

BRIFE OF SELECTION CRITERIA (RIFLE AND PISTOL) 2023

Salient features of the Selection Policy 2023:

- **Shooters to be divided into 2 groups – A and B**
- Group A would consist of the top ranking shooters [criteria within].
- Group B would consist of shooters eligible to shoot the Open Selection Trials and are not a part of Group A
- National Squad and selection of athletes/teams for international competitions - to be selected from Group A Only.
- Group A shooters will not be permitted to shoot in ANY match in Group B Trial.
- Shooters who accept being in Group A will not be permitted to change groups unless they have specifically been permitted to do so.
- For International competitions, Shooters of Group A would be expected to shoot in one single category [Senior, Junior or Youth]. It would be mandatory for Junior/Youth Shooters of Group A to make their choice of “Category” and once such choice is made – the shooter would not be permitted to change before 66 NSCC – S/he would shoot in the same category through the year.
- Every 6 months [approximately or as advised by the High Performance Director (HPD)] the HPD [if there is no HPD then the National Coaches will assess the performance of the National Squad Members [NSQ] and conditional to the performance, the NSQ Member /s may be replaced by other better performing athlete from Group A. The HPD and / or the National Coaches may also watch the top shooters of Group B and may add any deserving shooter/s of Group B into the Group A.
- Method of ranking for both groups to be the same - **LOGS FOR BOTH GROUPS TO BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY**
- Latest 5 scores to be placed for consideration. Average of highest 4 scores, of these 5 scores, will form the Average Score [AvS]. [The lowest score will be deleted]. The latest 5 scores must be no older than 180 days. [No computation of Average Score without a minimum of 4 scores, within the mentioned time frame].
- NSQ 2023 shall be selected from the shooters of Group A on completion of selection trial 2. Ranking of shooters for selection of NSQ members - 2023 and selection of teams for participation in International competitions prior to the conduct of selection trials 3 and 4 – will be based on the Average of three scores - [NSCC + ST1 + ST2]. There will not be any Core Group for Non-Olympic events.
- **FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY.**
- MTS clause is withdrawn.
- From this year onwards the MAM shall be a continual policy.

Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials GROUP A

- Ranking in the 65th NSCC in **Open Categories** would be the criteria for forming 'Group A', subject to shooters having achieved MQS as per Annexure A. Additionally, the top 10 ranking shooters [of the senior category] of the previous year [rankings prior to the commencement of the 65th NSCC] would also be included in Group A. Group A shooters would only participate in ST's of Group A.

EXAMPLE – The Top 50 seniors, 25 Juniors and 15 Youth ranking shooters of the 65th National Championship Air Pistol Men's events would form Group A for AIR PISTOL MEN event. If the top 50 Seniors include 10 Juniors and 5 youth shooters, then the ranking of the Junior category will start with the 11th shooter and 6th shooter for the Youth category - subject to them having achieved MQS as per Annexure A. Any shooter who was ranked in the top 10 of the Senior Category - in the previous year would also be included in this Group.

- **If a Shooter belongs to Group A in one event but does not rank in other Olympic event, then he/she shooter may shoot the trial under Group A subject to achieving MQS as per Annexure "A".**
[Example - if shooter X forms a part of Group A in Air Pistol Women and is eligible for Group B open Trials in 25M Pistol Women, then she would be allowed to shoot that particular event in Group A selection trial.
- The **Group A** Selection Trials [STs] will be conducted for **Olympic Events Only** and for limited number of shooters - as per the list given below.

OLYMPIC EVENTS

- Air Pistol Men – 50 Seniors + 25 Juniors + 15 Youth
- Air Pistol Women – 50 Seniors + 25 Juniors + 15 Youth
- Rapid Fire Pistol Men – 25 Seniors + 15 Juniors
- Sports Pistol Women – 25 Seniors + 15 Juniors
- Every 6 months [approximately or as advised by the High Performance Director (HPD)] the HPD [if there is no HPD then the National Coaches will assess the performance of the National Squad Members [NSQ] and conditional to the performance, the NSQ Member /s may be replaced by other better performing athlete from Group A. The HPD and / or the National Coaches may also watch the top shooters of Group B and may add any deserving shooter/s of Group B into the Group A. They may also exclude some Group A members.
- **"FINALS" IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY.** Only in Competitions like NSCC, KSS – Finals will be conducted irrespective of the Shooters group [shooter from Group A or B]. While calculating the ranking of Group B - points accruing from FINALS in competitions like NSCC and KSS would only be allocated to the shooter [Chart X].

- The trials slots will be finalised purely on the basis of rankings IN OPEN CATEGORY.

Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials – GROUP B:

Participation in Selection Trials for NON Group A Members:

- a. The shooter has achieved the MQS as per Annexure “A” 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 “A” 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 in all events of the category [Rifle] 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 65th 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 2023
- e. No Finals will be organised for STs of Group B. Scores of Group B shooters could be assessed by the HPD / National Coaches while appraising the performance of Shooters of Group A.

Criteria for selection of NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ]- 2023

The shooters for National Squad/s – 2023 will be selected as per their ranking after the completion of the ST 1 & 2 2023. Shooters will be selected from Group A only.

[NSCC + ST1 + ST2 /3]

For a shooter to be regarded as a candidate for the National Squad 2023 - the shooter must have participated in all 3 above competitions.

THE ABOVE RANKING of SHOOTERS WILL ALSO FORM THE BASIS OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES / TEAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS – WHERE TEAMS ARE TO BE SELECTED PRIOR TO THE CONDUCT OF ST 3 & 4.

When forming the NSQ, the top ranking shooters irrespective of age would be selected in the Senior category and in case of top ranking juniors / youth shooters having been selected in the higher category then the next ranked shooter in the younger category will be selected. For example – if the top ranking 3 junior shooters have been included in the senior category, then the top ranking for the purpose of junior category would begin from rank 4 of the junior category.

There will not be a separate NSQ for juniors and youth. Also there will not be a NSQ in non-Olympic events. The number of shooters, per event, shall be selected for National Squad as under:

Air Pistol Men	8 Seniors + 2 Juniors + 2 Youth
Air Pistol Women	8 Seniors + 2 Juniors + 2 Youth
Rapid Fire Pistol Men	7 Seniors + 3 Juniors
Sports Pistol Women	7 Seniors + 3 Juniors

For the purpose of this criteria all “Sub Youth” category shooters would be treated as “Youth” category. There will be no National Squad for the sub- youth and no separate score log. The scores shot in the sub-youth category shall be for the sole purpose of participation in the National Championship and other championships like KSS [or any other championship in which the NRAI may introduce this category]. For participation in the selection trials the sub youth shooter would have to achieve the MQS for the Youth category.

For 2023, Shooters would be participating at International competitions only in categories selected by them. Shooters would be required to inform the NRAI of their choice of category, through email ONLY, within 3 days from the date of completion of 65 NSCC. **No changing of categories would be permitted without permission of Selection Committee.**

SCORE LOG and Norms for Maintenance of Logs for Different Categories

SCORE LOGS FOR THE TWO GROUPS A AND B WOULD BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY.

Ranking of all shooters, would be maintained as per category selected by them. Once category is selected by a Junior/Youth shooter, the scores in subsequent trials/competitions shall be considered under that particular category. Shooters opting for junior/youth category will not be considered for selection in any competition for seniors.

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 X, as the points will be added, ONLY to the Log maintained for that category.

Participation in International Competitions

FOR SELECTION OF ATHLETES/TEAMS IN SENIOR/JUNIOR/YOUTH CATEGORY, FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY, THE RANKING'S OF MEMBERS OF GROUP A WOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER, SUBJECT TO MERIT, SELECTION OF SHOOTERS FROM GROUP B.

Junior/Youth shooters to represent only in one category i.e. Senior or Junior/Youth and the shooter will continue to shoot in the selected category in all International Competitions during the year 2023. Junior/Youth shooters must select a category and inform NRAI through email only, within 3 days on conclusion of the 65 NSCC. Junior/Youth shooters will shoot in international competition under category selected by them and will not be allowed to change it at subsequent stage. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final on all such matters.

QUOTA HOLDERS, irrespective of their national ranking, shall be selected in the main team in all non-Quota Competitions like World Cups and international competitions, where NRAI is fielding a team. In the Quota competitions, 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

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON SELECTION CRITERIA, SHOOTERS ARE REQUESTED TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.thenrai.in

QUALIFYING SCORES FOR TRIALS for 2023

S.NO.	EVENT.	SENIORS	JUNIORS	YOUTH
1.	50M RIFLE 3 POSITION MEN	565	545	—
2.	50M RIFLE PRONE MEN	610	600	—
3.	10M RIFLE MEN	615	610	605
4.	50M PISTOL MEN / W	530 /520	515 /505	—
5.	25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL	550	535	—
6.	25M CENTRE FIRE PISTOL	555	-	—
7.	25M STANDARD PISTOL	540	520	—
8.	10M PISTOL MEN	565	560	555
9.	25M PISTOL JUNIOR MEN	-	550	—
10.	50M RIFLE PRONE WOMEN	605	595	—
11.	50M RIFLE 3 POSITION WOMEN	560	540	—
12.	10M RIFLE WOMEN	612	607	602
13.	25M PISTOL WOMEN	545	525	-
14.	10M PISTOL WOMEN	550	540	530

Decimal Scores for Air Rifle and Prone Men and Women events.

All junior scores will be the MQS applicable for Masters and Sr. Masters.