



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

**NATIONAL TEAM
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM
JUNIOR OLYMPIC SQUAD**

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for qualifying for the 2026 USA Shooting National Shotgun Team. The National Shotgun Team consists of the National Team, the National Development Team, the National Junior Team, and the Junior Olympics Squad. All members in the National Shotgun 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 Shotgun Team and remaining in the National Shotgun 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 is eligible to represent the USA in international competitions and receives nominations for medal-contending positions and for Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) 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 to represent the USA in international competitions and acts as alternates for medal-contending positions and for Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) positions at major ISSF competitions.

1.3. National Junior Team

The National Junior Team members are the very best elite Junior athletes as determined by Selection results. The National Futures Team is eligible to represent the USA in international competitions.

1.4. National Junior Olympic Squad

The National Junior Olympic Squad members are the top ranked athletes from the Shotgun Junior Olympics results.

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 or National Development Team.
- Members of the National Junior Team and National Junior Olympic Squad must satisfy the definition of Junior as described in ISSF Rule 3.7.4.12: Athletes will remain as Juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age.

3. NATIONAL TEAM – SHOTGUN

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

3.1. National Team from January 1 through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match – The 2025 Tucson Team

3.1.1. National Team Qualification Standards

The National Team will be based on 2025 Selection Procedures.

3.1.2. National Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualified for the National Team at the conclusion of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2026 Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships).

3.2. National Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match – The 2026 Hillsdale Team

3.2.1. National Team Qualification Standards

The National Team will be the Top Five (5) finishers from the two-part Selection combining the results of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) and the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.

Women's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.

Men's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.
Women's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.

3.2.2. National Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs).

3.3. National Team from the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match – The 2026 Colorado Springs Team

3.3.1. National Team Qualification Standards

The National Team will be the Top Five (5) finishers from the two-part Selection combining the results of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) and the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.
Women's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.
Men's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.
Women's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place.

3.3.2. National Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2027 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (venue TBD).

4. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM - SHOTGUN

Quick view: The National Development Team after each Selection will be the 6th, 7th and 8th place finishers of the Selection, the current National Team members who do not requalify for the National Team at the Selection, and the most recent prior National Team members who do not requalify for the National Team at the Selection.

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

There is no National Development Team until the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match.

4.2. National Development Team from the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match – The 2026 Hillsdale Team

4.2.1. National Development Team Qualification Standards

The National Development Team will be:

- (A) The 6th, 7th, and 8th place finishers from the two-part Selection combining the results of 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) and the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Women's Skeet: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Men's Trap: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Women's Trap: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

- (B) 2025 Tucson National Team Carryover 1 of 2.

Previous National Team members named at the conclusion of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) who did not place in the Top Eight (8) of the two-part Selection at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) will be on the National Development Team. These athletes will be ranked on the National Development Team in order of their finish in the two-part Selection ending with the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships).

4.2.2. National Development Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Development Team at the conclusion of the two-part Selection ending with the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) will remain on National Development Team through the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs).

4.3. National Development Team from the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match – The 2026 Colorado Springs Team

4.3.1. National Development Team Qualification Standards

The National Development Team will be:

- (A) The 6th, 7th, and 8th place finishers from the two-part Selection combining the results of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection

Match (Hillsdale National Championships) and the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Women's Skeet: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Men's Trap: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

Women's Trap: 6th place, 7th place, 8th place.

(B) The Hillsdale National Team Carryover 1 of 2.

Previous National Team members named at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) who did not place in the Top Eight (8) of the two-part Selection at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) will remain in the National Shotgun Team system on the National Development Team. These athletes will be ranked on the National Development Team in order of their finish in the two-part Selection ending with the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs).

(C) The Tucson National Team Carryover 2 of 2.

Previous National Team members named at the conclusion of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) who did not place in the Top Eight (8) of the two-part Selection at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) and did not place in the Top Eight (8) of the two-part Selection at the conclusion of the USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) will remain in the National Shotgun Team system on the National Development Team. These athletes will be ranked on the National Development Team in order of their finish in the two-part Selection ending with the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs). Athletes who did not complete the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match will be ranked after those who did complete the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and in the order of their previous National Development Team ranking.

4.3.2. National Development Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualify for the National Development Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) will remain on National Development Team through the end of the 2027 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (venue TBD).

5. NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM - SHOTGUN

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

5.1. National Junior Team from January 1 through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match – The 2025 Tucson Team

5.1.1. National Junior Team Qualification Standards

The National Junior Team will be based on 2025 Selection Procedures.

5.1.2. National Junior Team Membership Period

Athletes who qualified for the Junior National Team at the conclusion of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) will remain on the National Junior Team through the end of the 2026 Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships).

5.2. National Junior Team from the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match – The 2026 Hillsdale Junior Team

5.2.1. National Junior Team Qualification Standards

The National Junior Team will be the Top Six (6) finishers from the two-part Junior Selection combining the results of the 2025 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Tucson) and the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Women's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Men's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Women's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

5.2.2. National Junior Team Membership Period

Juniors who qualify for the Junior National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) will remain on the National Team through the end of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs).

5.3. National Junior Team from the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match through the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match – The 2026 Colorado Springs Junior Team

5.3.1. **National Junior Team Qualification Standards**

The National Team will be the Top Six (6) finishers from the two-part Selection combining the results of 2026 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) and the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) in the following events.

Men's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Women's Skeet: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Men's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

Women's Trap: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, 5th place, 6th place.

5.3.2. **National Junior Team Membership Period**

Athletes who qualify for the Junior National Team at the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs) will remain on the Junior National Team through the end of the 2027 USA Shooting Spring Selection Match (venue TBD).

6. JUNIOR OLYMPIC SQUAD - SHOTGUN

Quick view: The Junior Olympic Squad will be the Top finishers at the Shotgun Junior Olympics.

6.1. **Junior Olympic Squad from January 1 through the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Shotgun Junior Olympics**

6.1.1. **Junior Olympic Squad Qualification Standards**

The Junior Olympic Squad will be based on 2025 Selection Procedures.

6.1.2. **National Junior Team Membership Period**

Juniors who qualified for the Junior Olympic Squad at the conclusion of the 2025 USA Shooting Shotgun Junior Olympics will remain on Junior Olympic Squad through the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Shotgun Junior Olympics.

6.2. **Junior Olympic Squad from the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Shotgun Junior Olympics through the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Shotgun Junior Olympics**

6.2.1. **Junior Olympic Squad Qualification Standards**

The Junior Olympic Squad will be selected from the results of the 2026 Junior Olympics in the following events.

Junior Men's Skeet
Junior Women's Skeet
Junior Men's Trap
Junior Women's Trap

The number of positions on the Junior Olympic Squad will depend on the number of entries in each event. If there are less than 10 entries in an event, then 1st place will be selected to the Junior Olympic Squad in that event. If there are 10 or more entries in an event, then 1st place and 2nd place will be selected to the Junior Olympic Squad in that event.

6.2.2. **National Junior Team Membership Period**

Juniors who qualify for the 2026 Junior Olympic Squad will remain on the Junior Olympic Squad through the conclusion of the 2027 Junior Olympics.

7. SHORT TERM NATIONAL SHOTGUN TEAM STATUS FOR ISSF EVENTS

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

8. QUALIFYING FOR MORE THAN ONE NATIONAL SHOTGUN TEAM POSITION

Athletes will fill all National Shotgun 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 Team and the National Junior Team) the athlete will be eligible to represent the USA in international competitions in all levels for which they are qualified.

9. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM PETITION PATHWAY

An athlete with an extraordinary situation may request to be named to the National Development Team by submitting a National Development Team Petition. The athlete's National Development 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 Development Team for a period of time and a ranking set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

10. EXTENDED BREAK PETITION

10.1.1. Athletes requiring an extended break from training/competing may request a hold on their National Shotgun 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 Shotgun Team status (National Team, National Development Team, National Junior Team, or Junior Olympic Squad) for a period of time set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

10.1.2. Athletes on an approved Extended Break will be ranked behind all active athletes on that Team or Squad (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).

10.1.3. Examples of extended breaks include rest and recovery after the Olympic Games, serious injury, pregnancy, extended family emergencies, and military duty.

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

An athlete who qualifies for the National Team will remain in the National Shotgun 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 remain on the Development Team if they do not requalify at the next Selection Match after that.

Example

Athlete A qualifies for National Team on January 1 based on the 2025 Selection Procedures. Athlete A will remain in the National Shotgun Team system through the next two Selections. In this example, that would be through the 2026 Spring Selection Match (Hillsdale National Championships) and the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs). Athlete A would potentially drop out of the National Shotgun Team System no earlier than the conclusion of the 2027 Spring Selection Match.

- If Athlete A finishes out of the Top 5 at the 2026 Spring Selection Match (does not re-qualify for the National Team), Athlete A would stay in the National Shotgun Team system but would now be on the National Development Team until the next Selection Match (in this example, until the 2026 Fall Selection Match).
- If Athlete A then finishes out of the Top 5 at the 2026 Fall Selection Match (does not requalify for the National Team), Athlete A would stay in the National Shotgun Team system by renewing their membership on the National Development Team until the next Selection Match (in this example, until the 2027 Spring Selection Match).
- If Athlete A then finishes out of the Top 8 at the 2027 Spring Selection Match, Athlete A would drop out of the National Shotgun Team system until requalifying at a future Selection Match by placing in the Top 5 (National Team) or 6th-8th (National Development Team).