

2025- 2026 National Para Teams Selection Procedures

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for selection to the National Para Team (NPT), National Para Development Team (NPDT), and/or National Para Futures Team (NPFT) an individual must meet these requirements:
 - a. U.S. Citizen
 - b. Current member of USA Shooting
 - c. Active athlete in the sport by competing at least quarterly in the below designated matches.
 - d. Meet International Paralympic Committee (IPC), United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), and World Shooting Para Sports (WSPS) eligibility criteria for the Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games, and WSPS sanctioned international competitions.
2. All NPT, NPDT, and NPFT members must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct, including annexes and sign the Athlete's Agreement and Liability Release form as approved by USA Shooting (USAS). The USAS documents must be signed as presented and may not be modified.
3. A breach in the Code of Conduct is grounds for dismissal from the NPT, NPDT and NPFT.
4. Only current Paralympic Games events will be considered for eligibility toward the NPT, NPDT and NPFT.

B. TEAM BREAKDOWNS

1. NPT - National Para Team: Members are the most competitive US athletes and have achieved scores that allow them to compete at the highest level and contend for medals at international competitions.
2. NPDT - National Para Development Team: Members are US athletes considered to possess a very high skill level and could soon be competitive at international competitions.
3. NPFT – National Para Futures Team: Members may be comprised of junior aged athletes or open level competitors who are on track to become competitive on the international stage as they progress in the sport.

C. ESTABLISHED TEAM RANKING SCORES

1. International Competition Score (ICS) minimum score for the NPT is determined by the average of the 8th place score of the Paralympics, WSPS World Cups and World Championships results over a two-year period, from the Paralympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Paralympic Games.
2. International Competition Score (ICS) minimum score for the NPDT is determined by the average of the 16th place score of the WSPS World Cup/World Championships results over a two-year period, from the Paralympic Games to the World Championships, or from the World Championships to the Paralympic Games.

- a. Notes: The 2023 Al Ain World Cup was not included due to only 74 total competitors and only three events with more than 12 competitors. If there were fewer than 28 competitors in an event, the 16th place number is adjusted to the score of the finisher at 50% of the field (e.g., 26 competitors = 13th place finisher's score for the purposes of establishing competitive scores.)

PISTOL Events	NPT (8th Place)	NPDT (16th Place)
P1 Men's 10m SH1	563	555
P2 Women's 10m SH1	552	545
P3 Mixed 25m SH1	563	554
P4 Mixed 50m SH1	527	519

RIFLE Events	NPT (8th Place)	NPDT (16th Place)
R1 10m Men's Standing SH1	613.0	610.5
R2 10m Women's Standing SH1	617.6	614.8
R3 10m Mixed Prone SH1	632.0	629.7
R4 10m Mixed Standing SH2	629.4	626.7
R5 10m Mixed Prone SH2	635.0	632.9
R6 50m Mixed Prone SH1	617.5	613.5
R7 50m Men's 3 position SH1	1138	1130
R8 50m Women's 3 position SH1	1143.0	1110
R9 50m Mixed Prone SH2	620.2	617.4

D. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA TEAM (NPT)

NPT Athletes are eligible for automatic invitations to WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix Matches, and other WSPS International Competitions, although funding is not necessarily provided. See separate Funding Document

The NPT Members include:

- Athletes whose Qualifying Score Average (QSA) meets or exceeds the NPT ICS minimum.
 - An athlete's team status is based on based on a one (1) year rolling QSA system. This QSA includes the top Five Qualifying Scores in each Classified Athlete's Paralympic event. At least one of the Five Qualifying Scores is required to be within four (4) months of the event entry date.
 - The NPT ICS minimum scores will be in effect for two (2) years. The NPT ICS minimum scores were re-set on December 1, 2024, following the 2024 Paralympic Games and will re-set again on the first of the month following the 2026 World Championships.
 - An athlete's one year rolling average continues, even if the ICS changes, unless a different Selection Procedure is adopted.

- All invitations shall be given in ranking order, starting with the highest ranked athlete.

E. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA DEVELOPMENT TEAM (NPDT)

NPDT Athletes are eligible for automatic invitations to WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix and other WSPS International Competitions, although funding is not necessarily provided. See separate Funding Document

The NPDT Members will include:

- Athletes whose QSA meet or exceed the NPDT International Competition Score minimum.
 - An athlete's team status is based on based on a one (1) year rolling QSA system. This QSA includes the top Five Qualifying Scores in each Classified Athlete's Paralympic event. At least one of the Five Qualifying Scores is required to be within four (4) months of the event entry date.
 - The NPDT ICS minimum will be in effect for two (2) years. The NPT ICS minimum scores were re-set on December 1, 2024, following the 2024 Paralympic Games and will re-set again on the first of the month following the 2026 World Championships.
 - An athlete's one year rolling average continues, even if the ICS changes, unless a different Selection Procedure is adopted.
 - All invitations shall be given in ranking order, starting with the highest ranked athlete on the National Team.

F. SELECTION TO NATIONAL PARA FUTURES TEAM (NPFT)

NPFT Athletes are eligible to fill developmental slots, should any be available, at WSPS World Cups, Grand Prix's, and other WSPS International Competitions, although funding is not necessarily provided. See separate Funding Document.

The NPFT Members will include:

- Junior Athletes who are not already on the NPT or NPDT who:
 - Finish as the Top Junior at the USAS National Championships
 - Finish as the Top Junior at the USAS Junior Olympics
 - Qualify for a WSPS or equivalent international competition or
 - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position via e-mail to the National Paralympic Manager).
- Open Athletes who are not already on the NPT or NPDT who:
 - Are selected through a coach/committee selection (athlete must apply for a position via e-mail to the National Paralympic Manager)

Athletes remain members of the NPFT for a term of one (1) year from when they qualify, except for the coach/committee selections whose term will be on a case-by-case basis.

G. SELECTION TO WSPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Athletes will be ranked in order, in accordance with their individual Classification as per WSPS Classification standards, based on a one (1) year rolling QSA system. This QSA includes the top Five Qualifying Scores in an Athlete's Paralympic event. At least one of the Five Qualifying Scores is required to be within four (4) months of the entry date for the competition.

There are two (2) tiers of recognized competitions:

- Tier One includes international and major USAS matches
- Tier Two includes regional and Pre-Tryout Olympic (PTO) matches
 - Of an athlete's top Five Qualifying scores, only two (2) can be counted from Tier Two matches

Competitions recognized in the QSA include, but are not limited to:

- USA Shooting Paralympic Camps/Matches
- USA Shooting Selection and PTO matches
- USA Shooting Winter Air Gun and National Championships
- WSPS World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cups and Grand Prix Events
- Paralympic Games

A comprehensive list of **Para Ranking Matches** will be available, published and maintained on the USA Shooting website.

H. PARALYMPIC TEAM FUNDING

Paralympic Team(s) funding is described in a separate Funding Document.