



GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA 2026

ALL ATHLETES

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) and the World Shooting Para Sports (**WSPS**) conduct multiple competitions per shooting discipline each year with the venues and dates of these events outlined on their respective websites: [2026 ISSF Calendar](#) and [2026 WSPS Calendar](#).
- b) Shooting Australia (**SA**) will determine which competitions it selects athletes for, and sends Australian Teams (**Team**) to, as part of its High-Performance (HP) Program.
- c) This Selection Criteria applies to the selection of all Teams. This includes but is not limited to:
 - (i) ISSF and WSPS World Championships (**WCH**);
 - (ii) ISSF and WSPS World Cups (**WC**);
 - (iii) Grand Prix (**GP**); and
 - (iv) Other international competitions.
- d) Competition Specific Selection Criteria (**Competition Criteria**) must be read in conjunction with this General Selection Criteria (**General Criteria**).
- e) SA is under no obligation to select any, or the maximum number of, athletes for any event listed in any Competition Criteria.
- f) This General Criteria, together with the relevant Competition Criteria, details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes. For the avoidance of doubt, each selection of athletes to the Team for each event in each competition is an independent happening, 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. OBJECTIVES

- a) The LA 2028+ Shooting Australia High Performance Strategic Plan (**Strategy**) states the vision and strategies of SA including for the selection of Teams. SA will facilitate targeted engagement in international competition to build the knowledge and capability of talented athletes to perform when it matters. The Strategy vision of success includes that athletes will achieve more finals and medals in more events, especially in Olympic and Paralympic Games and WCH.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objective in clause 2(a) simply provides context for these General Criteria and Competition Criteria and in no way impacts on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel (**Panel**) or the exercise of discretion by the Panel.

3. SELECTION PANEL

- a) The Panel shall comprise the SA Chief Executive Officer (**SA CEO**) as Chair, together with one (1) representative, endorsed by SA's Board, from each of Target Pistol Australia, Target Rifle Australia and the Australian Clay Target Association (**Member Organisations**).
- b) HP staff employed by SA may contribute recommendations for consideration by the Panel.
- c) The Panel will select members of the Team subject to, and in accordance with, the terms of this General Criteria and the Competition Criteria.

4. EVENTS

- a) The Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the events detailed below:
- (i) ISSF World Championships (Senior and Junior), World Cups (Senior and Junior), Grands Prix and Other Events – Olympic Events:

MEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION
10M AIR RIFLE
25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
SKEET

WOMEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE 3 POSITION
10M AIR RIFLE
25M PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
SKEET

- (ii) ISSF Senior World Championships – Non-Olympic Events

In addition to the events in 4(a)(i), at the Senior WCH, the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following non-Olympic events:

MEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE PRONE

WOMEN'S EVENTS
50M RIFLE PRONE

- (iii) WSPS World Championships, World Cups and Grand Prix – Paralympic Events

RIFLE
R1 – 10M AIR RIFLE STANDING MEN SH1
R2 – 10M AIR RIFLE STANDING WOMEN SH1
R3 – 10M AIR RIFLE PRONE MIXED SH1
R4 – 10M AIR RIFLE STANDING MIXED SH2
R5 – 10M AIR RIFLE PRONE MIXED SH2
R6 – 50MRIFLE PRONE MIXED SH1
R7 – 50M RIFLE 3 POSITION MEN SH1
R8 – 50M RIFLE 3 POSITION WOMEN SH1
R9 – 50M RIFLE PRONE MIXED SH2

PISTOL
P1 – 10M AIR PISTOL MEN SH1
P2 – 10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN SH1
P3 – 25M PISTOL MIXED SH1
P4 – 50M PISTOL MIXED SH1

(iv) WSPS World Championships, World Cups and Grands Prix – Non-Paralympic Events

In addition to the events in 4(a)(iii), the Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for specific competitions. Refer to WSPS Competition Criteria for the following non-Paralympic events:

SHOTGUN
PT1 – TRAP SEATED SG-S
PT2 – TRAP STANDING (LOWER LIMB) SG-L
PT3 – TRAP STANDING UPPER LIMB) SG-U

- b) If there are any non-Olympic or non-Paralympic events on the program at competitions other than the ISSF Senior or WSPS WCH the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in such non-Olympic or non-Paralympic events in accordance with this General Criteria and the relevant Competition Criteria.
- c) If there are any Team or Mixed Team events at the competition, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may select athletes to compete in any such Team or Mixed Team event from amongst the Team selected for the competition in accordance with this General Criteria and the relevant Competition Criteria.

5. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team 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 Olympic or Paralympic Games, ISSF or WSPS World Championships and Continental Championships;
 - (iii) meet this General Criteria, the relevant Competition Criteria and all eligibility requirements imposed by the ISSF or WSPS; and
 - (iv) sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 8.
- b) In addition to clause 5(a) to be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for a WSPS competition an athlete must:
- (i) meet all eligibility requirements imposed by the WSPS including:
 - A. hold a WSPS Athlete License for the 2026 season; and
 - B. be nationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of Confirmed; or Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2026 or later.
- c) In addition to clause 5(a) to be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team for an ISSF Junior competition an athlete must be under the age of, or turn, twenty-one (21) between 1 January and 31 December of the year of competition.

6. AVERAGE PERFORMANCE SCORE (APS), APS LEADERBOARD AND MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (MPS)

Some clauses in Competition Criteria refer to the APS and/or the APS Leaderboard and/or that an athlete must have an APS which meets the MPS.

- a) The APS is determined by SA based on the average of each athlete's top three (3) qualification scores in SA-endorsed domestic or SA-selected international events (**Eligible Events**) within the Performance Window. SA-endorsed domestic events are events that appear on the SA Calendar with the label 'SA Endorsed'. The SA Calendar can be found on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org.
- b) The APS Leaderboard is a list of athletes in each discipline and event, ranked from highest to lowest according to their APS. The APS Leaderboard is for each discipline can be found on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org.
- c) Some Competition Criteria require an athlete to have an APS which meets the listed MPS for the purpose of selection and/or funding to the Team. An MPS reflects a competitive standard against which athlete's current performance levels can be compared. For example, where the MPS for selection is 545, an athlete who has an APS of 545 or higher at the end of the specified Performance Window would be eligible for consideration for selection. An athlete with an APS of 544.5 would not be eligible for consideration for selection.

7. 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 www.shootingaustralia.org or obtained by request from the SA office.

8. 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 that they are maintaining a suitable training regime and attending Team preparation camps as determined by SA.
- d) Athletes must be and remain of a level of fitness and health to be able to travel including:
 - (i) be able to compete competitively following long haul flights and multiple night accommodation in hotels, usually in shared rooms; and
 - (ii) be a positive, engaged, and constructive member of the Team and the SA community.
- e) Para-athletes must be able to independently manage personal care commensurate with impairment. For clarity this means only athletes classified as SH2 would be expected to require any assistance with personal care (e.g. dressing, bathing etc.).
- f) Where there may be doubt, the decision of the SA CEO, 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.

- g) Athletes agree that the 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.

There is no appeal where the Panel has removed an athlete from the Team under clause 8(g).

- h) Any incident or act related to doping or other integrity issue in breach of relevant policies or any incident 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 8(h).
- i) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from the Team where a need is clearly established. The SA CEO 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; or
 - (iv) Team harmony and balance.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Team for each international competition will be announced via the SA website www.shootingaustralia.org.

10. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the relevant organising committee will be coordinated through SA. Subject to any funding provided by SA, athletes will be required to pay the costs of participation in the Team (**Participation Costs**), which will be advised to the athletes and are to be paid to SA in accordance with clause 10(d).
- b) The Participation Costs include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Entry Fees;
 - (ii) Travel;
 - (iii) Accommodation;
 - (iv) Ammunition for competition and unofficial training (Shotgun); and
 - (v) Unofficial training costs.
- c) SA may choose to provide funding to cover or reduce Participation Costs. The relevant Competition Criteria provides a guide.
- d) All payments of the Participation Costs to SA by an athlete must be paid in full to SA at least seven (7) days prior to the departure from Australia unless otherwise agreed by the SA Chief Operating Officer.



11. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this General 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; and
 - (ii) email to members of the SA National Squad and people subscribed to other distribution lists.
- b) Any amendments to this General Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.
- c) Any failure to give any notice or follow any process under this General Criteria does not invalidate such notice or process and does not give rise to an appeal in respect to the notice or process.