



The National Rifle Association of India

Criteria For the Selection of Olympic Shooting Teams to represent India in Rifle & Pistol Disciplines of Olympic Shooting Sport at the Olympics Games Paris, France 2024

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Criterion for Paris 2024, Olympic Team Selection

POLICY STATEMENT

The NRAI firmly believes in shooters earning their place in the Olympic team. The intention is to ensure through this policy of the NRAI, a level, just, & fair playing field for those sportspersons who wish to enter the fray for all shooting disciplines.

1. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

- a. The scope of this shooting policy is for and only for the **Rifle/Pistol** events for the Olympic Games scheduled in Paris, France in 2024.
- b. This policy will be in force with the commencement of ISSF World Championship, Egypt 2022 in October 2022 and will be valid only for selection of team for the Paris Olympic Games 2024.
- c. It shall be binding on all shooters who seek to represent India at the Paris Olympic Games 2024 in all Rifle/Pistol events.
- d. The main National Selection Policy, as approved by the Governing Body from time to time, shall continue to remain in force for National team selection for international competitions.

2. BASIS OF POLICY

- a. The Policy is based on each shooter getting **FINAL AVERAGE SCORE (FAS)**. The FAS will be computed by taking the average of the **Top 3 OLYMPIC SELECTION TRIALS (OST)** scores plus **Quota Bonus Point (QBP)** to arrive FAS.
- b. The selection of the venue for Olympic Selection Trials (OST) is the sole prerogative of the NRAI. Such venue once identified by NRAI shall be chosen & it shall then be binding on all shooters/athletes, regardless of their personal profile, to present themselves to the test of Olympic selection trials as per the provisions of this policy.
- c. It is desired that as many different venues in the country be utilized as may be possible & deemed fit by the NRAI for holding the Olympic Selection trials.
- d. The NRAI is committed to always ensuring that standard ISSF rules are followed.
- e. All athletes who are eligible for participation in the Olympic Selection Trials [OST] must participate in a minimum of three (3) out of the four (4) OST, for them to be considered eligible for selection. The FAS will only be calculated for those athletes that have a minimum of three (3) scores of the OST.

In case a shooter/athlete enters an Olympic Selection trial & he/she, subsequently withdraws from the trial for reasons best known to him/herself & does not complete the trial, his or her score (zero) shall be deemed for purposes of selection under this policy to be the exact arithmetical total that exists at the point of his or her withdrawal. The shooter, prior to start of selection trials, must inform NRAI in writing about the number of trials he/she is going to participate.

3. QUOTA PLACES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

- a. The NRAI has a clear existent policy that any quota won by an Indian athlete belongs to the NRAI and the country. Though due consideration shall be afforded to such an athlete per provisions of this policy, it does not necessarily imply that merely winning a quota place in itself suggests that only that particular athlete shall eventually represent the country at the Olympic Games in 2024. Quota place winners alongside other qualified athletes shall have to subject themselves to the test of trials in order to be selected as per the provisions of this policy.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, the Quota will remain with the athlete who has been awarded the Quota by way of Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games (QROG)
- c. NRAI may request to change a maximum of one (1) quota place in one (1) event for one (1) quota place in another event within the same gender if available and if NRAI does not have the maximum number of quota places for that event. This may be done for all quota places obtained (except for the Qualification Ranking quota for the Olympic Games (QROG) which are awarded to individual athletes), where they determine there is greater potential to win an Olympic medal at the Games.
- d. This Committee does not wish to take away the individual achievement of the sportsperson from achieving this laudable milestone of winning an Olympic quota place. Therefore, it is decided to honour such achievements by individuals whereby the winner of the quota place will be entitled to get Quota points as under to be considered while calculating FAS as illustrated under point 4 (f) in subsequent section:

Fire Arm events – 2 (Two) Points

Air Gun events (Air Rifle and Air Pistol) – 1 (one) Point

The similar points will also be available to the shooter, who was eligible to win a quota but was not awarded as India had already earned maximum of two quotas, provided the rank of the shooter was within first three ranks. All such shooters will “deemed” to be Quota holders and will enjoy all the privileges and benefits of Quota holders. Deemed Quota holder will also include the shooter who was eligible for a Quota place but was not awarded Quota Place due to ISSF Rule of “one country one Quota”

- e. One (1) Quota point will be awarded only once to the Quota winner in Quota winning event and will not be awarded for his/her subsequent performances in the same event or in any other event (Double Start). This quota point will not be considered for selection of teams for other international competitions.
- f. It has been decided in keeping with this policy and its main objective of fielding the best from the best, purely on merit.
- g. The NRAI will ensure on the basis of this policy, which individual shooter of that event shall ultimately represent the country at the Olympic Games on the basis of this policy.

4. SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

- a. To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Selection Trials, shooters will need to meet the eligibility criteria, as defined in the QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD PARIS 2024. The details are available on the NRAI website www.thenrai.in
- i. Athletes must be listed in the Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games (QROG) with at least one ranking point achieved for each of the individual events they are to be entered for at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- ii. Athletes must have participated in at least two ISSF Championships for each of the individual events in which they are to be entered for at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- b. **For the purpose of selection of athletes / shooters for participation in Paris Olympic Games, 2024 (Rifle/Pistol events), four OST will be conducted by NRAI. The dates and venue for OST shall be decided by NRAI in due course of time.**
- c. **Eligibility for Selection Trials – The shooters who fulfil the following criteria would be eligible to participate in Olympic Selection Trials:**
 - 1. All Quota Holders/Deemed Quota holders of an event.
 - 2. An athlete whose domestic ranking is 1-3 and who has at least 1 QROG point and has participated in two ISSF Championships.
 - 3. An Athlete whose ISSF QUALIFICATION RANKING for OLYMPIC GAMES (QROG) points are amongst the top 3 shooters (Indian) after the conclusion of ISSF Final Qualification Championship (Rifle & Pistol) in April 2024.
 - 4. An athlete whose domestic ranking is 4 or 5 and whose QROG ranking in that event is 4 or 5.
 - 5. In case number of shooters is less than four in a particular event, then the shooters, ranked 4-5 in national rankings and fulfil the criteria under 4 (a) (i) & (ii), will be permitted to participate in OST.
- d. Deleted

- e. All shooters will be required to shoot a minimum of three (03) scores in the Olympic Selection trials for computation of FAS (Final Average Score). If a shooter has only three (03) scores, all three (03) scores shall be counted for computation of FAS. In case a shooter has all four (04) scores from competing in all the Olympic Selection Trials, the Top three (03) scores shall be counted for calculating FAS. Shooter having less than three scores shall not be considered for selection.
- f. **The Final Average Scores (FAS) will be calculated by the three (03) highest scores of a shooter from OST's plus the Quota Bonus Points, as defined under 3 (d) above. The same is illustrated below: -**

For Fire Arm Events

$$\text{FAS} = (\text{OST 1} + \text{OST3} + \text{OST4} + 2 \text{ Quota Points}) / 3$$
$$(590 + 588 + 593 + 2 = 1773 / 3 = 591)$$

For Air Gun Events

$$\text{FAS} = \text{OST 1} + \text{OST3} + \text{OST4} + 1 \text{ Quota Point} / 3$$
$$(590 + 588 + 593 + 1 = 1772 / 3 = 590.66)$$

- g. The selection of shooters for Paris Olympic Games will be decided based on their FAS. In case of tie on equal FAS, the shooter, with higher QROG will be ranked on higher rank. In case of a tie between a Quota holder and a non-Quota holder shooter, the Quota holder shall be ranked higher than the non-Quota holder shooter.
- h. Finals will be conducted during all OST. Participation in Finals is mandatory for every shooter. Shooters will be eligible for following final points, up to 3rd rank in finals:

Fire Arm Events

- i. 1st place: 0.60 points
- ii. 2nd place: 0.40 points
- iii. 3rd place: 0.20 points

Air Gun events (Air Rifle and Air Pistol)

- i. 1st place: 0.30 points
- ii. 2nd place: 0.20 points
- iii. 3rd place: 0.10 points

The final points will be added to the Qualification score achieved by the shooters in that particular OST for calculating average under 4 (f).

For example, shooter "A", in OST 1, has a qualification score of 590/600 in 3P Men and is ranked 2nd in Finals, his Score of OST 1 will be 590.40.

The Finals will be conducted as per ISSF Rules and elimination in Finals will start depending on number of Finalist in that particular event.

i. DELETED

- j. The Paris Olympic team will be decided after conclusion of the Olympic Games Selection Trials and release of Quotas under QROG by ISSF. Shooters fulfilling conditions as stated under 4 (a) (i) and (ii) above will only be selected for participation in Olympic Games.**

5. Participation by Quota Holders

- a.** The quota holder will be ineligible to enter in any further ISSF Quota Events until India has won the maximum allowable quotas in the relevant discipline.
- b.** The quota holder will, however, be automatically included in every World Cups where the Indian team would participate in 2023 and 2024.

6. MIXED EVENTS

- a.** The first rank shooter (male) with first rank shooter (female) in respective events will pair in Mixed Events.
- b.** The selection of Mixed event team will be done on the basis of Olympic Games Selection Policy ranking and not on the basis of National Ranking.
- c.** In case two shooters in each event win quota then these shooters will form two teams during Olympic Games as per 6 (a) above, as per ISSF Rules.
- d.** The NRAI reserves the right for final composition of the team.

7. RECOGNITION OF ISSF INDIVIDUAL RANKING AND WORLD RECORD

- a.** No merit points shall be afforded for any World Ranking or World Record.

8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

- a.** It is further clarified that strict compliance to WADA, IOA, ISSF, & NRAI rules shall be maintained. Should a shooter be in violation of the rules he/she shall not be considered for the selection of teams & shall deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norm of appeal in the above forum.
- b.** In the event of medical or other exigency/emergency, the President/Secretary General may grant permission to shoot the trial at a later date. This trial would be conducted at cost to shooter. This clause will be available to the athletes only in the rarest of rare cases and not as a matter of routine recourse and permission will only be issued after due verification of medical record by the Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. In the event permission is sought on grounds other than medical, the President and Secretary General will jointly decide on merit

of such an application and there will no forum of appeal and such a decision will be final and binding.

- c. The medical fitness of an athlete is essential. NRAI reserves the right not to select an athlete for the Olympic team at any time (subject to event specific guidelines), who is medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness. This will be verified by a medical professional appointed by NRAI for that purpose.
- d. In case of necessity of replacement of a selected athlete due to factors such as illness, injury, or other extraneous circumstances, the NRAI Selection Committee retains the authority to replace the athlete. The subsequent eligible athlete from the Olympic event selection process shall be included in the team purely based on objective merit, as assessed by the Committee. This decision shall be supported by a written explanation detailing the circumstances.
- e. Reserve shooters, as per Olympic Games Selection Policy, will be selected. The reserve shooter must train along with the main team. Plans for such shooters will be prepared for these shooters by the respective section coaches.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. Any shooter acting out of the ISSF/NRAI/SAI/IOA code of conduct in relation to the behavior and dress code that is deemed to bring the sport into disrepute may be excluded from team selection and/or face penalties as per NRAI disciplinary committee.
- b. Shooters will be required to abide by the programs set for them by NRAI/High-Performance Managers in consultation with the coaches.

10. CONCLUSION

- a. NRAI reserves the right to amend the Selection Procedure wherever appropriate or necessary. It is the responsibility of the shooters to acquaint themselves with the Selection Procedure applicable to the event, and all related documents. Changes to the Selection Procedure will come into effect from the date where they are shown on NRAI website.
- b. Regardless of anything contained herein the decision of the Selection Committee of NRAI shall be final and binding.