



2019 ISSF SHOTGUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) Shotgun World Championships (**SWChamps**) are conducted according to ISSF rules.
- b) The ISSF is conducting the SWChamps for senior and junior athletes in 2019. The details for this event are as follows:

Year	Discipline	Dates	Location
2019	Shotgun	30 th June to 10 th July	Lonato, ITALY

- c) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may select athletes (see Clause 5) to the team (**Team**) to participate in one or more events at the SWChamps. Subject to clause 7, SA is under no obligation to select the maximum number of athletes for any event.
- d) This Selection Criteria (**Selection Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the selection of athletes to represent Australia at the SWChamps.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's main objectives when selecting the Team are to:
 - (i) Maximise the number of medals that SA can win in benchmark events including (but not limited to) the 2019 World Championships and the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and
 - (ii) Use these benchmark events and other ISSF events to provide elite and pre-elite athletes with exposure to high-quality international competition that will help to accelerate their development for 2020 and beyond.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objectives outlined above are to provide context to the Selection Criteria only and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel or the exercise of discretion (if any) by the SA Selection Panel.

3. SA SELECTION PANEL

- a) The SA Selection Panel will be made up of SA's High Performance Director, the relevant SA Member Organisation's High Performance Committee Representative and one other member endorsed by the SA Board (**SA Selection Panel**).
- b) The SA Selection Panel will select the Team according to the terms of this Selection

Criteria.

4. EVENTS

- a) The SA Selection Panel may select athletes to the Team for the following events at the SWChamps:

SENIOR MEN'S EVENTS

TRAP
SKEET

SENIOR WOMEN'S EVENTS

TRAP
SKEET

JUNIOR MEN'S EVENTS

TRAP
SKEET

JUNIOR WOMEN'S EVENTS

TRAP
SKEET

- b) The SA Selection Panel, in its absolute discretion, may identify athletes to compete in Trap Mixed Team Events from amongst the individual athletes selected to the Team under clause 7.

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) Up to three (3) athletes may be selected to the Team per event by the SA Selection Panel. Neither this Selection Criteria, nor SA or ISSF require SA to select the maximum number of athletes to the Team. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to clause 7, nothing in this Selection Criteria operates to require the SA Selection Panel to exercise any discretion to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team. Final Team members and composition of the Team will be determined in the absolute discretion of the SA Selection Panel.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for consideration for selection to the Team an athlete must:
- (i) Be a registered financial member of a SA Member Organisation;
 - (ii) Be eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Olympic, World Championship and Commonwealth Games;
 - (iii) Meet all eligibility requirements imposed by ISSF, including age requirements (e.g. for Junior athletes); and
 - (iv) Sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 10.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

Senior Events

- a) The Athletes to compete in Senior events at the SWChamps will be selected to the Team according to the following process:
 - (i) Subject to clause 7(a)(ii), any athlete who achieved the Benchmark Score (**BMS**) during the Performance Window, as defined in clause 7(b), in an SA Endorsed Event will be selected to attend the SWChamps (see clause 8(a) headed "Senior Benchmark Scores" for details relating to BMS).
 - (ii) If more than three athletes in one event achieve the BMS during the Performance Window and in an SA Endorsed Event then the SA Selection Panel in its sole and absolute discretion will select the athletes to the Team from those athletes. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athletes to select under this clause (if any), the SA Selection Panel may (but is not obliged to) consider any of the following factors (**Factors**):
 - a. International podium performances since 1st January 2019;
 - b. International qualifying and finals performances since 1st January 2019;
 - c. International head-to-head performances since 1st January 2019;
 - d. All domestic performances since 1st January 2019 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances;
 - e. Commitment to training and preparation for competition;
 - f. Form and performance trends of the athletes; or
 - g. Any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.
 - (iii) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(a)(ii) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may (but is not obliged to) consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on any of the Factors in the exercise of its discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA

Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors or no Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

- b) For the purposes of selection under clause 7(a), athletes must achieve the BMS in an SA-endorsed competition that occurred after the last ISSF Shotgun World Cup in 2018, and at least 40 days prior to the Official Arrival Day of the SWChamps (**Performance Window**).
- c) Athletes will not be eligible for selection to the Team where they have not achieved the BMS during the Performance Window.

Junior Events

- d) Athletes to compete in Junior events at the SWChamps will be selected to the Team according to the following process:
 - (i) Subject to clause 7(d)(ii), any athlete who has achieved the Junior Benchmark Score (**JBMS**) during the Performance Window, as defined in clause 7(e) in an SA Endorsed Event, will be selected to attend the SWChamps (see clause 8(b) headed "Junior Benchmark Scores").
 - (ii) If more than three athletes in one event achieve the JBMS during the Performance Window and in an SA Endorsed Event then the SA Selection Panel in its sole and absolute discretion will select the athletes to the Team from those athletes. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athletes to select under this clause (if any), the SA Selection Panel may (but is not obliged to) consider any of the following factors (**Factors**):
 - a. International podium performances since 1st January 2019;
 - b. International qualifying and finals performances since 1st January 2019;
 - c. International head-to-head performances since 1st January 2019;
 - d. All domestic performances since 1st January 2019 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances;
 - e. Commitment to training and preparation for competition;
 - f. Form and performance trends of the athletes; or
 - g. Any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.

- (iii) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(d)(ii) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may (but is not obliged to) consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on any of the Factors, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
 - (iv) If, after selections are made in accordance with clause 7(d)(i) and 7(d)(ii) (if any), there are still positions available on the Team then the SA Selection Panel may select any other A4G athlete to the Team at its absolute discretion. When making any selection under this clause, the SA Selection Panel has discretion to consider the Factors listed at clause 7(d)(ii) above and the same considerations set out at clause 7(d)(iii) apply to the exercise of discretion by the SA Selection Panel under this clause. .
- e) For the purposes of selection under clause 7(d), athletes must achieve the JBMS in an SA-endorsed competition that occurred after the last ISSF Shotgun World Cup in 2018, and at least 40 days prior to the Official Arrival Day of the SWChamps (**Performance Window**).
- f) If an athlete meets the criteria for selection to the Team for both Senior and Junior events at the SWChamps under this clause 7, the SA Selection Panel will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether that athlete is selected to the Team for either Senior or Junior events.

Additional Events

- g) SA may select athletes as set out in clause 5 to fill positions in additional events in clause 4. SA may select athlete/s in accordance with the following process:
- (i) The SA Selection Panel will select athlete/s that the SA Selection Panel determines, at its sole and absolute discretion. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athlete/s to select under this clause, the SA Selection panel may consider any of the Factors.
 - (i) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 7(g)(ii) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making

its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on any of the Factors in the exercise of its discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

8. BENCHMARK SCORES

Senior Benchmark Scores

a) The applicable Senior BMS for each event is, subject to clause 8(c), as follows:

SENIOR MEN'S EVENTS	BMS
TRAP	120
SKEET	121

SENIOR WOMEN'S EVENTS	BMS
TRAP	114
SKEET	115

Junior Benchmark Scores

b) The applicable Junior BMS for each event is, subject to clause 8(c), as follows:

JUNIOR MEN'S EVENTS	JBMS
TRAP	116
SKEET	118

JUNIOR WOMEN'S EVENTS	JBMS
TRAP	107
SKEET	108

c) To be a valid score considered towards selection in the Team, the above BMS or JBMS must be achieved by the athlete at an SA Endorsed Event (and during the Performance Window). An SA Endorsed Event is an event that appears on the SA Calendar that is labelled as "SA Endorsed". The Calendar can be found at: www.shootingaustralia.org.

9. APPEALS PROCESS

- a) Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the SA Appeals Process, a copy of which may be downloaded from the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org or obtained by request from the SA office.

10. TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- a) Athletes selected to the Team are required to sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement to confirm their selection and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions and any such reasonable conditions as published from time to time.
- b) Acceptance of a position on a team for non-A4G Squad athletes must be made within seven days of notification. This position will be confirmed once SA has received a signed SA Athlete Agreement.
- c) In all cases, continuing membership of the Team is dependent on the athlete demonstrating to the SA Selection Panel and Shotgun National Team Coach that they are maintaining a suitable training regime and where deemed necessary, attending such camps as determined by the Shotgun National Team Coach. Athletes agree that the SA Selection Panel may remove an athlete from the Team where:
 - i. That athlete has not met SA's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by SA; or
 - ii. That athlete has not completed, signed and returned to SA the Team Agreement as required by SA.
- d) Any incident or act related to doping in breach of the relevant policies or any incident that could bring the sport into disrepute will result in the immediate withdrawal of the athlete(s) from the Team. In addition, these athletes may be subject to suspension pending an investigation and the outcome of any subsequent appeal.
- e) SA reserves the right to add or remove athletes from Teams where a need is clearly established. The SA High Performance Director must approve such changes. Examples of where this may be necessary are, but are not limited to:
 - i. Injury/Illness;
 - ii. Bereavement leave/personal matters;
 - iii. Discipline – Breach of Athlete Agreement; or
 - iv. Team harmony and balance.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

- a) The Team will be announced as soon as possible following the completion of the 2019 ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Changwon, Korea.
- b) The team will be announced via the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org and via email to selected athletes.

12. FUNDING AND LOGISTICS

- a) All entries, travel arrangements and payments to the relevant organising committee for the SWChamps will be co-ordinated through SA.
- b) SA will pay for the costs of participation in the Team (**Participation Costs**), which include
 - (i) Entry fees;
 - (ii) Travel;
 - (iii) Accommodation;
 - (iv) Ammunition for competition and unofficial training (shotgun);
 - (v) Unofficial training costs; and
 - (vi) Meal allowance through a daily per diem at a rate stipulated by SA.

13. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Selection Criteria from time to time. If amended, the amended Selection Criteria will be distributed as follows:
 - (i) Posted on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org; and
 - (ii) Distributed to members of SA's A4G Squad.
- b) Any amendments to the Selection Criteria shall take effect immediately on publication by SA.