



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

(Approved by the Governing Body of NRAI on 10th October 2022)



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 a FINAL OLYMPIC RANKING (FOR) based on their 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) as outlined in subsequent pages.
- 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, 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. In case a shooter 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 Federation 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 honor such achievements by individuals whereby the winner of the quota place will be entitled to get *one (1)* Quota point to be considered while calculating FAS as illustrated under point 4 (d) in subsequent section. The one (1) Quota point 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 in that particular event.**
- 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. A total of four trials will be conducted in the first half of year 2024. Dates and venue shall be decided in due course of time.
- c. Eligibility for Selection Trials – Top five shooters, as per national ranking as on 29th February 2024 and subject to having QROG points as per 4 (a) (i) & (ii) above, will only be allowed to participate in four selection trials. In case any shooter not having QROG points as per 4 (a) (i) & (ii) above, will not be allowed to participate in selection trials and next rank shooter, based on national ranking with QROG points will be considered for selection trials.
- d. Final teams for Olympic Games 2024 will be decided after the 2024 Final Olympic Qualification Championship.
- 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 one (01) point as Quota Bonus Points and divided by 3. The same is illustrated below: -

$$\text{FAS} = \text{OST 1} + \text{OST3} + \text{OST4} + \text{QUOTA BONUS POINT} / 3$$

- g. After the FAS is calculated, shooters will be ranked based on their FAS. This ranking will be the FINAL OLYMPIC RANKING (FOR) and the selection of shooters for Paris Olympic Games will be decided on the basis of their FOR.
- h. Finals will be conducted during all trials and participation in the finals is mandatory for every shooter. The bonus points shall be awarded up to 4th position in each final. The bonus points shall not be added/considered for the purpose of calculating FAS. These bonus points will be calculated and maintained in a separate log, only to be considered for tiebreak, in case of two or more shooters have equal FAS. The bonus merit points available to shooters for their performance in the finals are as below.

- i. 1st place: 0.75 points
- ii. 2nd place: 0.50 points
- iii. 3rd place: 0.25 points
- iv. 4th place: 0.10 points

For example: Athletes A and B have equal FAS of 628.90. So, bonus points earned by these shooters during Finals will be added to their FAS to arrive FOR as under:

Athlete "A" has bonus points in three high Qualification Score as under:

Trial 1 - .75, Trial 3 - .25 and Trial 4 – 0 (as his rank was below 4th position in Trial 4)



Total Bonus points of Athlete “A” - 1

Athlete B has bonus points in three high Qualification Score as under:

Trial 2 - .50, Trial 3 - .75 and Trial 4 - .75

Total Bonus points of Athlete “B” – 2

Total of 2 Bonus points will be added to FAS of Athlete B who will be then be ranked higher than Athlete A in the FOR.

- i. Bonus points of Finals of three highest Qualification scores will only be considered for breaking the tie.
- j. The Paris Olympic team will be decided after conclusion of the Olympic Games Selection Trials.

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 the event of illness or injury to a selected athlete as determined by the competition jury &/or the selection committee of the NRAI, the next eligible athlete from the Olympic event selection process shall be added to the team, purely on arithmetical merit alone.
- 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.