



# COMPETITION SELECTION CRITERIA 2026 ISSF WORLD CUPS

## PISTOL AND RIFLE 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 pistol and rifle events (Team) at ISSF World Cups (WC).
- 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](http://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 five (5) athletes may be selected per event for each WC 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 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, 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:

PISTOL				
AGE GROUP (YOB)	10M AIR PISTOL MEN	25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL MEN	10M AIR PISTOL WOMEN	25M PISTOL WOMEN
25+ (25YO or older) YOB 2001 or earlier	576.0	577.6	571.8	578.9
U25 (24-23-22YO) YOB 2002-2003-2004	574.5	574.8	570.2	576.8
ISSF Junior (21-20-19YO) YOB 2005-2006-2007	573.3	573.5	569.2	575.5
Youth (18YO or younger) YOB 2008 or later	571.2	570.7	566.9	572.9

RIFLE				
AGE GROUP (YOB)	10M AIR RIFLE MEN	50M 3 POSITION MEN	10M AIR RIFLE WOMEN	50M 3 POSITION WOMEN
25+ (25YO or older) YOB 2001 or earlier	628.4	585.5	628.2	585.1
U25 (24-23-22YO) YOB 2002-2003-2004	627.4	583.8	627.1	583.8
ISSF Junior (21-20-19YO) YOB 2005-2006-2007	626.8	583.1	626.4	582.8
Youth (18YO or younger) YOB 2008 or later	625.6	581.0	625.3	581.7

- d) The Performance Window for relevant WCs are detailed in clause 5(a)(i)-(iv).

#### 5. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Subject always to the General Criteria and clauses 1,2,3 and 4 of this Competition Criteria, the athletes to compete in the Team may be selected by the Panel according to the Selection Process for each event:
  - (i) **World Cup Granada, Spain (3-12 April)**
    - A. National Squad Athletes who are Categorised may be selected.
    - B. The APS Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 27/01/2026.



- (ii) **World Cup Munich, Germany (24-31 May)**
- A. National Squad Athletes may be selected. WC positions may first be assigned to National Squad Athletes who are Categorised, then National Squad Athletes who are not Categorised.
  - B. After this process, any remaining places, up to three (3) per event at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel, may be filled using the APS Leaderboard to rank athletes for selection.
  - C. The Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 24/03/2026.
- (iii) **World Cup Hangzhou, China (20-29 July)**
- A. National Squad Athletes may be selected. WC positions may first be assigned to National Squad Athletes who are Categorised, then National Squad Athletes who are not Categorised.
  - B. After this process, any remaining places, up to three (3) per event at the sole and absolute discretion of the Panel, may be filled using the APS Leaderboard to rank athletes for selection.
  - C. The APS Performance Window will be 1/1/2025 to 18/05/2026.
- (iv) **World Cup Cairo, Egypt (8-16 October)**
- A. The purpose of this event is to prepare athletes for the 2026 World Championships. Therefore, WC positions may be allocated to the athletes ranked in the top three (3) on the 2026 World Championships (WCH) Selection Leaderboard for Olympic Events only at the end of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and final WCH Selection Event.
- b) Without in any way limiting the discretion of the Panel, when selecting National Squad Athletes (i.e. Categorised or not Categorised) to the Team, the Panel may consider any of the following Factors (Factors), and in no particular order:
- (i) How the WC 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) Achievement of an APS that meets or exceeds the MPS for the relevant event in accordance with clause 4.
  - (v) Regular access to an appropriate high-performance daily training environment.
  - (vi) Commitment to a SA Performance Coach-directed plan of domestic and international competition.
  - (vii) 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.
  - (viii) 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.