

# 2025 Rifle Selection Procedures Selections for Competitions

## Selection to 2025 Teams

### ISSF World Cup & World Championship Selection

A World Cup & World Championship Team Selection Date will be established for each World Cup & World Championship. The Ranking Points List that is current at the World Cup & World Championship Team Selection Date will be used to select the World Cup & World Championship participants.

- World Cup & World Championship slots in ISSF individual Olympic events will be offered to actively training National Team members in order from the Ranking Points List that is current up to that World Cup & World Championship Selection Date until all slots are filled in that event or until the National Team list is exhausted, whichever comes first. Selection does not guarantee financial support. Actively training means not on extended break waiver or is agreed to between the athlete and National Coach and/or High Performance Director. If the athlete and Coach and/or High Performance Director do not agree, then the decision on whether an athlete is actively training will be decided by committee. The committee decision is final.
- Selection Dates:
  - World Cup Buenos Aires – February 1, 2025: 8:00 am MST
  - World Cup Lima – February 1, 2025: 8:00 am MST
  - World Cup Munich –April 1, 2025: 8:00 am MST
  - World Cup China – July 1, 2025: 8:00 am MST
  - World Championships – September 1, 2025: 8:00 am MST\*\*All selection dates and locations are subject to change, related to ISSF calendars and due dates from host committees\*\*
- Unfilled World Cup & World Championship slots
  - Declined and unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events may revert to development slots and/or be filled through a committee selection or they may remain unfilled. While the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List will be considered as time allows, Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List, especially if competition due dates are close.
- ISSF Team Event slots
  - ISSF Team events at each World Cup & World Championship will be filled by athletes already at the tournament and in the order of their placement on the ranking list, on the date of selections for the World Cup & World Championship. The mixed teams will be filled by athletes already at the tournament representing USA Shooting: Team 1 comprised of the highest prioritized man and woman and Team 2 with the next highest prioritized man and women, unless each member involved and the national team Coach or his designee agree to different pairings.
  - Non-Olympic Air Rifle and Smallbore Team events will be filled based on the ranking list for that event with participants already in the tournament. Prone team events will be filled by the 3x20 ranking list of athletes competing in the prone event.
  - Declined Team Event slots will be passed down to next highest ranking athlete in that event who is already at the ISSF tournament and competing in the individual event. Prone passed down team spots will be filled by the highest ranking 3x20 individual competing in the prone event.

### **ISSF Grand Prix and other International Match Selection**

A Team Selection Date will be established for each Grand Prix and/or other international matches. Team slots may be filled by ranking list, committee selection, or not filled. While the order of athletes on the ranking list may be considered, slots may be filled without regard to the order of the athletes on the ranking list. This only applies to events that USA Shooting will be sending athletes to as USA Shooting representatives.

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## **2025 Rifle Selection Procedures Selections for the USAS National Rifle Team**

### **USAS National Rifle Team**

The USA Shooting National Rifle Team includes the members of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. Members of the USA Shooting National Rifle Team are eligible, but not entitled, 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 & World Championships.*

Members of the National Team will include:

- Up to 5 athletes whose Average Ranking Points meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Average Ranking Points. Those who meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Average Ranking Points but are not ranked in the top 5 will follow the National Development Team Protocol listed below for selection. Cut off scores may be adjusted throughout the season based on impact of ISSF rule changes on scores.
  - o The current 2025 NT Qualifying Ranking Average Points are:
    - Men's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Average: 629.0
    - Women's Air Rifle NT Qualifying Ranking Average: 629.0
    - Men's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Average: 589
    - Women's Smallbore NT Qualifying Ranking Average: 589

### **National Development Team (NDT) Selection**

Members of the National Development Team will include:

- Up to 5 athletes whose Average Ranking Points meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Average Ranking Points. Those who meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Average Ranking Points but are not ranked in the top 5 will be on the National Futures Team. Cut off scores may be adjusted throughout the season based on impacts of ISSF rule changes on scores.
  - o The current 2025 NDT Qualifying Average Ranking Points are:
    - Men's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Average: 627.0
    - Women's Air Rifle NDT Qualifying Ranking Average: 627.0
    - Men's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Average: 586
    - Women's Smallbore NDT Qualifying Ranking Average: 586

### **National Futures Team (NFT)**

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
- Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USASNC; or
- Finish in the Top 3 Juniors at the USAS Junior Olympics; or
- Win the Individual NCAA Championships in air rifle or smallbore; or
- Finish in the top two USA NCAA season averages in air rifle or smallbore (minimum 6 scores);  
or
- Win the Air Rifle 3-Position National Championship; or
- 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:
  - Meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Ranking Average but are not in the top 5; or
  - Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Smallbore 3x20 or Air Rifle; or
  - Are Resident Athlete at the USOPTC, including offsite Resident Athletes.
  - Are selected through a Coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position)

Athletes remain members of the NFT until the start of the following year's tournament in which they qualified or 1 year, whichever happens first, except for those being named for competing in an ISSF or equivalent international competition (6 Months), and the Coach/committee selections whose term will be on a case-by-case basis. Athletes on the NFT due to meeting or exceeding the NDT Qualifying Average Ranking Points but not ranked in the top 5 will remain on NFT until they rank in the top 5 NDT or top 5 NT or their average does not meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Average Ranking Points. Resident Athletes, including offsite residents, will remain on the Futures Team until they leave the Resident Program.

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# **2025 Rifle Selection Procedures**

## **USAS Rifle Athlete Average Ranking**

### **Points System**

Athletes will be ranked in order based on a 12-month rolling Average Ranking Points system. The Average Ranking Points are calculated as an athlete's Average Score Points over the course of 12 months (rolling). To initiate the 2025 system, 2024 scores will be applied based on 2025 criteria.

#### **Ranking**

##### **Events and Valid Scores**

- Rankings/Scores will be kept in the Olympic Games Individual medal events. Currently this includes:
  - Men's Air Rifle, 10 Meter ISSF 60-Shot course of fire
  - Women's Air Rifle, 10 Meter ISSF 60-shot course of fire
  - Men's Smallbore, 50 Meter ISSF 3x20 course of fire
  - Women's Smallbore, 50 Meter ISSF 3x20 course of fire
- Only scores from Olympic Games individual medal events will be used for ranking. Approved 50m 3x20 indoor competitions may count.
- Average Score Points are valid within a rolling 12-month rolling window. Scores will be dropped from the ranking after 12 months, at the end of the month in which they were achieved.

##### **Minimum Requirements for Ranking and Team Selection**

- To be included in the ranking system, athletes must shoot one Threshold Score, which is a score at or above the score listed below, in a qualification round of a designated ranking competition. Athletes will be tracked in the ranking system for 12 months 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.
  - Men's and Women's Air Rifle Threshold Score: 625.0
  - Men's and Women's Smallbore 3x20 Threshold Score: 583
- 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 4-month requirement may be waived if there were no designated ranking competitions available within 4 months of the Team Selection Date or is agreed to by the National Coach and/or High Performance Director as part of an individual's training plan.

#### **The Ranking Points**

The Ranking Points used for Team Selection are the Average Score Points from dedicated ranking competition results within the current 12-month rolling window. Athletes will be ranked in order based on the Average 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 12 months window.

- Scores will count for 12 months through the end of the month in which they were posted.
- Ties in the Average Score Points will be broken for National Team and Development Team slot order by comparing the last ranking match score shot by each tied individual. The athlete with the higher individual score will be ranked ahead of the other tied individuals and so on, going back score-by-score until all ties are broken.

#### **Designated Ranking Competitions**

Results from the following competitions can be used for ranking. Note: Only one score a day can count as a ranking score, and it will be the first score shot that day with the following exception:

- If an ISSF competition elimination match is shot the same day as the qualifier match, both elimination and qualification scores will count as ranking scores.

#### **International Designated Ranking Competitions**

- Olympic Games
- ISSF World Championships
- ISSF and IOC Continental Championships
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF Grand Prix
- ISSF Champions Cup
- ISSF Junior World Championships
- ISSF Junior Continental Championships
- ISSF Junior Cups
- Other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches that have been designated as ranking competitions
  - o To count toward ranking, other ISSF and non-ISSF international matches must:
    - Be designated as a ranking competition

#### **Domestic Designated Ranking Competitions**

- USAS National Championships
- USAS Junior Olympics
- Other USAS and non-USAS matches that have been designated as ranking competitions

#### **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. However, they will be placed at the bottom of the level in the ranking system upon return. At least two new ranking scores at the level at the start of the break 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. The new scores will be averaged and the athlete will be placed on the National Team System in ranked order. If there is an eligible score in the system, the two new scores will be added to that score for an average.  
**Note:** To be eligible for the Championship of the year (World Championship, CAT games, etc.), the athlete returning from an extended break waiver must have at least 5 new ranking scores in the past 12 months. In other words, an athlete cannot be named to, for example, the World Championship Team, with just two new scores.
- **Other Waivers.** Under extraordinary circumstances an athlete may file a waiver to accommodate unanticipated situations that are out of the athlete's control.

These selection procedures are subject to change based on changes to the ISSF schedule, rules, and other unknown situations outside of USA Shooting's control.

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