



## USA SHOOTING SHOTGUN 2025 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

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### Introduction

These USA Shooting Shotgun Junior National Team Selection Procedures set out the manner in which USA Shooting's Shotgun Junior National Team will be selected.<sup>1</sup> Except as expressly set forth in this document, these Procedures do not set out or guarantee the rights, privileges, benefits, or obligations of Junior National team members. Those attributes will be set out in a separate Junior National Team document.

### **1. Eligibility for Junior National Team Selection**

In order to be selected to the Junior National Team, an athlete must at the time of selection and throughout the period during which the athlete is a member of the Junior National Team:

- a. Be a "national" of the United States as that term is used by the International Sport Shooting Federation ("ISSF") and the International Olympic Committee ("IOC).
- b. Satisfy all eligibility criteria imposed by the IOC, ISSF, the Shooting Confederation of the Americas ("SCA") and United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee ("USOPC").
- c. Hold a current U.S. passport that does not expire for at least six months following the latest ISSF match(es) for which they are selected to compete.

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- d. Sign USA Shooting's Athlete Code of Conduct. and abide by the current USA Shooting rules and regulations, including USA Shooting's Code of Conduct and USOPC Code of Conduct as may be applicable.
- e. Complete satisfactorily any background check required by USA Shooting or USOPC.
- f. Satisfy any training requirements or other requirements imposed by the United States Center for SafeSport.
- g. The USA Shooting Shotgun Junior National Team will be comprised of the top five (5) athletes as selected below.

## 2. Junior National Team Selection Process

By way of overview, the Junior National Team will be selected on a rolling basis, that is, at any point in time the Junior National Team will consist of the five athletes of each sex earning the highest aggregate scores in the two Selection Matches immediately preceding the Junior National Team selection as described below, except as replacements may be selected on other bases utilized in accordance with these Procedures.

## 3. Selection Matches

- a. Selection Matches are open to all competitors who are eligible to be named to the Junior National Team on the basis of the eligibility criteria set out above.
- b. Events to be Contested
  - i. Men's Trap
  - ii. Women's Trap
  - iii. Men's Skeet
  - iv. Women's Skeet
- c. Course of Fire
  - i. Trap and Skeet/Men and Women
  - ii. One course of fire equals 125 targets
- d. Number of Courses of Fire

Matches will consist of two (2) courses of fire - Men and Women - for a total of 250 targets

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- e. Match Dates and Locations (Match dates and locations will be updated following publication of the ISSF schedule)<sup>2</sup>
- i. Selection Match 1 – September 11–22, 2024 @ Halter Shooting Center Hillsdale, MI
  - ii. Selection Match 2 – TBD Spring of 2025 @ TBD
  - iii. Selection Match 3 – TBD Summer of 2025 @ TBD
  - iv. Selection Match 4 – TBD Spring of 2026 @ TBD
  - v. Selection Match 5 – TBD Summer Of 2026 @ TBD
  - vi. Selection Match 6 – TBD Spring of 2027 @ TBD
  - vii. Selection Match 7 – TBD Summer of 2027 @ TBD
  - viii. Selection Match 8 - TBD Spring of 2028 @ TBD
- f. Match Finals Format and Scoring
- i. Selection Match 1
    1. Finals Format will be based on the most current ISSF finals rules.
    2. The Match 1 Qualification score will determine the final bib #/placement. Ties will be resolved utilizing the ISSF shoot-off format in effect at the time of the match.
    3. Results from the Final will have no bearing on selection.
    4. Prizes and money awarded/earned for this match shall have no bearing on Junior National Team selection.
    5. Selection Match 1 Qualification Score will be used to start the Junior National Team selection process.

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ii. Selection Match 2

1. Finals format will be based on the most current ISSF finals rules.
2. The Match 2 Qualification score will determine the final bib #/placement. Ties will be resolved utilizing the ISSF shoot-off format in effect at the time of the match.
3. Results from the Final will have no bearing on selection.
4. Prizes and money awarded/earned for this match shall have no bearing on Junior National Team selection.
5. The Junior National Team will be selected based on the Selection Match 1 Qualification score, plus the Selection Match 2 Qualification score, to determine the Team Selection Total Aggregate Score. In the event of a tie in the Team Selection Total Aggregate Score, a shoot-off, conducted in the format that is consistent with the ISSF "Tie-Breaking (Shoot-off) Procedures" applicable at the time of the Selection Match, will be used to resolve the tie.<sup>3</sup>

iii. Selection Matches 3-8

1. Finals format will be based on the most current ISSF finals rules.
2. For each subsequent Selection Match, the Qualification score in the match will determine the final bib #/placement in that match. Ties will be resolved utilizing the ISSF shoot-off format in effect at the time of the match.
3. Results from the Final will have no bearing on selection.
4. Prizes and money awarded/earned in any Selection Match shall have no bearing on Junior National Team selection.
5. The Junior National Team will be selected based on the most recent Selection Match Qualification Score, plus the previous Selection Match's Qualification score to determine the Junior Team Selection Total Aggregate Score. In the event of a tie in the Junior Team Selection Total Aggregate Score, the ISSF finals tie breaking format, in effect at the time of the match, will be used to resolve the tie.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> As of the date of publication of these Procedures, *see* Rule 6.19.4.3 set out in Edition 2022 of the ISSF GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES, adopted for shoot-outs in Finals pursuant to Rule 9.15.2.6.





iv. Selection Match Scoring for Junior National Team Selection

**Previous Selection Match Qualification (Q) Score  
(out of 250 targets)**

**+ Most Recent Selection Match Qualification (Q) Score  
(out of 250 targets)**

**= Team Selection Total Aggregate Score  
(out of 500 targets)**

**Example of rolling approach**

Match 1Q+2Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 2Q+3Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 3Q+4Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 4Q+5Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 5Q+6Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 6Q+7Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

Match 7Q+8Q= Team Selection Total Aggregate score for Junior National Team

- g. Junior National Team (JNT) ranking 1 through 5 will be determined by these selection procedures.
- h. All ties through 7<sup>th</sup> place will be settled using shoot-offs, conducted in the format that is consistent with the ISSF finals tie breaking format, applicable at the time of the Selection Match.
- i. Ties from 8<sup>th</sup> place and lower places will be settled by the ISSF countback rule.
- j. Junior National Team status will be updated at the conclusion of each Selection Match (except the first Selection Match), reflecting the new composition of the 5-member per sex Junior National Team.
- k. USA Shooting may decline to appoint an athlete to the Junior National Team or enter an athlete in an event, or once appointed, remove an athlete from the Junior National Team or enter an athlete in an event if the athlete fails to satisfy the eligibility requirements above, is unable to participate due to illness, injury, or other reason, fails to pass a background check, fails to complete any requirement of





the United States Center for SafeSport, violates any USA Shooting Code of Conduct, or is subject to temporary or interim measures that prohibit the athlete from competing.

- I. In the event of inclement weather, power outages, range and range equipment errors, or circumstances beyond the control of the organizing staff, the team selection course of fire may be altered. If present, the following personnel will collectively be the final authority on the course of fire changes; the competition jury, the match director, the National Team coach, USA Shooting's High-Performance Director, and the designated Technical Delegate.
  
- m. In the event that a selection event loses its status by virtue of unusual circumstances, or a force majeure event, every effort would be made to inform all registered participants of the impact. This includes, but would not be limited to, an email notification, updating the USA Shooting website and/or onsite physical posting where applicable. It is incumbent on all athletes to ensure that up-to-date contact information is included with all event registration information, particularly email address and cell number.
  
- n. Athletes must adhere to all SafeSport, IOC, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), ISSF, United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

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o. Illustrative and explanatory tables:

### Scoring for National Team Selection

Previous Selection Match Qualification Score	Most Recent Selection Match Qualification Score	Team Selection Total Aggregate Score
	+	=

### EXAMPLES

#### After Selection Match 2 in Spring of 2025

After	Selection Match 1 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Selection Match 2 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Team Selection Total Aggregate Score
	248	+ 250	= 498

#### Selection Match 3 in Fall of 2025

After	Selection Match 2 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Selection Match 3 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Team Selection Total Aggregate Score
	250	+ 246	= 496

#### Selection Match 4 in Spring 2026

	Selection Match 3 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Selection Match 4 Qualification Score (250 targets)	Team Selection Total Aggregate Score
	246	+ 249	= 495

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#### 4. Junior National Team Start Positions

- a. Junior National Team Positions 1-5 are considered as Medal Start Positions.
- b. If a Medal Start Position athlete is unable to participate in an event, the next highest ranked athlete by Team Position will be the next eligible athlete and move up to the Medal Start Position for that event.
- c. The most recently named Junior National Team members as selected above will generally represent USA Shooting at ISSF events scheduled until the next Selection Match. However, when timing considerations for entry and/or travel arrangements, visa requirements, permits, etc., for an international event preclude some or all of the most recently named Junior National Team members from attending, USA Shooting may enter members from the previous Junior National Team in the international event.
- d. These Procedures only determine the right to entry into an ISSF-sanctioned international event – they do not constitute and shall not be construed as a representation or promise that USA Shooting will bear the costs of any athlete's participation in the event.

#### 5. 2025 International Competition Three (3) Person Team Start Positions

- a. The highest three (3) ranking individuals based on the most recent Team Selection Total Aggregate Score for men and the highest three (3) ranking individuals based on the most recent Team Selection Total Aggregate Score for women, in attendance, will earn Team start positions and be entered as Team USA Men & Team USA Women.
- b. The entry standards set out in the previous paragraph are based on the most recent ISSF rules and may be changed if ISSF rules are changed.







## 6. 2025 International Competition Mixed Team Start Positions

- a. The highest-ranking individual, based on the most recent Team Selection Total Aggregate Score, for men and the highest ranking for women in attendance, will be paired as USA Team 1.
- b. The second highest-ranking individual, based on the most recent Team Selection Total Aggregate Score, for men and the second highest ranking individual for women, in attendance, will be paired as USA Team 2

## 7. Replacement of Athletes

In the event an athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team or an event due to illness, injury, or other reason, or is removed by USA Shooting or the USOPC, the next eligible athlete from the team selection process may be added to the team for an event or for the qualification period, depending on the situation. The “next eligible athlete” is defined by the 6th and 7th ranked athlete, in that order, as per the current selection process.

Whether a replacement is named close to a scheduled competition will depend on the feasibility of international travel and administrative logistics, guided by ISSF deadlines and visa requirements.

## 8. Amendment of Procedures

- a. These procedures are based on IOC, and ISSF rules and regulations, as applicable and as understood at the time of publication. USA Shooting may amend these procedures in light of changes in such rules and regulations.
- b. Similarly, these Procedures may be amended to accommodate unexpected developments, forces of nature, or forces majeure.





- c. Modifications to the ISSF events rules, which are required to be reviewed before the beginning of every quad as per the ISSF bylaws, will take effect on January 1, 2025. This Selection Procedure will be updated if necessary to reflect these and any further changes made by the ISSF to the events rules throughout the quad.
- d. In the event of unforeseen changes that affect the Shotgun National Team Selection Procedures, including the team trial process, the USA Shooting CEO, in conjunction with USA Shooting staff, will determine if policy changes are necessary for items related to procedures involving the following: Schedule, Programs, Government Restrictions, and Rules or other unforeseen circumstances. Changes to the Selection Procedures, if needed, will be approved by the USA Shooting Board of Directors.

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## Appendix A

Table 1: Selection Match Dates and Locations. Table to be updated as dates/locations become solidified, without necessitating any changes to selection procedures directly.

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Selection Match 6	TBD Spring of 2027	TBD
Selection Match 7	TBD Summer of 2027	TBD
Selection Match 8	TBD Spring of 2028	TBD

## Appendix B

Table 2: Tentative Match Schedule for the Junior National Team. Table to be updated as international events become solidified by the ISSF, without necessitating any changes to selection procedures directly. If any ISSF event or USAS Selection Match is moved to a different date from the date currently anticipated, the applicable Junior National Team Selection as of the date that the event is actually held will determine participation (subject to the exception for travel arrangements set out above).

<b>National Team Selection Basis</b>	<b>Date*</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Selection Matches 1&amp;2</b>	<b>May 19-29, 2025</b>	<b>Junior World Cup</b>	<b>Suhl, Germany</b>
<b>Selection Matches 3&amp;4</b>	<b>June 15-26, 2026</b>	<b>World Championships</b>	<b>Suhl, Germany</b>
<b>Selection Matches 3&amp;4</b>	<b>July 18-26, 2026</b>	<b>World Cup</b>	<b>Porpetto, IT</b>

\*As published on the ISSF calendar effective August 23, 2024. Please note that this is subject to change by ISSF.

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