



**USA SHOOTING  
2026 SHOTGUN SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS  
OLYMPIC EVENTS**

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## SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for selecting participants in the Junior Class Olympic Shotgun events for 2026 International competitions. See Appendix A for a calendar of the 2026 ISSF Junior competitions.

Selection Procedures for Open Class Olympic, non-Olympic, and non-Paralympic events are found in separate documents.

## 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible to compete in the 2026 Junior international events covered by these Selection Procedures.

- 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).
- 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.

## 2. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP 1: CAIRO, EGY

### **UPDATE: USA SHOOTING HAS WITHDRAWN THE DELEGATION FROM THIS COMPETITION**

*Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match. The same results will be used for the 2026 Junior World Championship Team.*

### **2.1. Ranking for the Junior World Cup Cairo Selection**

- 2.1.1. Nominations to compete in Junior World Cup Cairo will be based on the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.
- 2.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale

Spring Selection Match and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.

- 2.1.3. The Finals from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

## **2.2. Individual Events**

- 2.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all Junior World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 2.2.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than March 1, 2026. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in an in-competition slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

## **2.3. Mixed Team Events**

- 2.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 2.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Junior Male and highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Cup Cairo Selection who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 2.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Cup Cairo Selection who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.
- 2.3.4. Athletes may decline a nomination to a Mixed Team and be replaced by the next ranked athlete no later than noon two days prior to the start of the Mixed Team event (ISSF Rule 6.18.1.4).

## **3. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SUHL, GER**

*Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match. The same results will be used for Junior World Cup Cairo.*

### **3.1. 2026 Junior World Championship Entries (ISSF Rule 3.7.5)**

- 3.1.1. The maximum number of individual entries is six (6) entries per event. All six (6) entries are in-competition (medal contending), but no more than three (3) athletes from one country can qualify for the Final.
- 3.1.2. The maximum number of Mixed Team entries allowed is two (2).

3.1.3. The maximum number of Team entries allowed is one (1). These are typically 3-Member Teams.

### **3.2. Ranking for the Junior World Championships Selection**

3.2.1. Nominations to compete in Junior World Championships will be based on the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.

3.2.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.

3.2.3. The Finals from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match and the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

### **3.3. Individual Events**

3.3.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all Junior World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.

3.3.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than March 1, 2026. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in an in-competition slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

### **3.4. Mixed Team Events**

3.4.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.

3.4.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Junior Male and highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Championship Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.

3.4.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Championship Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.

3.4.4. Athletes may decline a nomination to a Mixed Team and be replaced by the next ranked athlete no later than noon two days prior to the start of the Mixed Team event (ISSF Rule 6.18.1.4).

### **3.5. Team Events**

3.5.1. Team Events (typically Three-Member Teams) will be filled by athletes who have qualified for the individual events and are in attendance at the competition. There will be no separate Team-only slots available.

- 3.5.2. Teams will be comprised of the three highest ranked athletes from the Junior World Championships Selection who are participating in the corresponding individual event.
- 3.5.3. If there are not enough athletes available from the corresponding individual event, athletes competing in other individual events can be nominated for a Team Event slot, provided they were in the Top Eight (athletes ranked 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place) in the corresponding individual event at the Selection. Nominations will be offered in the order of the ranking in that corresponding event.

## 4. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2: PORPETTO, ITA

*Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match).*

### 4.1. Ranking for the Junior World Cup Porpetto Selection

- 4.1.1. Nominations to compete in Junior World Cup Porpetto will be based on the combined results of the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match).
- 4.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match).
- 4.1.3. The Finals from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) will not be used for Selection.

### 4.2. Individual Events

- 4.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all Junior World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 4.2.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than March 1, 2026. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in an in-competition slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

### 4.3. Mixed Team Events

- 4.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 4.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Junior Male and highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Cup Porpetto Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 4.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the Junior World Cup Porpetto Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.
- 4.3.4. Athletes may decline a nomination to a Mixed Team and be replaced by the next ranked athlete no later than noon two days prior to the start of the Mixed Team event (ISSF Rule 6.18.1.4).

## 5. SELECTION FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITIONS REQUIRING ENTRIES THROUGH USA SHOOTING

### 5.1. Ranking for Selection

- 5.1.1. The Selection criteria used for nominations to compete in non-ISSF international competitions that require entries submitted through a country's federation will depend on the timeframe of the international competition.
- 5.1.2. **January 1 to June 30, 2026.** Initial nominations for individual and team slots in international competitions starting between January 1 and June 30, 2026, will be based on the aggregate of the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match qualification scores, the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match qualification scores, and the Finals Points from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match. Nominations will be given in order of ranking until all available slots are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first. Any remaining open slots will revert to development slots or remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled by current National Team and National Development Team members at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 5.1.3. **July 1 to October 14, 2026.** Initial nominations for individual and team slots in international competitions starting between July 1 and October 14, 2026, will be based on the aggregate of the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match qualification scores, the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) qualification scores, and the Finals Points from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match). Nominations will be

given in order of ranking until all slots are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first Any remaining open slots will revert to development slots or remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled by current National Team and National Development Team members at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

- 5.1.4. **October 15 to December 31, 2026.** Initial nominations for individual and team slots in international competitions starting between October 15 and December 31, 2026, will be based on the aggregate of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) qualification scores, the 2026 Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match qualification scores, and the Finals Points from the 2026 Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match. Nominations will be given in order of ranking until all slots are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first Any remaining open slots will revert to development slots or remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled by current National Team and National Development Team members at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

## **5.2. Nomination Deadline**

Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days before the competition entry deadline listed by the competition organizing committee.

# **6. SELECTION FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITIONS NOT REQUIRING ENTRIES THROUGH USA SHOOTING**

## **6.1. Ranking for Selection**

- 6.1.1. Athletes may enter any international Junior competition that does not require entries submitted through a country's federation by requesting a sanction from USA Shooting. The sanctioning request must include how athletes are selected for the competition and how the participating athletes' health and well-being will be ensured (for example, by demonstrating that SafeSport protocols will be followed).
- 6.1.2. USA Shooting may enter athletes as a delegation in any Junior international competition that does not require entries submitted through a country's federation. These are considered development slots and may be filled by Juniors on the current National Team, National Development Team, and National Junior Team at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

## 7. SUBSTITUTIONS

### 7.1. Substitutions for ISSF Competitions and Non-ISSF International Competitions

- 7.1.1. **ISSF Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the next ranked eligible athlete will be substituted into that slot in the order of Selection ranking as long as the substitution can be made within the ISSF's and Competition Organizing Committee's entry deadlines.
- 7.1.2. **Non-ISSF International Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the slot may be filled by current National Team, National Development Team, and National Junior Team members at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 7.1.3. If the substitution occurs at the competition, substitutions will come from the athletes already in attendance at the competition. Substitutions will be offered in order of Selection ranking.
- 7.1.4. Reasons for vacating a slot include but are not limited to declining the nomination, withdrawing from the competition, being removed from the competition by USA Shooting for a Code of Conduct violation, and being removed from the competition or deemed ineligible to compete by the ISSF or the Competition Organizing Committee.

## 8. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### 8.1. Funding Criteria

- 8.1.1. USA Shooting makes every effort to fund athletes competing in-competition at major international competitions. However, qualifying for a team or a competition does not guarantee funding. USA Shooting may fully fund, partially fund, or not fund an athlete to a competition.
- 8.1.2. All funding decisions for Junior international competitions will be based on competition priorities and on Selection rankings.
- 8.1.3. Athletes qualifying for a team or a competition may elect to self-fund their participation. The self-funding process is described in the USA Shooting Self-Funding Policies and Procedures.

## 9. PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

10. Performance Standard Scores will not be required to qualify to compete in the Olympic events in ISSF competitions or other international competitions.

## 11. FORCE MAJEURE CONTINGENCY

### 11.1. Force Majeure Contingency for USA Shooting Selection Matches

In the event that USA Shooting is unable to conduct a Selection Match as planned due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of USA Shooting (such as natural disasters), USA Shooting may alter the selection procedures upon approval by the USA Shooting Selection Committee, to include reducing courses of fire required for selection.

### 11.2. Force Majeure Contingency for ISSF Competitions and Other Non-ISSF International Competitions

USA Shooting reserves the right to cancel participation in any ISSF competitions or other non-ISSF international competitions due to World events to protect the safety of the athletes and staff. USA Shooting will make these decisions based on the guidance from the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the US State Department. A USA Shooting cancelation applies to the entire delegation.

## 12. TEAM USA ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Office of the Athlete Ombuds offers independent, confidential advice to elite Team USA athletes regarding their rights and responsibilities in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and assists athletes with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints and concerns.

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## APPENDIX A: 2026 ISSF JUNIOR SHOTGUN COMPETITION CALENDAR

### 2026 ISSF Calendar - Junior Shotgun

| Dates            | Event                              | Location         |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Jan              |                                    |                  |
| Feb              |                                    |                  |
| Mar              |                                    |                  |
| Apr 19-27        | ISSF Junior Cup                    | Cairo, EGY       |
| May              |                                    |                  |
| <b>Jun 16-26</b> | <b>ISSF Jr World Championships</b> | <b>Suhl, GER</b> |
| Jul              |                                    |                  |
| Aug              |                                    |                  |
| Sep 12-20        | ISSF Junior Cup                    | Porpetto, ITA    |
| Oct              |                                    |                  |
| Nov              |                                    |                  |
| Dec              |                                    |                  |