

2024 Rifle Selection Procedures

Selections for Competitions

Selection to 2024 Teams

ISSF Continental Championships Selection

An ISSF Championship Team Selection Date will be established for the Continental Championship following the completion of Olympic trials. The Olympic team will be first offered the opportunity to compete in the Continental Championship followed by the Olympic alternates and then by the national ranking list order, The mixed teams will be filled by athletes already at the tournament with Team USA comprised of the highest prioritized man and woman and Team USA 2 with the next highest prioritized man and women. Priority is 2024 Olympian that finished first in tryouts, 2024 Olympian that finished second in tryouts, 1st Olympic alternate, 2nd Olympic alternate and then the ranking list. Declined and unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List. Athletes must be able to satisfy any ISSF event participation restrictions. Funding will not be guaranteed for this event.

ISSF Last Chance Qualification

A Selection Date will be established for the event once USAS has been informed by the ISSF as to who will be able to attend. The Olympic team will be first offered the opportunity to compete followed by the Olympic alternates and then the national ranking list order, Olympians requiring appearances for participation in the 2024 Olympic Games will be given priority. Declined and unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List. Athletes must be able to satisfy any ISSF event participation restrictions. Funding will not be guaranteed for this event.

ISSF World Cup Selection

A World Cup Team Selection Date will be established for each World Cup. Once the Olympic team is chosen, they will be given priority for World Cups that follow the tryouts. Olympic alternates will be given second priority. From that point forward, the Ranking Points List, National Team membership, and development team status that are current at the World Cup Team Selection Date will be used to select the World Cup participants. ISSF Individual Olympic Event Automatic Invitations

- World Cup slots in ISSF individual Olympic events (Men's Air Rifle, Women's Air Rifle, Men's Smallbore 3x20, Women's Smallbore 3x20) will be offered to the Olympic team first, Olympic alternates second and then followed by National Team members in order from the Ranking Points List that is current up to that World Cup Selection Date until all ISSF Individual Olympic event slots are filled or all National Team members in that event have been offered a slot, whichever comes first.
- Selection Dates:
 - World Cup Cairo – December 21st: 8:00 am MST

- World Cup Granada – January 8th : 8:00 am MST
- World Cup Baku – March 19th : 8:00 am MST
- World Cup Munich – Monday, April 11 : 8:00 am MST
- Unfilled World Cup slots
 - Declined and unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List.
- ISSF Team Event slots
 - ISSF Team events at each World Cup will be filled by athletes already at the tournament and in the following order: Olympic team, Olympic alternates and then from that point forward, the Ranking Points List, National Team membership, and development team status that are current at the World Cup Team Selection Date that will be used to select the World Cup participants. **Thus**, the mixed teams will be filled by athletes already at the tournament with Team USA comprised of the highest prioritized man and woman and Team USA 2 with the next highest prioritized man and women. Priority is 2024 Olympian that finished first in tryouts, 2024 Olympian that finished second in tryouts, 1st Olympic alternate, 2nd Olympic alternate and then the ranking list. Air Rifle Mixed Team event
 1. If the Air Rifle Mixed Teams for the ISSF Open Championship Team of the year have already been selected by the World Cup Team Selection Date, those athletes will fill the World Cup Air Rifle Mixed Team slots in World Cups held before the ISSF Open Championship.
 2. The Air Rifle Ranking List will be used to fill any other open or declined World Cup Air Rifle Mixed Team slots.
 - Non-Olympic Air Rifle and Smallbore Team events
 1. If the Air Rifle Mixed Teams for the ISSF Open Championship Team of the year have already been selected by the World Cup Team Selection Date, those athletes will fill the first two slots for World Cup Air Rifle Team events. The Air Rifle Ranking List will be used to fill all other non-Olympic Air Rifle Team event slots.
 2. The Smallbore 3x20 Ranking List will be used to fill Smallbore Team event slots.
 - Declined Team Event slots will be passed down to next highest ranking athlete who has already qualified for the World Cup in an ISSF individual Olympic event.

ISSF Grands Prix Selection

A Team Selection Date will be established for each Grand Prix. The Ranking Points current up to that date will be used to select the Team for the open slots. Only athletes from the National Team and National Development Team, selected in order down the Ranking Points List, are eligible for automatic invitations to fill the open slots. Declined and unfilled slots may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List.

Other International Matches Selection

A Team Selection Date will be established for each international match. The Ranking Points current up to that date will be used. The top two ranked athletes from the Ranking Points List will be offered automatic invitations to fill slots for these competitions. Declined and unfilled slots may revert to development slots and filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List.

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Selections for the USAS National Rifle Team (Team USA)

USAS National Rifle Team (Team USA)

The USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) includes the members of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. Members of the USA Shooting National Rifle Team (Team USA) are eligible to receive support from USA Shooting and represent the USA in international competitions.

National Team (NT) Selection

Eligible for automatic invitations to ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions; eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Team will include:

- Athletes who represent the USA in the major ISSF Open Championship-of-the-year (World Championships, Continental Championships, Olympic Games) in an Olympic event.
- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Ranking Points.
 - o The 2024 NT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
 - Men's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.03
 - Women's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 627.50
 - Men's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 588
 - Women's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 588

National Development Team (NDT) Selection

Eligible for automatic invitations to ISSF Grands Prix; eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Development Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Ranking Points.
 - o The 2024 NDT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
 - Men's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.65
 - Women's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 625.55
 - Men's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 584
 - Women's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 584

National Futures Team

Eligible to fill development slots at ISSF World Cups, Grands Prix, and other ISSF and non-ISSF international competitions.

Members of the National Futures Team will include:

- Junior and Collegiate Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT and who:
 - o Represent the USA in the major ISSF Junior Championship of the year in an Olympic event (World Championships); or
 - o Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USASNC; or
 - o Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USAS Junior Olympics; or
 - o Win the Individual NCAA Championships in air rifle or smallbore; or
 - o Finish in the top two USA NCAA season averages in air rifle or smallbore; or
 - o Win the Air Rifle 3-Position National Championship; or
 - o Qualify for an ISSF or equivalent international competition (El Salvador, Suhl, etc.); or
 - o Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)
- Open Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT who:
 - o Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Smallbore 3x20 or Air Rifle; or
 - o Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)

Athletes remain members of the National Futures Team for a term of 1 year from when they qualify, except for the coach/committee selections whose term will be on a case-by-case basis.

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USAS Rifle Athlete Ranking Points System

Athletes will be ranked in order based on a 1-year rolling Ranking Points system. The Ranking Points are calculated as an athlete's Average Score Points over the course of one year (rolling).

Ranking

Events and Valid Scores

- Rankings will be kept in the Olympic Games Individual medal events. Currently this includes:
 - o Men's Air Rifle
 - o Women's Air Rifle
 - o Men's Smallbore
 - o Women's Smallbore
- Only scores from Olympic Games medal events will be used for ranking.
 - o Results from the following Olympic Games events can be included in the Average Score Points. Currently, these events and courses of fire are:
 - Men's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-Shot course of fire
 - Women's Air Rifle, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
 - Men's Smallbore, ISSF 3x20 course of fire
 - Women's Smallbore, ISSF 3x20 course of fire
- Average Score Points are valid within a rolling 1-year window. Scores will be dropped from the ranking after 1 year, at the end of the month in which they were achieved.

Any grandfathered bonus points will be included until they expire based on the previous rifle selection procedure

Minimum Requirements for Ranking and Team Selection

- To be included in the ranking system, athletes must shoot one Threshold Score in a qualification round of a designated ranking competition. Athletes will be tracked in the ranking system for 1 year after the last attained Threshold Score. No scores or achievements that were posted before the initial Threshold Score was met will be counted toward the Average Score Points.
 - o Men's and Women's Air Rifle Threshold Score: 623.0
 - o Men's and Women's Smallbore 3x20 Threshold Score: 580
- A minimum of five (5) ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions are required for Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.

The Ranking Points

The Ranking Points used for Team Selection are the Average Score Points from dedicated ranking competition results within the current 1-year window. Athletes will be ranked in order based on the Ranking Points

The Average Score Points

The Average Score Points used for ranking will be the average of the top five (5) scores from ISSF courses of fire in designated ranking competitions that have been posted within the current 1-year window.

- Scores will count for 1 year through the end of the month in which they were posted.
- For Team Selection, at least one of the five (5) counting scores must be posted within 4 months of a Team Selection Date.

- Exception: The 4-month requirement may be waived if there were no designated ranking competitions available within 4 months of the Team Selection Date.

Designated Ranking Competitions

Results from the following competitions can be used for ranking.

International Designated Ranking Competitions

- Olympic Games
- ISSF World Championships
- ISSF and IOC Continental Championships
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF Grands Prix
- ISSF Champions Cup
- ISSF Junior World Championships)
- ISSF Junior Continental Championships)
- ISSF Junior Cups (scores only)
- Other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches that have been designated as ranking competitions
 - To count toward ranking, other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches must:
 - Be designated as a ranking competition.
 - Be considered a major international competition with an expectation of multiple world-class scores being posted (scores that exceed the NT Qualifying Ranking Points level).

Domestic Designated Ranking Competitions

- USAS National Championships
- USAS Junior Olympics)
- Other USAS and non-USAS matches that have been designated as ranking competitions
 - To count toward ranking, other USAS and non-USAS domestic matches must:
 - Be designated as a ranking competition.

Waivers

- **Extended Break from Competition Waiver.** An athlete may take an extended break from competition and be re-instated into the Ranking System at the same level as at the start of the break if a waiver is requested in advance and approved by the Selection Committee. At least two new scores must be entered before the athlete is eligible for ISSF Team Selection, with at least one score posted within 4 months of the Selection deadline.
 - **Other Waivers.** Under extraordinary circumstances an athlete may file a waiver to accommodate unanticipated situations that are out of the athlete's control.
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