

IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY ON 17th MAY 2025

1. To institute Lifetime Achievement Award to veteran athletes. A Committee has been constituted and this Committee will frame rules for conferring the Award.

- 2. Formation of National Athlete Committee through election by athletes.**

In alignment with international practices and to further strengthen athlete representation in the decision-making process, it has been decided to establish **National Athlete Committee**. This committee will serve as a platform for athletes to voice their concerns, contribute to policy discussions, and play an active role in the governance of the sport. It shall function separately from the Athlete Commission, which will continue to address non-sport complaints such as grievance redressal, harassment, or administrative issues.

3. Formation of E-Sport Committee. The details regarding E-Sports will follow.

4. The norms for Range Certification, as per attachment.

- 5. Sale of firearms to Renowned/Aspiring shooters.**

The Governing Body has decided to sell fire arms to Aspiring/Renowned shooters. The details in this regard will be published shortly.

6. The term “Shooter” is replaced with “Athlete”. Now onward the term “Athlete” will be used by NRAI for all purposes. This is as per ISSF rules. The terms “Renowned Shooter” and “Aspiring Shooter” will continue, as defined in Govt. documents. The term “Shooter ID” will continue as the same is for the specific purpose of Shooting Sport.

7. The term “Detail” is replaced with “Relay”. Now onwards, the term “Relay” will be used instead of “Detail”. This is as per ISSF norms.

8. Rule 7.2 to 7.4 of NRAI Match Book are amended and athletes will have the liberty to select their Relays through “online” Relay allocation system. The rules are attached herewith. The “online” system will be activated in due course of time, prior to major competition.

9. The Rules for re-scheduling of Relays for athletes, during domestic competitions, who are returning from abroad after participating in international competitions have been framed and are attached herewith.

10. Clause 6(B)(6) of Selection Criteria (Rifle and Pistol) is amended as under:

Members of the Group A will be permitted to participate in STs of group B in Non-Olympic Events subject to conditions as laid down under Clause 6(B)(5) of Selection Criteria.

11. The Selection Committee **may** consider selection of 3P shooters to participate in Prone event during the same competition where Prone event is part of the Competition and the athlete is participating in 3P event as main shooter.

12. New event – 25M Pistol Men is added on the program of State/Pre National and NSCC for the athletes above the age of 21 years. There will only one age category. The participation rules are:
- All men athletes above the age of 21 years will shoot under this category. Junior Men athletes, apart from junior category, may also participate in senior category.
 - Athletes who are eligible to participate in Centre Fire Pistol event during 68 NSCC will be allowed to participate in this event. This exception is only for 68 NSCC and not for subsequent years. Other athletes may qualify as per Rule 1.4/17.6 of NRAI Match Book to participate in this event.
 - For notifying the athletes as “Aspiring Shooter” or “Renowned Shooter” in this event, the MQS under Rule 1.4 and 17.6 of NRAI Match Book will apply.

13. Rules 103 to 10.5 of NRAI Match Book for award of medals during various competitions are amended as under:

Rule 10.3: Medals/Badges will not be awarded to those, whose score is less than the qualifying marks as prescribed for the relevant matches irrespective of their individual position. The grading of those securing above the qualifying marks will be done as usual. **This will not apply to the athletes under Deaf, Para, Senior Masters and Super Masters.**

Rule 10.4: The above rule will not apply in case of Deaf, **Para athletes**, Senior master’s and Super Masters categories.

Rule 10.5 “No prize will be awarded in case of a single entry, but organizers may award memento to the athlete. The said rule will not apply in case of **Deaf, Para athletes**, Senior master’s and Super Masters categories.”

14. The Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) under 1.4, 17.6 and for Aspiring Shooters are reduced to enable large number of athletes to participate in sport of Shooting. These will be applicable from 68 NSCC with following conditions:

- That the athletes, who failed to achieve MQS during 67 NSCC are required to qualify for 68 NSCC from Pre-National Competitions (AIGVMSC/ZONAL/INDIAN OPEN COMPETITION). The athlete will not be permitted to participate in 68 NSCC, based on the score which was lower than the MQS applicable during the 67 NSCC. (MQS as stated in NRAI Match Book 2024/NSCC circular). For example, a senior athlete who shot 92/125 in Trap event during 67 NSCC and missed to achieve MQS of 95/125, is required to participate in Pre-National Championship to qualify for 68 NSCC. The score of 92/125 will not be considered for direct entry in 68 NSCC.
- No import permit shall be issued on the basis of “reduced” score achieved by the athletes in 66/67 NSCC.
- The athletes, who achieved NR MQS as per Rule 17.6 of NRAI Match Book, as on 31st March 2025 during India Open Competition Mhow will be valid for participation in 68 NSCC.
- The revised MQS under Rule 1.4, 17.6 of NRAI Match Book and MQS for “Aspiring Shooter” and Renowned Shooter” are annexed herewith.
- The revised MQS for Big Bore events will be decided and notified shortly.**

15. The following events are included under a separate category for “Youth Athletes”, below the age of 18 years. These will be in addition of Air Weapon events, which are already being conducted during competitions. The MQS for these events are notified under Rule 1.4 and 17.6 of NRAI Match Book along with MQS for Aspiring Shooter.
 - a. 50M Rifle 3 Position Men and Women
 - b. 50M Rifle Prone Men and Women
 - c. 25M Pistol Men and Women (Sports Pistol)
 - d. Trap Men and Women
 - e. Skeet Men and Women

Draft Norms for Rescheduling Matches due to overlap between International and Domestic Competitions (Rifle/Pistol)

In view of operational necessities such as team selections for upcoming events, domestic competitions (e.g., KSSMSC, Selection Trials) may occasionally be scheduled in close proximity to international events. This may result in athletes returning from international competitions without sufficient rest before their domestic events. To address such overlaps, the following guidelines are established:

1. Definitions

- **Competition:** A domestic tournament such as KSSMSC or Selection Trials.
- **Event:** A shooting discipline defined by ISSF rules (e.g., 50M Rifle 3P).
- **Range:** The specific facility type associated with an event (e.g., 10M, 25M, or 50M range).
- **Schedule:** The full duration of the domestic competition as notified by NRAI.

2. Eligibility for Rescheduling

- Athletes representing, as part of official Indian team in an **international competition** who are also scheduled to compete in an overlapping **domestic competition after their return** may request a rescheduling of their match/event.
- Exemption for rescheduling shall not be permitted under any other circumstances, medical or emergencies in India.

3. Procedure for Request

- The concerned athlete must send a formal request **via email** to the **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) before departure**.
- The email must include:
 - Relays of the international competition
 - Date and time of return to India
 - Domestic competition Relays
 - Specific events for which rescheduling is sought

4. Rest Period Allowance

- A **maximum of 72 hours of rest** is permitted from the time of **landing in India**.
- Within this 72-hour window, if all events on the relevant **range** (e.g., 10M, 25M, or 50M) will be completed, the athlete must **compete his/her event within the available time**.

5. Deadline for Match Completion

- The athlete **must complete the rescheduled match within the last day** of the domestic competition.
- **No extensions** beyond the official schedule of the competition will be granted.

6. Special Provision for Ranking Competitions (e.g., KSSMSC)

- In case of ranking competitions:
 - If the **finals of a particular event are already over**, the athlete **will not be eligible** for medals, bonus points, or any ranking under finals.

- The Qualification score will be considered **only for the purpose of the Moving Average Method (MAM)**.
- Scores of the athlete, in a Competition, will be reflected in Result Book under **Score for Moving Average Method (SMAM)**

Draft Rules for “Online Selection of Relays for Trials/Competitions (Rifle/Pistol) under Rule 7 of NRAI Match Book

A. Purpose

The purpose of introducing the “Online Relay Allocation system” by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) is to enable athletes to plan their participation in shooting competitions and trials well in advance. This system empowers athletes to select their preferred Relay based on personal convenience, thereby promoting better preparedness and time management.

In case of an emergency or any genuine requirement, a athlete may interchange their allocated Relay with another athlete of the same State in the same Group.

Furthermore, these rules facilitate more streamlined administration, allowing both NRAI and the RTS Office to concentrate more effectively on the smooth and efficient conduct of competitions.

B. Definition

1. Competition – Name of the Competition/Selection Trial
2. Event – As defined by ISSF – e.g. 50M Rifle 3P
3. Group – Group of athletes of various categories like, Senior, Junior and Youth etc. in an Event.
4. Relay – The number of Relays will be generated, depending on number of firing lanes available at a range and number of athletes participating from various Units in a particular Group. The number of athletes in a Relay from each participating State, will be decided as per ISSF rules, through an “computerised auto generated system”. This will be done based on the total number of athletes from a State.
5. Stipulated Dates – which may be notified by NRAI for selection/allocation of Relays.

C. Rules

1. Athletes can select Relays of their choice, without any fee, “on first come first serve basis” within the stipulated date, as notified on the website of NRAI. These dates will be announced after the last date of entries with late fee and preparation of Relays. (after around 5-6 days of the last date of entries).
2. During the “stipulated dates”, the athletes will be allowed to select Relays, free of charge, as stated under Rule 1 above.
3. The facility of “on first come first serve” basis will close two days prior to start of Competition.
4. After the “stipulated date”, the NRAI will allocate the vacant slots to athletes who failed to select their Relays through “auto generated system”. This will be done two days prior to start of the competition.
5. Athletes may interchange the Relays with the athletes of same State and in same Group of an event.
6. No fee will be charged from a athlete selecting the Relay for the first time but athlete will be liable to pay fee for all subsequent “interchanges” including during

- “stipulated dates”. The athletes, who failed to select the Relays, as stated under Rule 2, will be liable to pay fee for all “interchanges”.
7. Top 50 athletes, as per prevailing ranking, will be allocated Relays by NRAI before opening the “online system”, as stated under Rule 1 above. In case any such top ranking athlete wishes to interchange the Relays, the athlete must contact NRAI within the “stipulated dates” and athlete will be allowed to interchange the Relay with another athlete of the same State. The athlete would be liable to pay fee, as stated under Rule 8 and 10, if request is received after “stipulated dates”.
 8. Athletes, who have already selected their Relays, as per Rule 1 or have been allocated Relays, as stated under Rule 4 above, wish to interchange Relays, will be allowed to interchange the Relays on a payment fee by the athletes – Total Rs. 1180/-.
 9. This facility will be available till one day before start of the Competition.
 10. From day one of the competition to one day prior to start of the Event, athlete may interchange their Relays with the athletes of the same state on payment of Rs. 3540/- . After this, no one is allowed to interchange the Relays and “online system” will be closed.
 11. No permission shall be granted to a single athlete for change of Relay, if no other athlete of the same state is agreeable to interchange. No additional lanes will be added in any Relay for such cases.
 12. No change of Relays by the athletes of two different states is permitted.
 13. Any athlete, who fails to report for the selected/allotted Relay and is marked as “Did Not Shoot” (DNS) by the range officials, will not be allowed to shoot in another Relay.
 14. The lane numbers in each Relay will be drawn by RTS office at the venue by “draw of lots” and same would be notified by the Range officials at the range.
 15. The above rules will be applicable in all competitions/trials conducted by NRAI.
 16. No permission for interchange of Relays shall be permitted on the basis of appearing for exams or interviews for any assignment, once the Competition has started.
 17. Requests received on email or any other mode of communication will not be entertained nor NRAI shall be responding to such requests.
 18. Since athletes have the liberty to select Relays of their choice, no requests for weapon sharing or clash of events will be entertained.
 19. The affiliated State Rifle Associations may adopt above rules during their State Championship/competitions.
 20. The NRAI may consider any request in rare of rarest case. The decision of the NRAI will be final.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
Guidelines for Shooting Range Inspection and Certification
Approved by the Governing Body of NRAI on 17th May 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this range certification guideline is to ensure that all shooting ranges across India meet the highest standards of safety measures, compliance of applicable rules and regulations, infrastructural requirements and technical accuracy in accordance with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Rules.

The certification is especially important to safeguard the quality of training for athletes for participation in the sport and competitions as many of them may not be fully aware of safety issues relating to sport requirements and environment, procedures and technical specifications of shooting sport at the range. Certification assures that the facility meets the ISSF's requirements providing prescribed standards for guided fair training and competition.

A certified range gives confidence to athletes, coaches, and stakeholders that the facility is built and maintained as per recognized international standards, ensuring their performance and safety are not compromised.

Scope

This guideline applies to all individuals and organizations seeking Range Certification from the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

The following entities are eligible to apply for certification:

- Affiliated State Associations, Units, District Associations, Clubs, and Academies.
- Sports academies, clubs, private training centres, and educational institutions intending to offer shooting sports facilities.
- Individual athletes who have built personal training shooting ranges.

Guidelines

1. Compliance with applicable Local Authorities' and Arms Act Regulations

- The range must comply with all regulations of local municipal authorities, district administrations, police, and state government bodies, whichever is applicable.
- Compliance with Arms Act and Related Rules
- In the case of fire arm range, the range must comply with all regulations of Arms Act before commencement of the shooting range.
- A valid fire safety clearance from the concerned fire department (if applicable) is mandatory for all shooting ranges.
- Full compliance with the Arms Act of India and relevant rules regarding the handling, storage, and use of firearms and ammunition is mandatory.
- Proper record-keeping of participating athletes, inventory of arms and ammunition is essential.

2. First Aid and Medical Facilities

- A First Aid Kit must always be available.
- ### **3. Compliance with ISSF Norms**
- All range specifications (dimensions, target setup, safety measures, backstops, secured armoury etc.) must align with the latest ISSF Rules and Regulations.
 - Shooting range layouts must strictly follow ISSF standards, particularly for distances, firing lines, and target systems.
- ### **4. Safety Measures**
- Proper signage, boundary walls, proper electrical connections and controlled access to the Field of Play (FOP) must be maintained.
 - Regular safety briefings should be conducted.
- ### **5. CCTV with backup**
- Installation of CCTV with a backup of minimum two weeks.
- ### **6. Certification Validity and Renewal (as per Calander year)**
- Range Certification will be valid for a period of four (4) years from the date of issue.
 - After completion of four years, the range must apply for renewal and undergo a re-inspection process.
- ### **7. Rechecking Requirement**
- If there are any structural modifications, additions, or alterations in the range setup, or if the ISSF Rules are updated, it is mandatory for the range operator to inform NRAI and apply for rechecking and re-certification.
 - Failure to inform and comply may lead to suspension or cancellation of certification.
- ### **8. General Inspection**
- It is advisable that a general inspection of certified ranges should be conducted randomly by the Range Certification Committee of NRAI to ensure continued compliance with safety and ISSF standards.
 - The committee may conduct random without prior notice or scheduled inspections.
 - The random inspection can also be carried out by state association/s and in case of any discrepancy/noncompliance, the state association may highlight and report the same to NRAI for necessary action.
 - No inspection fee or charges will be payable for such random or surprise inspections during the period of validity of the certificate.
- ### **9. Non-Compliance**
- Any non-compliance with the guidelines will result in suspension, cancellation, or withholding of the range certification.
 - Deficiencies identified during inspection must be rectified within the conveyed prescribed timeline for certification to continue.
 - These guidelines are mandatory for certification, as well as for re-certification and renewal. They apply to all entities operating or managing shooting sport ranges used for training, participation and competitions aligned with NRAI and ISSF standards.

Recommendations by the Range Certification Committee

1. The range should be equipped with required infrastructural requirements for able and Para athletes.
2. The range to have accessible gender based and Para washrooms and Para Athletes facilities.
3. **Adherence to Fire Safety Norms**

- Fire extinguishers and other firefighting equipment, as required and specified by the fire department based on the type and size of the enclosed range, must be installed.
- Clearly marked emergency evacuation plans must be visibly displayed in multiple locations.
- At least one person trained in First Aid must be present during all shooting activities.
- Emergency contact numbers of managing officials must be displayed at prominent locations.

4. General Infrastructure

- Adequate amenities such as public address equipment, seating, washrooms, drinking water, and parking must be provided.
- Cleanliness and maintenance of the facilities must be ensured.