes ranked in the top three (3) based on the combined total of their Event Points for the Trap or Skeet WC Selection Events #3 and #4 may be selected.
 - C. At this process and subject always to clause 3, any remaining places may be filled by National Squad or other athletes at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel.
 - D. The Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 14/06/2026.
- b) Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Panel, when selecting National Squad (i.e. Categorised or not Categorised) or other athletes to the Team, the Panel may consider any of the following Factors (Factors), and in no particular order:
 - (i) How the WC, GP or Other Event will contribute to the progression of the athlete towards future eligibility, qualification and preparation for podium performances at Benchmark Events (**BME**) and Pinnacle Events (**PE**).
 - (ii) International performances in 2024 and 2025 including qualifying and finals as well as head-to-head performances.
 - (iii) All domestic performances in SA-endorsed events since 1 January 2025 including qualifying and finals as well as head-to-head performances.
 - (iv) Regular access to an appropriate high-performance daily training environment.
 - (v) Commitment to a SA Performance Coach-directed plan of domestic and international competition.
 - (vi) A demonstrated commitment to high-performance choices and behaviours that will contribute to BME and PE podium performances in the future, including and maintaining the highest levels of personal excellence.
 - (vii) Any other factors the Panel considers relevant.
- c) The discretion granted to the Panel in clauses 5(a) and (b) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the Panel may consider any Factor or a combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting athletes to the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel is not required to consider or rely on any or all of the Factors in the exercise of its discretion to make a decision. For example, the Panel may rely on one (1) Factor, two (2) Factors, three (3) Factors, etc., a combination of Factors or no Factors in exercising its discretion.

7. SELECTION PROCESS – TRAP MIXED TEAMS

- a) Subject always to the General Criteria and this Competition Criteria, the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Trap Mixed Teams according to the following Selection Process:



- (i) Mixed Teams may be selected from among the individual athletes that are ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in Men's and Women's Trap based on the combined total of their Event Points for the relevant WC Selection Events as per clauses 6(a)(i)-(v).
- (ii) The final pairing of athletes for each Mixed Team will be determined by the Panel in its absolute discretion, no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the Trap Mixed Team competition at the relevant WC.