



**USA SHOOTING  
2026 SHOTGUN SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS  
OLYMPIC EVENTS**

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## SUMMARY

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

Selection Procedures for Junior Class, 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 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).

## 2. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF WORLD CUP 1: TANGIER, MAR

*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 World Cup Almaty.*

### **2.1. Ranking for the World Cup Tangier Selection**

2.1.1. Nominations to compete in World Cup Tangier 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 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match, and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.

2.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match. The qualification score from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match will not be factor into the qualification for the Final.

- 2.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 2.1.3. The Final from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring 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 World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Six (6) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 2.2.2. 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.
- 2.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than February 15, 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 Male and highest ranked Female from the World Cup Tangier Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap 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 Male and second highest ranked Female from the World Cup Tangier Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap 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 WORLD CUP 2: ALMATY, KAZ**

*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 World Cup Tangier.*

### **3.1. Ranking for the World Cup Almaty Selection**

- 3.1.1. Nominations to compete in World Cup Almaty 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.
- 3.1.2. 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, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match, and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match.
  - 3.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match. The qualification score from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match will not be factor into the qualification for the Final.
  - 3.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 3.1.3. The Final from the 2025 USA Shooting Hillsdale Spring Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

### **3.2. Individual Events**

- 3.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Six (6) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 3.2.2. 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.
- 3.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than March 31, 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.

### **3.3. Mixed Team Events**

- 3.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 3.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the World Cup Almaty Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 3.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Male and second highest ranked Female from the World Cup Almaty

Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.

- 3.3.4. 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).

## 4. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF WORLD CUP 3: LONATO, 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). The same results will be used for World Cup Hangzhou.*

### 4.1. Ranking for the World Cup Lonato Selection

- 4.1.1. Nominations to compete in World Cup Lonato will be based on the combined results of the and 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 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match), and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match).
  - 4.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match). The qualification score from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match will not be factor into the qualification for the Final.
  - 4.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 4.1.3. The Final from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall 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 World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 4.2.2. 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.

- 4.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than June 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 Male and highest ranked Female from the World Cup Lonato 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 Male and second highest ranked Female from the World Cup Lonato 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 THE 2026 ISSF WORLD CUP 4: HANGZHOU, CHN**

*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). The same results will be used for World Cup Lonato.*

#### **5.1. Ranking for the World Cup Hangzhou Selection**

- 5.1.1. Nominations to compete in World Cup Hangzhou 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).
- 5.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match), and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match).

- 5.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match). The qualification score from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match will not be factor into the qualification for the Final.
- 5.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 5.1.3. The Final from the 2025 USA Shooting Tucson Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

## **5.2. Individual Events**

- 5.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 5.2.2. 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.
- 5.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than June 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.

## **5.3. Mixed Team Events**

- 5.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 5.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the World Cup Hangzhou Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 5.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Male and second highest ranked Female from the World Cup Hangzhou Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.
- 5.3.4. 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).

## 6. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: DOHA, QAT

*Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match. The same results will be used for the Championship of the Americas.*

### 6.1. Ranking for the ISSF World Championships Selection

- 6.1.1. Nominations to compete in the ISSF World Championships will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match.
- 6.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match), the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match, and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match.
  - 6.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match (four (4) total ISSF qualification courses of fire).
  - 6.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 6.1.3. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) will not be used for Selection.

### 6.2. Individual Events

- 6.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Championship positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 6.2.2. 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.
- 6.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match. 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.

### **6.3. Mixed Team Events**

- 6.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 6.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the ISSF World Championships Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 6.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Male and second highest ranked Female from the ISSF World Championships Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.
- 6.3.4. 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).

### **6.4. Team Events**

- 6.4.1. 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.
- 6.4.2. Teams will be comprised of the highest ranked athletes in order of Selection ranking who are participating in the corresponding individual event.
- 6.4.3. 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 a Finalist (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 Selection ranking in that corresponding event.

### **6.5. Non-Olympic Individual and Team Events**

- 6.5.1. Selections for all non-Olympic individual and team events are separate from these Selection Procedures and can be found on the USA Shooting website.

## 7. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS: LIMA, PUR

*Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match. The same results will be used for the World Championships.*

### 7.1. Ranking for the ISSF Championship of the Americas Selection

- 7.1.1. Nominations to compete in the ISSF Championship of the Americas will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match.
- 7.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match), the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match, and the Finals Points from one (1) Final at the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match.
  - 7.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final based on the aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection Match (four (4) total ISSF qualification courses of fire).
  - 7.1.2.2. At the conclusion of the Final, Finals Points will be added to the aggregate qualification score with 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 1 point.
- 7.1.3. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships (Hillsdale Spring Selection Match) will not be used for Selection.

### 7.2. Individual Events

- 7.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all Championship of the Americas positions are filled or until the Top Eight (8) ranked athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.
- 7.2.2. 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.
- 7.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Colorado Springs Fall Selection

Match. 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.

### **7.3. Mixed Team Events**

- 7.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Trap events.
- 7.3.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the ISSF Championship of the Americas Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.
- 7.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Male and second highest ranked Female from the ISSF Championship of the Americas Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.
- 7.3.4. 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).

### **7.4. Team Events**

- 7.4.1. 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.
- 7.4.2. Teams will be comprised of the highest ranked athletes in order of Selection ranking who are participating in the corresponding individual event.
- 7.4.3. 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 a Finalist (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 Selection ranking in that corresponding event.

### **7.5. Non-Olympic Individual and Team Events**

- 7.5.1. Selections for all non-Olympic individual and team events are separate from these Selection Procedures and can be found on the USA Shooting website.

## 8. SELECTION FOR THE 2026 ISSF WORLD CUP FINAL: ROME, ITA

Participation in the 2026 ISSF World Cup Final is by ISSF invitation only and based on performances in the last 12 months of ISSF competitions. Details can be found on the ISSF website at <https://www.issf-sports.org/competitions/world-cup-final>

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

### 9.1. Ranking for Selection

- 9.1.1. 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.
- 9.1.2. **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 Six (6) 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.
- 9.1.3. **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.

9.1.4. **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.

**9.2. Nomination Deadline**

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

## 10. SELECTION FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS NOT REQUIRING ENTRIES THROUGH USA SHOOTING

**10.1. Ranking for Selection**

10.1.1. Athletes may enter any international 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).

10.1.2. USA Shooting may enter athletes as a delegation in any international competition that does not require entries submitted through a country's federation. These are considered development slots and 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.

## 11. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

**11.1. Breaking ties for Team Selection**

Ties in the total aggregate score used for Team Selection - the four ISSF Team Selection Qualification rounds (500 targets) plus the Team Selection Finals

Points (3, 2, or 1 Finals Points based on placement in the Final) - will be broken as follows.

**11.1.1. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place, Skeet**

- 11.1.1.1. The first tie breaker will be two (2) Finals rounds of 12 targets each (24 total targets). The tie-breaker will start on Station 3 and rotate through Stations 3, 4, and 5 as in an ISSF Final until 24 shots have been completed.
- 11.1.1.2. If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using pairs of shots on Station 4, alternating between a regular pair and a reverse pair, until the tie is broken.

**11.1.2. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place, Trap**

- 11.1.2.1. The first tie breaker will be one (1) full Qualification round of 25 targets.
- 11.1.2.2. If athletes are still tied, the tie will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using single shots until the tie is broken.

**11.1.3. Ties for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place, Skeet and Trap**

Ties for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place will be broken by Finals bib number.

**11.1.4. Ties after 8<sup>th</sup> place, Skeet and Trap**

Ties after 8<sup>th</sup> place will be broken by the ISSF count-back rule.

**11.2. Breaking ties for Finals bib number**

Ties among the eight (8) Finalists will be broken to determine the Finals bib number as follows.

**11.2.1. Ties for bib number, Skeet**

The bib number tie will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using pairs of shots on Station 4, alternating between a regular pair and a reverse pair, until the tie is broken.

**11.2.2. Ties for bib number, Trap**

The bib number tie will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using single shots until the tie is broken.

**11.3. Breaking ties to qualify for the last positions in the Final**

Ties for the last position(s) in the Final will be broken as follows.

**11.3.1. Ties for the last position(s) in the Final, Skeet**

Ties will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using pairs of shots on Station 4, alternating between a regular pair and a reverse pair, until the tie is broken.

**11.3.2. Ties for the last positions in the Final, Trap**

Ties will be broken by an elimination shoot-off using single shots until the tie is broken.

**11.4. Tie-Breaking and Shoot-off Fields**

The fields used for tie-breaking rounds and shoot-offs will be determined by the Match Director.

## 12. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

- 12.1.1. **ISSF Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the next ranked eligible athlete will be substituted into that slot as long as the substitution can be made within the ISSF's and Competition Organizing Committee's entry deadlines. Athletes ranked in the Top Eight of the Selection (the Finalists) are eligible to fill in as substitutions.
- 12.1.2. **Non-ISSF Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the slot 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.
- 12.1.3. 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.
- 12.1.4. 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.

## 13. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

### 13.1. Funding Criteria

- 13.1.1. 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.
- 13.1.2. All funding decisions for international competitions will be based on competition priorities (for example, Olympic Quota opportunities) and on Selection rankings.
- 13.1.3. Only in-competition slots competing for medals are eligible for funding.

### 13.2. Self Funding

- 13.2.1. 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.
- 13.2.2. All out-of-competition slots (Ranking Points Only (RPO) and Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) slots) will be self-funded.

## 14. PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

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

## 15. FORCE MAJEURE CONTINGENCY

### 15.1. 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.

### 15.2. 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 to protect the safety and welfare 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 cancellation applies to the entire delegation.

## 16. 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 SHOTGUN COMPETITION CALENDAR

Dark green and bolded events are LA28 Olympic Quota opportunities.

### 2026 ISSF Calendar - Shotgun

| <b>Dates</b>        | <b>Event</b>                        | <b>Location</b>  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Jan                 |                                     |                  |
| Feb                 |                                     |                  |
| Mar 25-Apr 3        | ISSF World Cup 1                    | Tangier, MAR     |
| Apr                 |                                     |                  |
| May 2-11            | ISSF World Cup 2                    | Almaty, KAZ      |
| Jun                 |                                     |                  |
| Jul 3-13            | ISSF World Cup 3                    | Lonato, ITA      |
| Jul 20-29           | ISSF World Cup 4                    | Hangzhou, CHN    |
| Aug                 |                                     |                  |
| Sep                 |                                     |                  |
| Oct                 |                                     |                  |
| <b>Nov 1-15</b>     | <b>ISSF World Championships</b>     | <b>Doha, QAT</b> |
| <b>Nov 21-Dec 1</b> | <b>Championship of the Americas</b> | <b>Lima, PER</b> |
| Dec 3-8             | ISSF World Cup Final                | Rome, ITA        |