

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION of INDIA

POLICY FOR RANKING and SELECTION of the NATIONAL TEAM in all ISSF Pistol Events

As decided by the Technical Committee on 06.10.2017 and
Ratified by the Governing Body on the 07.10.2017

The National Rifle Association of India – NRAI has applied the Moving Average Method [MAM] for ranking its Rifle and Pistol shooters. The Selection Policy is reviewed every year, prior to the National Championship and accordingly the following document is the modified policy as reviewed by the Technical Committee on 06/10/2017 and approved by the Governing Body on 07.10.2017

The Technical Committee also decided that **the modified formula for computation of ranking will be effective after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 of 2018. The National Squad for 2018 will also be derived after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 [2018].**

1 The Moving Average Method - [MAM]:- Modified for 2018

The Technical Committee decided to continue with the Moving Average Method for the purpose of Ranking its Rifle and Pistol Shooters and selecting its teams for participation in all international competitions on the basis of these rankings – subject to the within mentioned modifications. The ranking system would also be the method for the selection of the National Squad.

It is decided that scores that were older than 150 days would not be considered for the calculation of MAM. Hence in 2018 - for the purpose of evaluation and ranking shooters – scores would not be older than 150 days .

The ranking of the shooter will be arrived at by considering the latest four scores of the shooter. No scores will be bypassed / omitted or evaded unless there is a specific provision within this policy.

It was further decided to adopt the following formula::

The Average of the total of the highest three scores out of the preceding four scores.

Total of the Preceding Four Scores – (minus) 1 Lowest Score / 3 = Base Average Score

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The advantage of deletion of the lowest score will be available to the shooter only if s / he has a minimum of 4 scores, within the stipulated time frame. If the shooter has only 3 scores then all 3 scores will be required for the calculation of MAM [no deletion will be allowed]. A shooter who does not have 3 scores – within the stipulated time frame, cannot be considered for the purpose of ranking within this policy, except in extraordinary cases / circumstances.

If there are 2 identical lowest scores then only one will be deleted.
[While calculating each individual preceding score the score of the Finals [as per chart 1A] - if any - will be added to the Qualification Score.]

FINAL AVERAGE SCORE [FAS] = Base Average Score + Merit Points

The Ranking of the shooter would be declared on the basis of the FAS

2. Criteria for selection of NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ]- 2018

The National Squad for 2018 for Senior Junior and Youth categories will be announced after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 of 2018.

The shooters for National Squad/s - 2018 will be selected as per their ranking computed on the basis of the above formula after the completion of the ST 1 & 2 2018.

1. For a shooter to be regarded as a candidate for the National Squad the shooter must have participated in Recognised Competitions [NRC and / or IRC]. The selection in the NSQ would be subject to the shooter having achieved the MQS as per annexure "A".
2. The Senior and Junior National Squad [NSQ] for each event would comprise of 8 shooters. The Youth NSQ would consist of 10 shooters [Air Pistol events]. There will be no Junior NSQ for the Centre Fire event. In the case of more than one shooter having the same FAS for the 8 / 10th position - both / all shooters having the same FAS will be included in the National Squad. The 10 Youth Men and 10 Youth women shooters will be selected in the following manner: Top 4 shooters from the age group of 15 – 18 years. Top 2 shooters each from the age group of 15 years, 14 years and 13years (or below 13 years).

3. A maximum of 2 'Transit Shooters' [shooters who would attain 21 years of age in 2018] may be added to the NSQ of each event subject to the transit shooter having an Average score - which would have ranked him / her 1 - 4 in the Junior category of that event.
4. The National Champions of the 61st NSCC in Open events will be included in the NSQ, in that event, irrespective of their overall ranking as per the above ranking policy. A Junior Open National Champion of the 61st NSCC who will attain the age of 21 in 2018 - 'Transit Shooter ' will be one of the 2 shooters who will be a part of the NSQ for that event - as a Transit Shooter.

The NRAI will announce the revised ranking of shooters [Open Category] after the completion of any recognised domestic or international competition [where NRAI has fielded a team]. If a set of competitions are to be shot successively then on completion of the set.

For 2018, THE NRAI WILL ANNOUNCE THE NATIONAL SQUAD/s AFTER COMPLETION OF SELECTION TRIAL[ST] 1 & 2 of 2018. PRECEDING 4 SCORES SHOT BY SHOOTERS IN THE LAST 150 days ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

3. Selection Trials: SCORE LOG and Norms for Maintenance of Logs for Different Categories

All scores achieved by a shooter in an RC [NRC and / or IRC] would be considered for the purpose of this Method – No score achieved in an RC will be overlooked - scores achieved in a recognized competition in any category– [Open/Civilian/Junior/Youth]. will be considered for the MAM. All scores of all recognized competitions would be taken into account and no score that has been achieved by the shooter in any recognized competition can be ignored / bypassed or evaded.

All scores shot in an RC would belong to the shooter and s/he would be accountable for that score. All Shooters would have ONE LOG of all recognised competitions of an event. For example a Youth Male shooter's score in the NSCC in the Air Pistol event would be inserted in One Main Log of the Air Pistol Men - event, irrespective of whether the shooter has entered [paid entry fee] in the open senior category. The same rule would apply to the civilian shooter. **However the points for Chart 1 A will be added to the qualification score in the Main Log only if the competition is an Open Senior Category Competition.** Restricted category

competitions/events - even though they fall in the RC group of competitions, would not entitle the shooter to gain points from Chart 1 A. in the Main Log.

Selection Trials conducted for the junior / youth category or IRC exclusively for the juniors /youth or any other restricted category would not entitle, these shooters to benefit from Chart 1 A with respect to the Main Log.

When a shooter shoots a score in an RC - book keepers, responsible for maintaining records [with the help of the respective coaches] will add that score against the Shooter's name in the Main Log, irrespective of the category. Ranking [FAS] of all shooters, would be maintained as if they are competing in the same category. ONE MAIN LOG WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR ONE EVENT.

For the Junior and Youth shooters the scores would then be lifted, from the above Main Log and brought into A JUNIOR / Youth LOG. All shooters including Junior and Youth shooters are advised to participate in senior open category events in domestic recognised competitions, so that they do not lose out, on the opportunity to be in the 'Finals'.

FINALS in restricted competitions: Junior / Youth Shooters or any other category of shooters who shoot 'Finals' in restricted competitions [where the competition is not an open men or women's competition] will get restricted benefit of Chart 1 A, as the points will be added, ONLY to the Log maintained for that category. For example a shooter who shoots 580 in the qualification round of a Junior IRC and wins the Finals in that competition will record 580 in the Main Log, $580 + 2 = 582$ in the Junior Log. The advantage of Chart 1 A in a restricted RC will be registered in the specific Log only.

For Selection Trials - there would be no categories of senior, junior or youth – all shooters would shoot in a common category that is open category.

4, CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION TRIALS:

4a. For NSQ Members:

1. Members of the NSQ would be eligible to participate in the STs – at Govt Cost when STs are a part of a Coaching Camp and only in those events in which they are Members of the NSQ. Ammunition will also be issued by SAI for STs during Coaching Camps - only for those events in which the shooter is member of the NSQ. An NSQ Member must submit the Entry Form within the stipulated time – stating NSQ in the Fee Column. [this would be applicable only during coaching camps].

2. For participation in STs in other events - the NSQ Member will be treated as a shooter qualified to participate in STs at own cost. Hence NSQ Members who are qualified to participate in STs as per Annexure " B " of another event - must submit their Entry Form along with their Entry Fee within the stipulated time. No Ammunition will be issued by SAI for these events.

4b. Participation in Selection Trials at Own Cost – for Non Squad Members:

Non NSQ Shooters would be eligible to participate in an event in STs of that year - at Own Cost, subject to any of the following:

- a. The shooter has achieved the MQS as per Annexure " B " at the NSCC in that event.
- b. The shooter's highest three scores in RC's in the previous year are equal / more than the MQS as stated in Annexure " B " for that event. A Junior / Youth shooter who achieves the MQS of his / her category would be eligible to shoot the Selection Trials.
- c. An Arjuna Awardee would be eligible to participate in the STs at own cost in all events of the category [rifle / pistol] in which s / he has received the Award.
- d. *A Transit shooter who is qualified to shoot Junior Trials by virtue of having shot the requisite MQS in the 61st NSCC or has achieved the Senior MQS at least once in the previous year in any RC - would be eligible to shoot all the Senior STs for the year 2018.*

5. Recognised Competition RC = [(National) NRC + (International) IRC]

NRC would include Championships and Selection Trials.

Scores achieved in the following RCs would be considered for the MAM

- National Championship [NSCC]
- National Games [NG]
- Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship.
- Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship [KSS] and any other competition of this level declared by the Governing Body of the NRAI.
(where shooters who have achieved the MQS for the next NSCC in either one of the previous two NSCC.- would be eligible to participate and Scores achieved in these competition would be recognised for participation in Senior Selection Trials).
- **Selection Trials** conducted by the NRAI – [the NRAI will hold a minimum of 4 ST's and a maximum of 6 STs]
- All international recognized competitions [IRC] .

- Any other Championship which is a National / International Competition - and the NRAI announces that competition as an NRC / IRC - would be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

6 Selection of the teams for the Mixed Air Pistol Event.

Selection of the India Team for Mixed Air Pistol events would be as per the ranking based on the method mentioned in this policy. The shooter ranking no 1 in the men's Air Pistol event and the shooter ranking no 1 in the women's Air Pistol event at the time of selection of teams for all events would form the team for the Mixed Air Pistol event for that category – for the competition in question at the time of selection.

7. Weapon Breakage and other rules

7a. Weapon Breakage [all Events]: In the case of weapon breakage – where the pistol is incapable of firing the shooter would be allowed to bypass this score, where it is established ***[certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC]*** that the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to malfunctioning of the Pistol. This clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happenings on the range. This particular RC would be considered as not shot - DNS - for the purpose of MAM. If the above described weapon breakage takes place in an IRC, the shooter and coach must get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organisers but if for some reason this is not feasible, then the Pistol coach / or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI forthwith. However – this relaxation of the rule can only be invoked once in the sequence of scores being considered. Hence the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 5 scores where the above match would be bypassed. subject to such score being within the time frame.

7b 'Time Fire' events [25M] the shooter would be allowed to bypass one score, where it is established ***[certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC]*** that the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to malfunctioning of the mechanism / pistol and/or in the case of Non Allowable Malfunction due to the malfunctioning of the mechanism and not due to an error on the part of the shooter – this clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happenings on the range. This particular RC would be considered as not shot - DNS - for the purpose of MAM. If the above described malfunction takes place in an IRC the shooter and coach must try to get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organisers but if for some reason this is not feasible then the pistol coach / or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI forthwith. However – this relaxation of rule can only be invoked once in the sequence of scores being considered. Hence the

shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 5 scores where the above match would be bypassed and S6 would have to be considered.

7c In the case of a shooter **withdrawing** from any competition, once s/he has begun the competition [including sighters], zero or the total of the already executed shots would be the score that would be calculated for MAM. The shooter would not be allowed to bypass the score of the competitions in which s/he has withdrawn from the competition. This rule would be relaxed only if there is a medical or other emergency of a very serious nature and the same is certified by the Chief Range Officer supported with Medical reports, in the case of medical emergency.

7d. *A shooter who does not shoot a competition after having sent his / her **entry for an RC** - the above rule will be applied, that is it will be assumed that s/ he has shot the competition and s/ he will not be allowed to bypass that competition. Hence his / her non participation will be treated as **withdrawal** and same above rule will be applied for the calculation of BAS/FAS . A shooter who is not desirous of participating in the selection trials or any other RC is advised not to send his / her entry to the NRAI for that competition or s/ he may withdraw his / her entry [by email only] 48 hours prior to the commencement of his / her event. – giving reasons for the same.*

7e. Any shooter who **cannot** or does not wish to **participate in an international** competition, for which s/he is selected / or is likely to be selected – **must inform the NRAI of his/her intentions at least 2 months prior to the commencement of the international competition.** The NRAI will then select the shooter next in ranking. International Competition dates are known well in advance hence those Shooters who fail to inform the NRAI of their non participation will face strict disciplinary action. The disciplinary action may be waived only if it is apparent that the shooter could not have known of his / her selection or in the case of unforeseen circumstances. Disciplinary Action would also be initiated against a shooter who withdraws/does not shoot in an international competition after she/he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above –rule 8c / d would be applied for the purpose of calculation of MAM. The shooter would be considered as having shot the competition and 0 / the score at the time of withdrawal, would be a part of the calculation of the averages. This rule would be relaxed only if there is convincing evidence of the shooters inability to participate, due to reasons beyond his/her control.

7f In the case of a shooter who is **disqualified** due to his / her equipment not passing weapon control in a '**random check**' after the match and it is established that this failure to pass the weapon control was beyond his / her control then the shooter's score of that

match will be considered as DNS and this score will be bypassed. This rule will apply ONLY when the equipment is examined and 'passed' by Equipment Control prior to the commencement of the competition and it can be reasonably established that the shooter has not tampered with the equipment. The shooter must make an application to the NRAI asking for his / her score not to be considered for MAM.

A shooter can **bypass** only one score at any given time. At no point will the shooter be allowed to bypass more than one score.

8. Time Frame

For the Calculation of the MAM: The four scores of the shooter [S4] will not be prior to / older than 150 days and not later than 180 days, if the NRAI has not conducted a domestic RC. The counting will start backwards from the last day of the latest competition. Hence if a competition begins on 21.12.2000 and ends on 30.12.2000 then counting backwards will start from 30.12.2000. Hence if 180 days come on the last day of the oldest competition then it would be considered as within the time frame even if the particular event was shot a few days before. THE EXTENTION OF 180 DAYS WOULD BE GRANTED ONLY BY NRAI IF IT HAS NOT CONDUCTED DOMESTIC RC.

If within that period the shooter has only three scores then s/he will not get the benefit of deducting the lowest score

The NRAI would have the right to go further beyond the stated time frame in special cases of extraordinary shooters who have proved themselves at several important internationals and who have not been able to participate in competitions due to reasons beyond their control, especially if the shooter has taken advance consent from the NRAI. However, for such cases the selection committee would state reasons, in writing, justifying the selection of such shooter.

Exemptions: The NRAI may grant, (on compelling grounds) and the shooter (on the basis of these compelling reasons) may seek prior exemption, [with justification in writing] from participating in any RC. In the case of the NRAI granting such an exemption to the shooter – MAM would be applied to the shooter but the Time Clause would be relaxed provided that at the time of selection no score of the shooter is older than 180 DAYS . The NRAI would make these exemptions only if the shooter has been ranked in the top three in the preceding 6 months..

The time frame clause stated in the policy is solely for the purpose of ensuring that shooters provide the Selectors with the most recent scores and to discourage them from

“sitting on” good performances, **This clause comes into play ONLY when NRAI organises an RC and the shooter wants to skip the competition. The option of skipping an RC is available to him / her if s/he has the requisite number of scores within the ‘Time Frame’.**

In the case of domestic shooters who have no international scores and who have not missed any of the NRAI organised RC – the MAM will be considered on the basis of scores shot in these RC’s irrespective of whether they are strictly within the time frame.

**9. a) CHART 1 A - POINTS for FINALS – to be added to Qualification score ONLY.
b) CHART 1 B - MERIT POINTS to be added to BAS**

Chart 1A indicates the points that a shooter would accrue depending on the competition and the position achieved by him/her in that competition after having shot the Finals. Shooters would gain points of Chart 1 A only in Finals conducted in an RC and these points would be added to the specific category in which the Finals are shot. Chart 1 B is a chart of merit points which will be added to the BAS [BAS + Merit Points = FAS] of the shooter until the specified time.

The points indicated in the chart 1 A, would be added to the shooters qualification score. For example - if a shooter Junior Shooter - X has entered her name in both the Senior and Junior category of the 25 M - Sport Pistol event, achieves a score of 580 at the NSCC, qualifies for the Finals in both categories, achieves the 2nd position after the Finals in Senior Category and 1st Position after the Finals in the Junior Category, she would gain 2 points in the Senior Category and 3 points in the Junior Category and her score in the Senior Log would be 582 and Junior Log would be 583. This would be the case only in Competitions like the NSCC or KSS. For Selection Trials - there would be no categories of senior, junior or youth – all shooters would shoot the qualification in a common category that is open category. However Finals will be conducted for all categories

Consequently the additional advantage [points] that the shooter gets for winning a position in the Finals of an RC lasts until that score forms a part of the scores being considered for the calculation of BAS.

Chart 1A -

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL							

1. World Cups / WCF	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2. Asian Games/ASC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
3. NSCC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
4. Other IRC/NRC	2	1	0.5	0.25				

This will not include 'other' IRC's at own cost.

Shooters who shoot IRC's at own cost would not get the benefit of Chart 1 A.

For point no 4 in Chart 1 A – 'Other IRC' – a shooter can gain points from this chart, only if – in an IRC - there are a minimum of 3 countries [team] actually participating in that event and not less than a total of 25 participants in that event. The qualification and the additional points accrued in the Finals – as per chart 1 A, would be added to the Qualification Score and the total would be the 'S'core of the shooter **solely** for calculating the BAS - this total score attributed to the shooter would not be recognized for any other purpose but for arriving at the ranking of the shooter by the MAM.

Chart 1 B – Merit Chart

Position	1	2	3	4	5 - 8
Points available for each position in the corresponding OGs/ Wch....					
Time – 2 yrs.					
OGs to W/ch					
W/ ch to OGs					

OGs / W/ch	3	2	1.5	0.75	0.5
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<u>ISSF - World Ranking –</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	<u>Time</u>
Points for the corresponding ranking	2	1	The Ranking of a

shooter - should be available on the ISSF website on the date of team selection, by the selection committee of the NRAI. No retrospective benefit shall be available to any shooter and it shall remain a real time achievement.

Chart 1 B: will be added to the BAS of a shooter. BAS + Merit Points = FAS The difference between Chart I A and 1 B is that - points accrued in Chart 1A are added to the qualification score whereas points accrued as per Chart 1 B would be added to the Base Average Score and the corresponding point would continue to be added to the BAS as per the time mentioned in the chart. in the case of the Olympic Games / W Ch / Quota place irrespective of whether the qualification score of that competition forms a part of the latest 4 scores. The time frame for the Olympic Games would be 2 years (from the medal /final position winning Olympic Games to the next World Championship and the same 2 - year period would apply to the World Championship i.e until the next Olympic Games.

10. IRC AT OWN COST [IRC at OC]

A Shooter eligible to participate in Selection Trials – may participate in an international recognised competition [IRC] at his/her own cost and scores achieved in such international recognised competitions would be considered for the purpose of Ranking [MAM]. **HOWEVER THE SHOOTER WILL NOT GET THE BENEFIT OF CHART 1 A.**

ONLY SCORES OF THOSE SHOOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN TRIALS [CONDUCTED BY NRAI] WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RANKING.. There would be a CEILING / CAP on the total number of such participations at 'own cost' in IRC's in a year- THE CAP BEING 2 COMPETITIONS IN ONE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCORES BEING CONSIDERED IN MAM

SHOOTERS WHO HAVE NEVER 'QUALIFIED' FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE National Championship IN THAT PARTICULAR CATEGORY [PISTOL /RIFLE] – AS PER THE NORMS SET BY THE NRAI IN ITS MATCH BOOK - CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RECOGNISED OR NOT RECOGNISED BY NRAI. ALL AFFILIATED UNITS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THEIR SHOOTERS OF THIS RULE AND ANY SHOOTER NOT ABIDING BY THE SAME IS LIABLE FOR STRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

For the purpose of participation a 'year' would mean a shooting calendar year - which would commence with the commencement of the National Championship and conclude at the commencement of the next National Championship.

A SHOOTER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN AN IRC AT OC IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY / represent his rifle club / District Association or State Association if they so permit **AND WILL NOT BE REPRESENTING INDIA.** Shooters who participate at international competitions at own cost WILL NOT FORM TEAMS unless the NRAI selects the team members (who must be currently eligible to participate in Open Selection Trials) on the basis of prevalent norms. POINTS ACCRUING FROM CHART 1A WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO IRC AT OC.

A shooter **must inform the NRAI** of his/her participation **PRIOR** to his / her participation stating that he intends to participate in an IRC and is desirous of his / her scores being considered for the MAM. **The NRAI will follow this Norm strictly.**

On the completion of such competition IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO ENSURE THAT SCORES SHOT IN SUCH - IRC AT OWN COST [IRC at OC]- ARE INCLUDED IN HIS / HER AVERAGE [MAM].

PENALTY for failing to inform the NRAI of the results /scores in such IRC at OC: The NRAI will CALCULATE THE RANKING by INCLUDING THAT COMPETITION IN THE AVERAGE AND RECORDING the score of such competition as 'ZERO'. The shooter would further be INELIGIBLE to get scores of such IRC at OC recognised for the purpose of MAM for the NEXT 2 YEARS.

The NRAI will announce a list of IRC prior to the NSCC [list below] but would be free to add new names of competitions to the existing list - announcements would be made at least 70 days prior to the commencement of such competition. ONLY Scores of shooters eligible to participate in such competitions would be considered for MAM.

LIST OF IRCs AT OWN COST

S. No	Name of IRC
1.	RIAC LUXEMBOURG
2.	GRAND PRIX PLZEN
3.	MEYTON CUP INNSBRUCK
4.	IWK MUNICH
5.	INTERSHOOT DEN HAGUE
6.	GRAND PRIX OF FRANCE
7.	GRAND PRIX OF KUWAIT
9.	ISAS DARTMUND
10.	ISCH HANNOVER
11.	GRAND PRIX OF LIBERATION PLZEN
12.	WORLD UNIV SHOOTING CH
13.	WORLD UNIV GAMES

The scores of such competitions and the achievement in these competitions can ONLY be used for the purpose of MAM and will not be considered for any other benefits / purpose. No achievements / medals / records made by shooters in these competitions will be considered for any other purpose.

International Competitions Not Recognised by the NRAI: Scores achieved by individuals at international shooting events which are not recognised by the NRAI will not be considered for any purpose WHAT SO EVER. Shooters / state associations / affiliated units are advised to ensure that scores / achievements / participation at such International competitions are not used for any benefits of what so ever nature. The eligible shooter who participates in any international competition [not recognised by NRAI] will not declare the scores / medals / positions achieved in these competitions to any educational institution /corporate / government / semi government organisations or any other individual /organisation for seeking any benefit of what so ever nature failing which s/he

shall be liable for disciplinary action. The National Rifle Association of India regards the misuse of such participation most unfavourably.

11. Minimum Travelling Score: [MTS] for WC Participation: It was decided to introduce a Minimum Qualifying Score for Travelling to World Cups – Minimum Travelling Score [MTS], for all events and that score would be applied as an MQS, - mandatory requirement for participation in World Cups. For each event the travelling score would be devised by calculating the Average of the scores of the Four World Cups 25% position score, of that Year. [25% position is 25% of the total participants; for example – if total participants are 120 and 25% position is the 30th position] . Every year the Travelling Score will be announced by the NRAI.

THE SHOOTER MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE TRAVELLING SCORE ATLEAST TWICE FROM AMONGST THE SCORES BEING CONSIDERED FOR MAM [TWO SCORES OUT OF THE 4 SCORES BEING CONSIDERED]. SELECTION WOULD BE MADE WHERE THE SHOOTER IS RANKED 1 – 3 AND HAS THE REQUISITE **Minimum Travelling Score. FOR SELECTION AT GOVT. COST A SHOOTER MUST RANK IN THE TOP 3 AND MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE MTS TWICE.**

If any of the top 3 shooters being considered for the World Cup have not achieved the MTS twice [2 out of 4 scores] then s/he will not be selected at GOVT COST and no other shooter will be selected to participate in the WC at Govt. Cost.

11a Participation at own cost in World Cups / other Recognised International Championships / Competitions:

1. *Only those shooters who are ranked in the top 6 will be permitted to represent the country in any international competition whether at Govt. Cost or Own Cost This would include all competitions of all categories.*

THE RULE OF ONLY THE TOP 6 SHOOTERS BEING PERMITTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTRY IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ALL J / Y INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

However this rule would not apply to a Games. No shooter below the rank of 6 - [who is ranked 7th or lower] will be permitted to participate at own cost even if there is a vacant space.. This rule would be relaxed only for a shooter who has been selected in one event /s at Govt Cost and forms a part of the selected team and such shooter is desirous of participating in another event where there is a vacant spot [no other shooter has been selected at govt / own cost] subject to such a shooter being at least in the top 8 in that event.

2. For World Cups ONLY - Shooters who are ranked 1 - 3 but do not have (2) MTS may participate at own cost – and they will be given preference for participation as

per merit of ranking. However if a shooter ranked 4 - 6 has 2 MTS then s / he would be given preference over those 1 – 3 shooters. For participation at own cost in a WC - shooters who are ranked 1 – 6 but do not have MTS would be permitted to participate at own cost in order of merit / ranking.

3. *Further provided that such shooter on completion of the selection competition – makes a written application to the NRAI. The NRAI – after receiving such application, in order of merit, select shooters from amongst the applicants and announce the names of shooters participating at own cost along with the names of the selected team. No changes will be made once such announcement is made.*

MTS WOULD NOT BE A CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR A GAMES OR A CHAMPIONSHIP. MTS WOULD BE APPLIED TO WORLD CUPS ONLY.

12. Eliminations rounds at world cups / internationals: The higher of the 2 scores shot by a shooter in the elimination and the qualification round of an RC - will be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

13. Shooting Calendar: The NRAI will announce an annual domestic calendar prior to the NSCC. The NRAI will hold the NSCC every year – BY END OF NOVEMBER AND NOT LATER THAN the second week of December. [this would be changed only marginally in the case of reasons beyond the control of the NRAI].

14. Transparency: The NRAI has ensured that the system of scoring, announcements of scores and corresponding ranking of shooters is completely transparent, the results of the competitions are displayed on the NRAI website within 2 DAYS of the completion of the competition. Once the scores are announced it is the **responsibility of the shooter to notify the NRAI, in writing of any discrepancy / special claims, within 3 days.** .

15. Provisional Shooter [PS] : A shooter who desires to shoot a recognized competition for examining/ experimenting / testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a PROVISIONAL SHOOTER and such scores shot for experimental purpose would not be considered in the calculation of MAM. Provided that the shooter requests in writing, prior to the competition – sends entry form with fee - stating in the entry form that s / he wishes to shoot as a Provisional Shooter along with a separate application justifying such request. A Provisional Shooter would be allowed to shoot the Finals in that competition only if s/ he has shot – in that competition – a score that would entitle him / her to be in the Finals and if s / he is a top ranking shooter. Such Provisional shooter would shoot as the 9th shooter who would not be eliminated and neither qualification nor Finals will be considered for MAM.

16. Dress code: It is clarified that strict compliance to dress code as stated by the ISSF shall be followed at all times at the ranges/ ceremonies / competition site. Shooters shall wear the dress/uniform of their state/country at all official ceremonies. **For prize ceremonies shooters must be in their state / country uniform.**

17. Safety and Range Rules: There will be a stringent application of Safety and Range Rules and shooters not adhering to the safety and range rules will be Penalised / Disqualified.

18. Coaching Camps: It would be mandatory for NSQ Members / Selected Shooters to attend Coaching Camps and ensure a minimum attendance of 85% - failing which s/ he would not be permitted to go to the next international competition.

Only Personal Coaches [as defined below] would be permitted to join the selected shooters at Coaching Camps and International Competitions and Parents and other relatives would not be allowed to enter the shooting arena during coaching camps / Domestic / International training / Competitions.

Parents desirous of travelling to the destination of national and international competitions will make their own arrangements and the NRAI will not entertain any requests and will not be responsible for any bookings of hotels / tickets / visa etc. Shooters participating in International competitions at own cost would also be obliged to strictly follow the instructions of the coaches / managers / officials failing which strict disciplinary action would be initiated against them.

19. Personal Coaches & Support Staff:

NORMS FOR PERSONAL COACHES:

1. Eligibility for shooters to utilize services of personal coaches:

Shooters, who have participated in international competitions as a member of the Indian team [at Govt. cost], in the last two years,- will only be permitted to utilize the services of a personal coach/support staff during coaching camps/competitions in India and abroad.

2. Eligibility for nomination as a Personal Coaches

2a. For Senior Shooters

Any Shooter who has won a medal in Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games /Commonwealth Championship/Asian Championships would be eligible to be granted recognition by the NRAI as the 'Personal Coach' of a selected shooter.

2b. For Junior Shooters – 2a and the following:

1. A Shooter who has participated in any two World Cups “ At Govt. Cost”.. Shooters who participated at “own cost” in the World Cups will not qualify in the above criteria. .
2. Coaches, who have attended ISSF Coaches Course are eligible to be nominated as personal coaches if they have been renowned shooters in the senior category.
3. Shooters, who had been renowned shots (not active shooter at present), with a coaching experience of minimum 10 years can be considered as personal coach.

The above coaches will work in a congenial manner with the Indian / Foreign Core Group coaches and must adopt the program of these coaches. Personal Coaches must periodically provide a written progress report to the Foreign Coach / NRAI.

3. Support Staff

Any professional, with an experience of minimum five years in sport field can perform duties with shooters who are eligible to utilize services of personal coaches/support staff.

21. Wada: It is clarified that strict compliance to WADA, IOA, ISSF and NRAI rules shall be maintained. Should a shooter be in violation of rules he/she shall not be considered for the selection of team & shall be deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norms of appeal in the forum.

An effort has been made to make the Original Policy [along with the modification / clarification] exhaustive – however it is possible that in the course of the application of the policy anomalies arise. In such a case/s the interpretation of the NRAI of such anomalies would be final and binding on all.

The Selection Committee/or any other committee so empowered by the Governing Body of the NRAI would base their selection of individuals /teams for participation in International Competitions, largely on the basis of the rankings derived by the Moving Average Method - as stated in this policy. However in extraordinary circumstances, with justification. in writing, the committee would have the authority to deviate from the results of the MAM and under all circumstances the decision of the Selection Committee /NRAI would be final and binding on all concerned parties.

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