# THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
# CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF TEAM FOR OLYMPIC GAMES
# SHOTGUN DISCIPLINES — LA 2028

## CRITERIA STATEMENT

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) believes that athletes must earn their place on the Olympic team. This criterion is intended to provide a level, just and fair playing field for sportspersons seeking selection across the shooting disciplines.

## 1. SCOPE OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA

a) This criterion applies exclusively to the Shotgun events at the LA 2028 Olympic Games in USA.
b) The criteria shall come into force with the commencement of the ISSF World Championship in Doha in November 2026 and remains applicable only till the selection of team for the LA 2028 Olympic Games.
c) This criterion is binding on all athletes seeking to represent India in Shotgun events at the LA 2028 Olympic Games.
d) The main National Selection Criteria, as approved by the NRAI Governing Body from time to time, continues to apply to the selection of national teams for international competitions.

## 2. BASIS OF THE CRITERIA

a) Selection is based on each athlete's Relative Ranking System. The ranking is calculated using best three results out of four Olympic Selection Trial (OST) scores, together with the applicable Bonus Points.
b) The NRAI has sole discretion to select the venues for the Olympic Selection Trials. Once a venue has been designated, all athletes are required to attend and undergo the selection trials in accordance with this criterion, irrespective of their personal circumstances or profile.
c) The NRAI intends, where possible and appropriate, to use a range of venues across the country for the Olympic Selection Trials.
d) The NRAI is committed to always ensuring compliance with standard ISSF rules.
e) Eligible athletes must participate in at least three of the four OSTs to be considered for selection. The Final Ranking Points will be calculated only for athletes who have at least three OST scores. If an athlete enters a trial but subsequently withdraws before completing it, for reasons known to the athlete, the athlete's score shall be treated as the exact arithmetic total standing at the point of withdrawal for selection purposes

## 3. QUOTA PLACES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

a) Under the NRAI's existing criteria, any Olympic quota place won by an Indian athlete belongs to the NRAI and the country. The athlete who wins a quota place will receive due consideration under this criterion, but winning a quota does not, by itself, guarantee that the athlete will represent India at the 2028 Olympic Games. Quota winners, along with other qualified athletes, must participate in the selection trials in accordance with this criterion.

b) Notwithstanding clause 3(a), a quota place awarded to an athlete through the World Ranking for the Olympic Games shall remain with the athlete to whom it was awarded.

c) The NRAI may request the transfer of a maximum of one quota place in one event to one quota place in another event within the same gender, where a quota is available and the NRAI does not already hold the maximum number of quota places in that event. This may apply to all quota places except World Ranking quota places awarded to individual athletes, where the NRAI determines that the change offers greater potential to win an Olympic medal.

d) To recognize the individual achievement of winning an Olympic quota place, three (3) quota points shall be added to the Final Points, as set out in clause 4(f). The same points shall be available to an athlete who was eligible to win a quota but did not receive one because India had already obtained the maximum of two quotas, provided the athlete ranked within the top three. Such athletes shall be deemed quota holders and shall receive the same privileges and benefits. This also includes an athlete who was eligible for a quota place but did not receive it under the ISSF "one country, one quota" rule, wherever applicable.

e) A quota point shall be awarded only once to the quota winner in the event in which the quota was won. It shall not be awarded for subsequent performances in the same event and shall not be considered for selection to other international competitions.

f) This criterion is intended to ensure that selection is based purely on merit and that the best available athletes are selected.

g) The NRAI shall determine, in accordance with this criterion, which individual athlete in each event will ultimately represent India at the Olympic Games.

## 4. SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

a) To participate in the Olympic Selection Trials, athletes must meet the eligibility requirements in the "Qualification System — XXXIV Olympic Games LA 2028". Details are available on the NRAI website: www.thenrai.in.

**i.** Athletes must have participated in at least two ISSF Championships (ISSF World Championship, ISSF World Cups, Asian Championships with quota places) for the period from 1st November 2026 to 30th April 2028 in each individual event for which they are to be entered at LA 2028.

b) For selection to the Shotgun events at the LA 2028 Olympic Games, the NRAI shall conduct four Olympic Selection Trials. The NRAI will determine the dates and venues in due course.

c) The Olympic Selection Trials Points system is explained below:
   i. Zero points will be awarded to highest scoring competitor. For every target a competitor will finish behind the highest scoring competitor, one negative point will be awarded.
   ii. For example – if 120/125 is the highest qualification score then zero will be awarded to the highest scorer, -2 (negative 2 points) will be awarded to a competitor scoring 118/125, -6 (negative 6 points) will be awarded to a competitor scoring 114/125, and so on.
   iii. Final Bonus Points – The final bonus points will be added to the qualification score as appended below:

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| 3 Points | 1st Place |
| 2 Points | 2nd Place |
| 1 Point | 3rd Place |

   iv. For example – if a competitor shoots 117/125 and is 3 points behind the highest qualifier (120/125), finished finals at 1st place, s/he will finish the event with 0 (zero) points. (-3 from qualification and +3 from finals)

The table below demonstrates the domestic ranking system explained above:

| Highest Qualification Score in Domestic Ranking Competitions - 122 | | | | | | |
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| S. No. | Name | Qualification score | Qualification Points | Finals Position | Final Points | Total Event Points |
| 1 | Athlete A | 121 | -1 | 1st Place | 3 | 2 |
| 2 | Athlete B | 122 | 0 | | | 0 |
| 3 | Athlete C | 119 | -3 | 2nd Place | 2 | -1 |
| 4 | Athlete D | 118 | -4 | | | -4 |
| 5 | Athlete E | 117 | -5 | | | -5 |
| 6 | Athlete F | 115 | -7 | 3rd Place | 1 | -6 |

d) After the Final Olympic Qualification Championship 2028, the following bonus points will be added to the points accumulated from the Olympic Selection Trials:

| **ISSF World Championship with Quota Places in 2026/2027** | |
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| Individual Gold | 8 Points |
| Individual Silver | 6 Points |
| Individual Bronze | 4 Points |
| **ISSF World Cup with Quota Places in 2027** | |
| Individual Gold | 6 Points |
| Individual Silver | 4 Points |
| Individual Bronze | 2 Points |
| **Asian Competitions with Quota Places in 2027/2028** | |
| Individual Gold | 4 Points |
| Individual Silver | 3 Points |
| Individual Bronze | 2 Points |

e) An athlete shall be eligible to receive bonus points under Clause 4(d) only twice during the Olympic cycle. In an event an athlete earns bonus points in more than two International Competitions, only the highest two bonus points earned shall be considered and added to the points accumulated from the Olympic Selection Trials

f) All quota winners & deemed quota holders will be awarded three bonus points. It will be added to the points accumulated from the Olympic Games Selection Trials. These bonus points will be over and above the points, as stated under Clause 4(d) supra

g) Each athlete must record at least three scores in the Olympic Selection Trials to be considered for selection. If an athlete records only three scores, all three shall be used. If an athlete competes in all four OSTs and records four scores, the three highest scores shall be used. An athlete with fewer than three scores shall not be considered for selection.

h) Three highest Event points out of four Olympic Selection Trials will be considered for Final Ranking. In case an athlete has only three Event points, then all three shall be considered for ranking. Final ranking for selection of athletes for 2028 Olympic Games will be based on following:

   Best Three OST Event points + Bonus Points under Clause 3(d) + Quota Bonus Points under Clause 3(f) = Final Ranking

i) Selection for the LA Olympic Games shall be based on Final Ranking. If Final Ranking points are tied, the athlete with the Quota holder status shall be ranked higher. If it's still a tie, the higher final bonus points will act as the tie breaker. If it's still a tie, the higher single OST qualification score shall be ranked higher.

j) Squadding for the first trial will be in order of the current National Ranking, e.g., Athlete 1 in Squad one (Men & Women) will be the highest ranked competitor. In selection trial 2, the squadding will be in order of ranking after the first Olympic Selection trial and so on for Selection Trial 3 and 4

k) Finals shall be conducted in accordance with ISSF Rules.

l) The LA Olympic team shall be determined after completion of the Olympic Games Selection Trials and the release of World ranking quotas by the ISSF. Only athletes who meet the conditions in clauses 4(a)(i) shall be selected to participate in the Olympic Games.

## 5. PARTICIPATION BY QUOTA HOLDERS

a) A quota holder shall not be eligible to enter any further ISSF quota events until India has secured the maximum permitted quotas in the respective event.

b) A quota holder shall, however, be automatically included in every Quota Competition in RPO category in which the Indian team participates during the year 2027/2028, until such time, India has achieved its maximum quotas of "two" in the respective events. However, an athlete who wins a quota place at an early stage will be allowed to participate in one or two designated World Cups in the year 2027, as per the decision of the Selection Committee of the NRAI, provided such an athlete should be ranked amongst top 3 domestic athletes on the day of selection of the designated World Cup.

## 6. MIXED TEAM EVENTS

a) The male athlete ranked first, and the female athlete ranked first in their respective events shall form the Mixed Event pair.
b) Mixed Event teams shall be selected according to the rankings under the Olympic Games Selection Criteria, not the National Ranking.
c) If two athletes in each event are selected under Olympic Selection Criteria, they shall form two teams for the Olympic Games in accordance with clause 6(a) and ISSF Rules.
d) The NRAI reserves the right to determine the final composition of the team.

## 7. RECOGNITION OF ISSF INDIVIDUAL RANKING AND WORLD RECORD

a) No merit points shall be awarded for any World Ranking or World Record.

## 8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

a) Strict compliance with WADA, IOA, ISSF and NRAI rules is mandatory. An athlete who violates these rules shall not be considered for team selection and shall be deemed suspended pending a ruling under the applicable appeal procedures of the relevant forum.
b) In the event of a medical or other exigency/emergency, the President or Secretary General may permit an athlete to take a trial on a later date, at the athlete's expense. This provision is intended only for the rarest of rare cases and is not a routine option. Medical grounds must be verified through medical records by the Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. For applications based on non-medical grounds, the President and Secretary General shall jointly decide on merit. There shall be no forum of appeal against such a decision, which shall be final and binding.
c) An athlete must be medically fit. Subject to event-specific guidelines, the NRAI reserves the right not to select an athlete for the Olympic team at any time if the athlete is medically unfit to compete due to injury or illness. Fitness shall be verified by a medical professional appointed by the NRAI for this purpose.
d) If a selected athlete must be replaced due to illness, injury or other exceptional circumstances, the NRAI Selection Committee shall have authority to make the replacement. The next eligible athlete from the Olympic event selection process shall be included strictly on objective merit, as assessed by the Committee. The decision shall be supported by a written explanation of the circumstances.
e) Reserve athletes shall be selected in accordance with the Olympic Games Selection Criteria. Each reserve athlete must train with the main team, and the relevant section coaches shall prepare training plans for them.

## 9. CODE OF CONDUCT

a) An athlete whose conduct or dress-code behavior violates the ISSF, NRAI, SAI or IOA code of conduct, and is considered to bring the sport into disrepute, may be excluded from team selection and/or penalized by the NRAI Disciplinary Committee.
b) Athletes must comply with the program prescribed for them by the NRAI or High-Performance Managers in consultation with the coaches.

## 10. CONCLUSION

a) The NRAI reserves the right to amend the selection procedure whenever it considers an amendment appropriate or necessary. Athletes are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the selection procedure applicable to their event and all related documents. Any change shall take effect from the date it is published on the NRAI website.
b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this criterion, the decision of the NRAI Selection Committee shall be final and binding.

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