



**National Olympic Team  
Selection Criteria for  
all  
Olympic Shotgun Events  
of  
The Paris 2024 Olympic  
Games**

**Promulgated By  
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India**

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## **POLICY STATEMENT**

The NRAI firmly believes in shooters earning their place in the Olympic team. The intention is to ensure through this Criteria 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 SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 1.1. The scope of this Criteria is for and only for **Shotgun** events for the Olympic Games scheduled at Paris, France in 2024.
- 1.2. This Criteria will be in force with the commencement of ISSF World Championship, Croatia 2022 in September 2022 and will be valid only for selection of team for the Paris Olympics Games 2024.
- 1.3. It shall be binding on all shooters who seek to represent India at the Paris Olympic Games 2024 in all Shotgun events.
- 1.4. The main National Selection Criteria, 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 CRITERIA**

- 2.1. The Criteria is based on shooters receiving Final Ranking Points, which will be the aggregate of their total event points from their best three Olympic trials plus Bonus Points obtained as outlined in subsequent pages.
- 2.2. The selection of the venue for Olympic selection trials 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 Criteria.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. The NRAI is committed to always ensuring that standard ISSF rules are followed.
- 2.5. 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 Criteria 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 in.



### **3. QUOTA PLACES FOR OLYMPIC GAMES**

- 3.1. 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 Criteria, 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 have to subject themselves to the test of trials in order to be selected as per the provisions of this Criteria.
- 3.2. 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).
- 3.3. NRAI may request to ISSF 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.
- 3.4. It has been decided in keeping with this Criteria and its main objective of fielding the best from the best, purely on merit.
- 3.5. The NRAI will ensure on the basis of this Criteria which individual shooter of that event shall ultimately represent the country at the Olympic Games on the basis of this Criteria.

### **4. SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY CRITERION**

- 4.1. Athletes will need to meet the eligibility criteria stated below as defined in the QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024 in order to take part in the Olympic Selection Trials.
  - 4.1.1. 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. The Final QROG list will be published on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



4.1.2. Athletes must have participated in at least two ISSF Championships during the Qualifying period (14<sup>th</sup> August 2022- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024) for each of the individual events in which they are to be entered for at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

4.2. The Olympic Selection Trials Points System is explained below: -

4.2.1. **Qualification Selection Points**

4.2.1.1. 0 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.

4.2.1.2. For example: - if 120/125 is the highest qualification score then 0 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.

4.2.2. **Final Selection Points & Total Event Points**

4.2.2.1. The **final selection points** as appended below will be added to the Qualification Selection Points: -

6 points	1 <sup>st</sup> place
4 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
2 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
1 point	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
0 points	5 <sup>th</sup> place
0 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place
0 points	7 <sup>th</sup> place
0 points	8 <sup>th</sup> place

4.2.2.2. The **total event points** will be the combined aggregate points, i.e., ***Qualification Selection Points + Final Selection Points = Total Event Points.***

4.2.2.3. For example: - a competitor shooting 117/125 and is 3 points behind the highest qualifier (120/125), finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, will finish the event with 1 point (-3 points from qualification plus 4 points from the final).

4.2.2.4. Total event points will be calculated independently for the four Olympic Selection trials, i.e., total of qualification selection points and final selection points.

4.2.2.5. The table below demonstrates the ranking system explained above:



Highest Qualification Score-119						
S.No	Name	Qualification Score	Qualification Selection Points	Finals Position	Final Selection Points	Total Event Points
1	Athlete A	117	-2	1 <sup>st</sup>	6	4
2	Athlete B	117	-2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	2
3	Athlete C	119	0	4 <sup>th</sup>	1	1
4	Athlete D	116	-3	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	-1
5	Athlete E	114	-5		0	-5
6	Athlete F	113	-6		0	-6
7	Athlete G	109	-10		0	-10
8	Athlete H	108	-11		0	-11

- 4.3. After the Final Olympic Qualification Championship 2024, the following bonus points will be added to the points accumulated from the Olympic Selection Trials. ***Bonus points will not be awarded for quota places earned from final placings which are lower than those mentioned below: -***

<b>2022 World Championships</b>	
Individual Gold	10 Points
Individual Silver	8 Points
Individual Bronze	6 Points
Individual 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Points
<b>2023 Asian Championships</b>	
Individual Gold	5 Points
Individual Silver	3 Points
Individual Bronze	1 Point
<b>2023 World Championships</b>	
Individual Gold	10 Points
Individual Silver	8 Points
Individual Bronze	6 Points
Individual 4 <sup>th</sup>	5 Points
<b>2024 Asian Shotgun Championships</b>	
Individual Gold	5 Points
Individual Silver	3 Points
Individual Bronze	1 Point
<b>2024 Final Olympic Qualification Championship</b>	
Individual Gold	8 Points
Individual Silver	6 Points
Individual Bronze	4 Points
<b>2023/2024 World Cups</b>	
Individual Gold	6 Points
Individual Silver	4 Points
Individual Bronze	2 Points



- 4.4 All shooters, including the Quota holders will be required to shoot a minimum of 03 (three) selection scores in the Olympic selection trials. Therefore, a shooter can choose to skip ONE of the FOUR selection trials as long as they can provide three minimum scores to be considered for selection into the Olympic team.
- 4.5 The first set of selection trials (Trial 1 & 2) will be held in January 2024. The second set of selection trials will be held in February 2024 (Trial 3 & 4). The precise dates for the selection trials will be announced once the 2024 ISSF competition calendar is finalized.
- 4.6 Squadding for the first trial will be in order of the current National Ranking, e.g., Shooter 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.
- 4.7 The Paris Olympic team will be decided after conclusion of the final ISSF Olympic Qualification Championship 2024.

## **5. PARTICIPATION BY QUOTA HOLDERS**

- 5.1. The quota holder will be ineligible to enter any further ISSF Quota Events until India has won the maximum allowable quotas in the relevant discipline.
- 5.2. The quota holder will, however, be automatically included in every World Cup competition that the Indian “A” team will participate in 2023 and 2024.

## **6. MIXED EVENTS**

- 6.1. The first rank shooter (male) with first rank shooter (female) will automatically be selected on merit.
- 6.2. The selection of Mixed event team will be done on the basis of Olympic Games Selection Criteria ranking and not on the basis of National Ranking.
- 6.3. NRAI retains the right to alter any Permutation & Combination of the four (04) athletes that may have been announced earlier, up to 24 hours before the start of the competition, as permitted under ISSF/IOC rules.
- 6.4. The NRAI reserves the right for final composition of the team.

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



7.1. No merit points shall be afforded for any World Ranking or World Record

## **8. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERION**

- 8.1. 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 be deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norm of appeal in the above forum.
- 8.2. 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 Rule 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 be no forum of appeal and such a decision will be final and binding.
- 8.3. It may also be clarified that in the event of a tie between two shooters in overall ranking positions after 4 trials, it will be split by the highest qualification score (total maximum score of 375 points) from the competitor's best 3 scores. If a tie still prevails, then a shoot-off over a full round of 25 targets will occur until a winner is determined.
- 8.4. The medical fitness of an athlete is essential. NRAI reserves the right not to select an athlete from the Olympic team at any time (subject to event specific deadlines), 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.
- 8.5. 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.
- 8.6. Reserve shooters, as per Olympic Games Selection Criteria, 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**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Shooters will be required to abide by the programs set for them by NRAI/High-Performance Managers in consultation with the coaches.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Regardless of anything contained herein the decision of the Selection Committee of NRAI shall be final and binding.