

# 2021-2024 Pistol Selection Procedures

## 2023 Update

### Selection to 2023 through 2024 Teams

#### 2023 Pan Am Games and 2024 Olympic Games Selection

Separate Procedures will be posted on the USA Shooting website at <https://usashooting.org/resource-center/#category-olympic> once approved by USOPC.

#### ISSF Open World Championships Selection

The ISSF Open World Championship Team Selection Date will be 60 days out from the competition start date for the event. This corresponds to June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Ranking List as of 8:00 am MST will be final for selection purposes. The Ranking Points current up to that date will be used to select the Team. Athletes are selected on the Selection Date in order down the Ranking Points List, while also satisfying any ISSF event participation restrictions.

#### ISSF Open World Cup Selection

World Cup Team Selection Dates will be 2 months prior to the start of each World Cup with the exception of World Cup Jakarta. A full rundown of ranking list close dates are provided below. Note that dates may change based on changes to ISSF calendar and/or internal policy changes. Any changes will be communicated to athletes in advance. The Ranking Points List, National Team membership, and ISSF Open Championship Team status that are current at the World Cup Team Selection Date will be used to select the World Cup participants.

- Selection Dates:
  - o World Cup Jakarta – Friday, December 16 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Cairo – Friday, December 16 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Bhopal – Friday, January 20 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Lima – Friday, February 10 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Baku – Friday, March 3 : 8:00 am MST
  - o World Cup Rio – Friday, July 7 : 8:00 am MST
- ISSF Individual Olympic Event Automatic Invitations
  - o World Cup slots in ISSF individual Olympic events (Men’s Air Pistol, Women’s Air Pistol, Men’s Rapid Fire, Women’s Sport Pistol) will be offered to 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.
- Unfilled World Cup slots
  - o After the National Team list has been exhausted any unfilled slots in ISSF individual Olympic events will revert to development team slots and filled through a committee selection. Development slots may be filled without regard to the order of athletes on the Ranking Points List but the ranking list will be used by the committee, along with recent performances both domestically and international to help determine any unfilled slots.
- ISSF Mixed Team and 3-Person Team Event slots

- ISSF Team events at each World Cup will be filled by athletes who have already qualified for the World Cup in an ISSF individual Olympic event using the ranking list to determine order of mixed team entry
  - Air Pistol Mixed Team event
    - The first male and first female on the Air Pistol ranking list will be paired to create Mixed Team 1. Should additional entries be allowed this process would continue until mixed team entries are filled.
    - Should someone decline a mixed team spot their position would be passed to the next highest ranked athlete of that gender already in attendance.
  - Non-Olympic Air Pistol and Smallbore Team events
    - Entries for 3-Person team events will be determined by order of ranking list with the top 3 ranked athletes in attendance forming the 3-Person Team.
    - Should someone decline a team spot their position would be passed to the next highest ranked athlete of that gender already in attendance.
    - The Sport Pistol and Rapid Fire Ranking List will be used to fill Smallbore Team event slots.

#### **ISSF Grands Prix Selection**

USA Shooting has established a Grand Prix policy for 2023. This policy can be found at <https://usashooting.org/app/uploads/2022/12/2023-USAS-Grand-Prix-Policy.pdf>

#### **Jr World Cup and Jr World Championship Selection**

USA Shooting has established a Jr World Cup and Jr World Championship policy for 2023. This policy can be found at <https://usashooting.org/app/uploads/2022/12/23-Jr-RP-Procedures-Updated.pdf>

#### **Other International Matches Selection**

A Team Selection Date will be established for each international match not listed above as they are known. 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.

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### **USAS National Teams**

#### **USAS National Pistol Team (Team USA)**

The USA Shooting National Pistol 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 Pistol Team (Team USA) are eligible to receive support from USA Shooting and represent the USA in international competitions.

#### **National Team (NT) Selection**

Members of the National Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NT Qualifying Ranking Points.
  - The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
  - The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 20<sup>th</sup> place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.
  - The NT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games and the World Championships. Due to the quad starting a year later the scores for 2023 will not be reset to maintain the two years of scores being in use.
  - Qualifying Ranking Points for the individual athlete will be an average score consisting of the athlete's top 5 courses of fire over a 1 year span. The 2023 - 2024 NT Qualifying Ranking Average is:
    - 2023 Men's Air Pistol NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 576
    - 2023 Women's Air Pistol NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 571
    - 2023 Men's Rapid Fire NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 576
    - 2023 Women's Sport Pistol NT Qualifying Ranking Points: 580
  - 2023 – 2024 NDT One-Time Scores are:
    - 2023 Men's Air Pistol NT One-Time Score: 580
    - 2023 Women's Air Pistol NT One-Time Score: 576
    - 2023 Men's Rapid Fire NT One-Time Score: 582
    - 2023 Women's Sport Pistol NT One-Time Score: 583

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

Members of the National Development Team will include:

- Athletes whose Ranking Points meet or exceed the NDT Qualifying Ranking Points.
  - The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be based on the ISSF World Cup results over a two-year period; from the Olympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Olympic Games.
  - The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be the average 30<sup>th</sup> place score of the ISSF World Cups within the previous two-year period.

- The NDT Qualifying Ranking Points will be in effect for two years and be re-set on January 1 following the Olympic Games or World Championships. Due to the quad starting a year later the scores for 2023 will not be reset to maintain the two years of scores being in use.
- Qualifying Ranking Points for the individual athlete will be an average score consisting of the athlete's top 5 courses of fire over a 1-year span. The 2023 - 2024 NDT Qualifying Ranking Points are:
  - The 2023 - 2024 NDT Qualifying Average is:
    - 2023 Men's Air Pistol NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 574
    - 2023 Women's Air Pistol NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 570
    - 2023 Men's Rapid Fire NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 572
    - 2023 Women's Sport Pistol NDT Qualifying Ranking Points: 576

### **National Futures/Junior Team**

Members of the National Futures Team will include:

- Junior and Collegiate Athletes who are not already on the NT or NDT and who:
  - 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
  - A score of 570 or higher in Airgun at Collegiate Pistol National Championships; or
  - A score of 575 or higher in Sport pistol at Collegiate Pistol National Championships; 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:
  - Win the National Championship at the USASNC in Air Pistol or Smallbore; or
  - 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 Pistol Athlete Ranking Points System**

### **2023 Update**

Athletes will be ranked in order based on a 1-year rolling Ranking Points system. The Ranking Points will be a combination of the athlete's Average Score Points plus Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned.

#### **Ranking**

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

- Rankings will be kept in the Olympic Games Individual medal events. Currently this includes:
  - o Men's Air Pistol
  - o Women's Air Pistol
  - o Men's Rapid Fire
  - o Women's Sport Pistol
- Only scores from Olympic Games medal events will be used for ranking.
  - o Currently, these events and courses of fire are:
    - Men's Air Pistol, ISSF 60-Shot course of fire
    - Women's Air Pistol, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
    - Men's Rapid Fire, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
    - Women's Sport Pistol, ISSF 60-shot course of fire
  - o Results from the following Olympic Games event can be used to earn Achievement Bonus Points only, and for performances only in World Championships and Olympic Games. Scores from this event cannot be included in the Average Score Points.
    - Air Pistol Mixed Team
- Average Score Points and Achievement Bonus Points must be earned in designated ranking competitions.
- 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.
- Achievement Bonus Points are valid for the following:
  - o Olympic Games ABP and World Championships ABP are carried over at half value for a second year.
  - o For 2023 – 2024 no ranking bonus points will be awarded at any other competitions
- The ranking starts on July 1, 2021. No retroactive scores or achievements will be included in the Average Score Points or Achievement Bonus Points

#### **The Ranking Points**

The Ranking Points used for Team Selection are the Average Score Points plus the Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) earned 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.
  - o Exception: The 4-month requirement may be waived if there were no designated ranking competitions available within 4 months of the Team Selection Date.

#### **Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) – No Bonus Points offered in 2023 – 2024**

Achievement Bonus Points (ABP) will not be offered for any events in 2023 nor 2024. Any points earned previously will be grandfathered in as

#### **Designated Ranking Competitions**

USA Shooting will designate ranking competitions and post within the list of ranking matches at <https://usashooting.org/resource-center/#category-olympic> at least 30 days prior to all competitions. All ISSF World Championships, World Cups, and Grand Prixes will count as well as a list of designated domestic competitions including USA Shooting competitions, quarterly NTCSC and CMP Matches, as well as other designated domestic matches.

#### **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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