



**USA SHOOTING
2026 NATIONAL PISTOL TEAM
QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**NATIONAL TEAM
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
NATIONAL FUTURES TEAM**

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for qualifying for the 2026 USA Shooting National Pistol Team. The National Pistol Team consists of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. All members in the National Pistol Team system are eligible to receive Team uniforms and an allotment of ammunition and are eligible to represent the USA in international competitions that require entries through USA Shooting.

See Appendix A for an example of qualifying for the National Pistol Team and remaining in the National Pistol Team system.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. National Team

The National Team members are the very best elite athletes as determined by Selection results. The National Team receives nominations for medal-contending positions at major ISSF competitions.

1.2. National Development Team

The National Development Team members are developing athletes as determined by Selection results. The National Development Team is eligible for nominations for out-of-competition Ranking Points Only (RPO) and Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) positions at major ISSF competitions. The National Development Team also acts as alternates for medal-contending positions at major ISSF competitions.

1.3. National Futures Team

The National Futures Team members are emerging athletes as determined by a variety of pathways described in these Procedures. The National Futures Team is eligible to represent the USA in international competitions.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible to be a member of the 2026 USA Shooting National Rifle Team.

- Be a USA citizen with a valid passport.
- Be a USA Shooting member in good standing.
- Abide by the eligibility requirements of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF), the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee

(USOPC), the US Center for SafeSport, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

- There is no age restriction for membership on the National Team, National Development Team, or National Futures Team.

3. NATIONAL TEAM – PISTOL

Quick view: The National Team will be the Top Three finishers of each Selection and resets after every Selection Match.

3.1. National Team from January 1 through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match

3.1.1. National Team Qualification Standards

The National Team will be the Top Five (5) athletes from the 2025 Ranking List who meet or exceed an average score defined by international standards. *The 2025 Ranking List, including National Team standards and members of the National Team are listed in Appendix B.*

3.1.2. National Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Team from the 2025 Ranking List will remain on National Team through the end of the 2026 Spring Selection Match.

3.2. National Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships

3.2.1. National Team Qualification Standards

The National Team will be the Top Three (3) finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match who have also met or exceeded the National Team Performance Standard Score in the following events. *Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.*

Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 582 or higher.

Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 579 or higher.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 580 or higher.

Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 583 or higher.

3.2.2. **National Team Membership Period**

Athletes who qualify for the National Team from the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships.

3.3. **National Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match**

3.3.1. **National Team Qualification Standards**

The National Team will be the Top Three (3) finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match who have also met or exceeded the National Team Performance Standard Score in the following events. *Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.*

Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 582 or higher.

Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 579 or higher.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 580 or higher.

Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 583 or higher.

3.3.2. **National Team Membership Period**

Athletes who qualify for the National Team from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match.

4. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM - PISTOL

Quick view: The National Development Team after each Selection will be (1) the Top 3 finishers of the Selection who meet or exceed the NDT Performance Standard Score but not the NT Performance Standard Score, (2) the 4th and 5th place finishers of the Selection who meet or exceed the NDT Performance Standard Score, and (3) the current National Team members who do not requalify for the National Team at the Selection. The National Development Team is reset after every Selection Match.

4.1. **National Development Team from January 1 through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match**

4.1.1. **National Development Team Qualification Standards**

The National Development Team will be named from the 2025 Ranking List based on meeting or exceeding an average score defined by international standards. *The 2025 Ranking List, including National Development Team standards and members of the National Development Team are listed in Appendix B.*

4.1.2. National Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Development Team from the 2025 Ranking List will remain on National Development Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match.

4.2. National Development Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships

4.2.1. National Development Team Qualification Standards

The National Development Team will be:

(A) The Top Three (3) finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match who have met or exceeded the National Development Team Performance Standard Score but have not achieved the National Team Performance Standard Score in the following events. *Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.*

Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 578 to 581.

Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 572 to 578.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 572 to 579.

Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 576 to 582.

(B) The 4th and 5th place finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match who have met or exceeded the National Development Team Performance Standard Score in the following events. *Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.*

Men's Air Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 578.

Women's Air Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 572.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 572.

Women's 25m Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 576.

(C) Previous National Team members from the 2025 Ranking List who did not place in the Top Five (5) at the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match or who placed in the Top Five (5) but did not meet or exceed the National Development Team Performance Standard Score. These athletes will be ranked on the National Development Team after all qualifiers from (A) and (B) and in order of their 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match ranking. Athletes who did not complete the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match will be ranked after those who did complete the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match and in the order of their previous National Team ranking.

4.2.2. **National Development Team Membership Period**

Athletes who qualify for the National Development Team from the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match will remain on National Development Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships.

4.3. **National Development Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match**

4.3.1. **National Development Team Qualification Standards**

The National Development Team will be:

(D) The Top Three (3) finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships who have met or exceeded the National Development Team Performance Standard Score but have not achieved the National Team Performance Standard Score in the following events. *Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.*

Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 578 to 581.

Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 572 to 578.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 572 to 579.

Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score from 576 to 582.

- (E) The 4th and 5th place finishers at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships who have met or exceeded the National Development Team Performance Standard Score in the following events.
Performance Standard Scores are in listed Appendix C.

Men's Air Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 578.

Women's Air Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 572.

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 572.

Women's 25m Pistol: 4th place, 5th place and at least one score at or above 576.

- (F) Previous National Team members from the 2025 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match who did not place in the Top Five (5) at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships or who placed in the Top Five (5) but did not meet or exceed the National Development Team Performance Standard Score. These athletes will be ranked on the National Development Team after all qualifiers from (A) and (B) and in order of their 2026 USA Shooting National Championships ranking. Athletes who did not complete the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships will be ranked after those who did complete the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships and in the order of their previous National Team ranking.

4.3.2. **National Development Team Membership Period**

Athletes who qualify for the National Development Team from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships will remain on National Development Team through the end of the 2026 Winter Selection Match.

5. NATIONAL FUTURES TEAM - PISTOL

Quick view: There are a variety of pathways to the National Futures Team.

5.1. **2025 National Futures Team Pathway**

Athletes who qualified for the National Futures Team in 2025 will remain on the National Futures Team through the conclusion of their qualification period as outlined in the 2025 National Futures Team policies and procedures.

5.2. **Junior Olympics Pathway**

Juniors finishing in the Top Three (3) places who have met or exceeded the Junior Performance Standard Score in each of the following events will qualify for the

National Futures Team. *Junior Performance Standard Scores are listed in Appendix C.*

Junior Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 569 or higher.

Junior Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 563 or higher.

Junior Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 556 or higher.

Junior Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 566 or higher.

Juniors qualifying through the 2026 Junior Olympics Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 Junior Olympics.

5.3. 2026 USA Shooting National Championships Pathway

Juniors finishing in the Top Three (3) places who have met or exceeded the Junior Performance Standard Score in each of the following events will qualify for the National Futures Team. *Junior Performance Standard Scores are listed in Appendix C.*

Junior Men's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 569 or higher.

Junior Women's Air Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 563 or higher.

Junior Men's Rapid Fire Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 556 or higher.

Junior Women's 25m Pistol: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place and at least one score of 566 or higher.

Juniors qualifying through the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 USA Shooting National Championships.

5.4. 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships Pathway

The following athletes will qualify for the National Futures Team.

The Top Two (2) highest placing American men in Air Pistol at the 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships.

The Top Two (2) highest placing American Women in Air Pistol at the 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships.

The Top Two (2) highest placing American Men in Rapid Fire Pistol at the 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships.

The Top Two (2) highest placing American Women in Sport Pistol at the 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships.

Athletes qualifying through the 2026 Collegiate Pistol Championships Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 Collegiate Pistol Championships.

5.5. 2026 Progressive Pistol Championships Pathway

The following athletes will qualify for the National Futures Team.

The 2026 Men’s Progressive Pistol National Champion in Unsupported One-Handed Standing.

The 2026 Women’s Progressive Pistol National Champion in Unsupported One-Handed Standing.

Athletes who qualify through the 2026 Progressive Pistol National Championships pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 Progressive Pistol National Championships.

5.6. Selection Match Pathway

Athletes on the National Development Team who do not finish in the Top Five (5) at a Selection Match or who finish in the Top Five (5) and did not meet or exceed the National Development Team Performance Standard Score will qualify for the National Futures Team. These athletes will remain on the National Futures Team through the conclusion of the next USA Shooting Selection Match.

5.7. ISSF Event Pathway

Athletes who represent the USA in an ISSF event who are not on the National Team or the National Development Team will be named to the National Futures Team. These athletes will remain on the National Futures Team through the conclusion of that ISSF event.

5.8. National Futures Team Petition Pathway

An athlete with an extraordinary situation may request to be named to the National Futures Team by submitting a National Futures Team Petition. The athlete’s National Futures Team Petition, the recommendation of the National Team Manager, and the recommendation of the High Performance Director will be submitted to the USA Shooting Selection Committee. The USA Shooting Selection Committee will review the petition and recommendations and make the final decision. Athletes selected through the Petition Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team for a period of time set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

6. QUALIFYING FOR MORE THAN ONE NATIONAL PISTOL TEAM POSITION

Athletes will fill all National Pistol Team positions for which they qualify; positions are not passed down to the next ranked athlete. If an athlete qualifies for more than one level (for example, the National Development Team and the National Futures Team) the athlete will be placed in the highest level for which they are currently qualified.

7. EXTENDED BREAK PETITION

- 7.1.1. Athletes requiring an extended break from training/competing may request a hold on their National Pistol Team status by submitting an Extended Break Petition. The athlete's Extended Break Petition, the recommendation of the National Team Manager, and the recommendation of the High Performance Director will be submitted to the USA Shooting Selection Committee. The USA Shooting Selection Committee will review the petition and recommendations and make the final decision. Athletes approved for an extended break by the USA Shooting Selection Committee will maintain their current National Pistol Team status (National Team, National Development Team, or National Futures Team) for a period of time set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 7.1.2. Athletes on an approved Extended Break will be ranked behind all active athletes on that Team (for example, a National Team member on an approved Extended Break will remain on the National Team but ranked behind all other current members of the National Team until the end of the period of time set by the Selection Committee, or until they re-qualify through Selection Matches, whichever comes first).
- 7.1.3. Examples of extended breaks include rest and recovery after the Olympic Games, serious injury, pregnancy, extended family emergencies, and military duty.

APPENDIX A: NATIONAL PISTOL TEAM QUALIFICATION – A QUICK VIEW AND EXAMPLE

An athlete who qualifies for the National Team will remain in the National Pistol Team system through the next two (2) Selection Matches. However, the athlete will switch from the National Team to the Development Team if they do not requalify at the next Selection Match and will switch from the Development Team to the Futures Team if they do not requalify at the next Selection Match after that.

An athlete who qualifies for the National Development Team will remain in the National Pistol Team system through the next one (1) Selection Match. However, the athlete will switch from the National Development Team to the Futures Team if they do not requalify for either the National Team or National Development Team at the next Selection Match.

Example

Athlete A qualifies for National Team on January 1 based on the 2025 Ranking System. Athlete A will remain in the National Pistol Team system through the next two Selections. In this example, that would be through the 2026 Spring Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships. Athlete A would potentially drop out of the National Pistol Team System no earlier than the 2026 Winter Selection Match.

- If Athlete A finishes out of the Top 3 at the 2026 Spring Selection Match or finishes in the Top 3 without posting a National Team Performance Standard Score (does not re-qualify for the National Team), Athlete A would stay in the National Pistol Team system but would now be on the Development Team until the next Selection Match (in this example, until the 2026 National Championships).
- If Athlete A then finishes out of the Top 5 at the 2026 National Championships or finishes in the Top 5 without posting a National Team or National Development Team Performance Standard Score (does not requalify for the National Team or the National Development Team), Athlete A would stay in the National Pistol Team system but would now be on the Futures Team until the next Selection Match (in this example, until the 2026 Winter Selection Match).
- If Athlete A then finishes out of the Top 5 at the 2026 Winter Selection Match or finishes in the Top 5 without posting a National Team or National Development Team Performance Standard Score, Athlete A would drop out of the National

Pistol Team system until requalifying at a future Selection Match or through one of the National Futures Team Pathways.

APPENDIX B: FINAL 2025 RANKING LIST

Men's Air Pistol

NT Ranking Points = 575.0
NDT Ranking Points 572.0
Qualified for Ranking
Not Enough Scores to be Ranked

Rank	Name	Ranking Points
1	Nick Mowrer	574.8
2	Marcus Klemp	574.0
3	Jared Sonti	569.2
4	Sam Gens	569.2
5	Tim Schmeltzer	567.4
6	Sergey Kalinchenko	567.0
7	Reese Metzler	565.0
8	Nathan Lim	564.6
9	Colin Smith	564.6
10	Elie Arkin	559.0
11	Jason Gregoire	571.0
12	John Kish	570.0
13	Blaine Simpson	563.3
14	James Hall	562.8
15	Travis Jorgenson	562.5
16	Jay Shi	560.0
17	Mark Shen	559.8
18	Greg Markowski	558.0

Women's Air Pistol

NT Ranking Points = 570.0
NDT Ranking Points 567.0
Qualified for Ranking
Not Enough Scores to be Ranked

Rank	Name	Ranking Points
1	Nathalia Tobar	588.0
2	Suman Sanghera	582.0
3	Lisa Emmert	576.0
4	Alexis Lagan	568.6
5	Kara Ehmer	557.2
6	Katelyn Abeln	565.0
7	Eva Allan	563.5
8	Sophie Li	562.0
9	Sandra Uptagrafft	558.5
10	Ada Korkhin	556.5

Men's Rapid Fire Pistol

NT Ranking Points = 575
NDT Ranking Points 572
Qualified for Ranking
Not Enough Scores to be Ranked

Rank	Name	Ranking Points
1	Keith Sanderson	571.4
2	Nick Mowrer	562.0
3	Austin Stone	553.3
4	Blaine Simpson	551.3
5	Andrew Traciak	543.0

Women's Sport Pistol

NT Ranking Points = 576
NDT Ranking Points 574
Qualified for Ranking
Not Enough Scores to be Ranked

Rank	Name	Ranking Points
1	Lisa Emmert	585.0
2	Katelyn Abeln	582.0
3	Martha Hall	552.6
4	Abbie Leverett	565.0
5	Riya Sajian	565.0
6	Eva Allan	559.0
7	Kara Ehmer	548.0

APPENDIX B: PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

Performance Standard Scores for the National Team are based on the average 8th place score from the major ISSF competitions in the previous year after dropping the highest and lowest scores. Performance Standard Scores for the National Development Team are based on the average 20th place score from the major ISSF competitions in the previous year after dropping the highest and lowest scores.

2025 ISSF Events	National Team Standards				National Development Team Standards			
	MAP	WAP	WSP	MRF	MAP	WAP	WSP	MRF
<i>WC Buenos Aires</i>	580	577	580	576	577	571	570	529
<i>WC Lima</i>	578	578	579	577	569	565	555	565
<i>WC Munich</i>	583	579	586	586	579	575	580	581
<i>WC Ningbo</i>	582	579	585	582	579	571	578	576
<i>WCH Cairo</i>	583	579	585	581	579	575	582	576
PSS (Average after removing highest and lowest)	582	579	583	580	578	572	576	572

Junior Performance Standard Scores for the National Futures Team are based on the average 20th place score from the most recent ISSF Junior World Championships.

National Futures Team Junior Standards				
2025 ISSF Junior Events	MAP	WAP	WSP	MRF
<i>Junior WCH Suhl</i>	569	563	566	556
Performance Standard Score	569	563	566	556

