



COMPETITION SELECTION CRITERIA 2026 ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 the Australian Team (Team) for the ISSF World Championships (WCH) to be conducted in Doha, Qatar from 1-15 November.

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) Please refer to clause 4(a)(i) of the General Selection Criteria for the events in which athletes may be selected to the Team.
- b) Up to three (3) athletes may be selected per event to the Team for the WCH by the Panel.
- c) Neither this Competition Criteria, nor SA nor ISSF require SA to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes to the Team for the WCH. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Competition 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.
- d) 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 the Team 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	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MPS
TRAP	114	TRAP	100
SKEET	116	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 the WCH shall be from 1 January 2025 until the conclusion of the last 2026 WCH Selection Event for the discipline.

5. PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A WCH SELECTION SCORE

a) The process for obtaining a Selection Score for the 2026 WCH (**Selection Score**) is as follows:

(i) Athletes have an opportunity to participate in up to three (3) WCH Selection Events (**Selection Events**) in 2026 to accumulate points (**Event Points**) that contribute to their WCH Selection Score. Specific dates and locations of Selection Events are as follows:

SHOTGUN SELECTION EVENTS	#1	#2	#3
NAME	VIC State Titles	QLD State Titles	NSW State Titles
DATES	22-24 May	12-14 June	11-13 September
LOCATION	MGC	BGC	SISC

(ii) Shotgun Selection Scores:

- A. 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**).
- B. 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.
- C. 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.

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

- F. At the end of the Selection Events, each athlete will obtain a Selection Score which is calculated based on the combined total of the Event Points achieved in all three (3) of the Selection Events.
- G. At the end of the Selection Events, Selection Scores for all eligible athletes will then be ranked from highest to lowest.

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**):
 - (i) Individual athletes may be selected to the Team in order of their WCH Selection Score ranking at the conclusion of the Selection Events. If two (2) or more athletes are tied based on their Selection Scores, the tie will be broken as outlined in clause 6(a)(ii) of this Competition Criteria.
 - (ii) If there is a tie, the Panel in its sole and absolute discretion may recommend to SA the athlete to be selected (from amongst the tied athletes) according to any, all or none of the following factors in its absolute discretion and in no particular order, weighting or combination:
 - A. The tied Athletes' domestic head-to-head performances in the Qualification round at SA Endorsed Events between 1 January 2026 and the date of completion of the final Selection Event; or
 - B. An Athlete's international qualifying and finals performances at the 2025 World Championships; or
 - C. At the absolute discretion of the Panel.
- b) If a minimum of two (2) WCH Selection Events cannot be completed due to any reason, athletes may be selected to the Team by the Panel in its absolute 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 amongst the individual athletes that are ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in Men's and Women's Trap at the conclusion of the WCH Selection Events.
 - (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 WCH.

8. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) In determining whether an athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6 of this Competition Criteria, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may consider any Extenuating Circumstances which prevented an athlete from achieving the Selection Score which would otherwise be required to obtain selection to the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of this discretion by the Panel may result in a different athlete being selected to the Team. There is no obligation on SA or the Panel to consider any Extenuating Circumstances. There is no



appeal where it does not do so.

- b) Without limitation, the 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 written 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.