



Shooting Federation of Canada

2017 Athlete Selection Criteria

National Team, Development Team & High Performance Junior Program

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1. High Performance Team Trials (furthermore known as "HPTT") for selections to the 2017 program shall be conducted at either the 2016 Canadian National Championships or other 2016 High Performance Committee (HPC) designated match in the Rifle, Pistol, Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet disciplines.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL TEAMS

2. In order to be considered and eligible for selection to the Shooting Federation of Canada National Team, Development Team and High Performance Junior programs, an athlete is required to:
3. Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada.
4. Be a Canadian citizen; if naturalized, the ISSF international participation rule will be applicable (Article 3.6 Entry and Participation, item 3.6.3.3). Athletes must be fully eligible to represent Canada at the time of the HPTT.
5. Complete a HPTT entry form and pay applicable HPTT entry fees prior to the start of the competition sanctioned as the High Performance Team Trials/selection match.
6. Not use or be in possession of, by medical prescription or otherwise unless approved by a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), any drug that is on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List or engage in any method or activity that would be in contravention to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program or World Anti-Doping Code.
7. Sign an SFC Athlete Agreement and adhere to all of its conditions including the requirement to prepare and follow an annual training plan.
8. Pay in full, any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC.
9. Pay applicable annual high performance team fees according to published deadline parameters.

QUALIFYING EVENTS

10. To qualify for any SFC high performance team and program, athletes must compete in HPTT/selection matches held either independently or in conjunction with the Canadian National Championships annually in each discipline. (For exceptions see #s 44 - 53)
11. To be eligible for selection to National and Development Teams, athletes must achieve a qualifying score in their respective discipline in at least one of the following matches:
 - Canadian HPTT/selection match
 - A 'cut score competition' as defined in Annex A of these criteria.
12. Regardless of the match at which the cut score has been shot, for team ranking purposes athletes must compete in the HPTT/selection matches conducted either independently or at the National Championships in the same year and event.
13. Selection matches held after November 1, 2015 will be used to determine teams and rankings for 2017; selection matches held after November 1, 2016 will be used to determine teams and rankings for 2018, and continue annually on this basis. (Reference items 24 and 28 of these criteria.)

COURSE OF FIRE

14. Athletes must shoot the entire course of fire, including finals if applicable, in the match for which they are registered to shoot a cut score.
15. HPTT/selection matches – National Team
HPTT participants who have not qualified elsewhere as per item 11. above, may qualify for the National Team by: a) shooting two rounds or twice through the course of fire in each event for which they have registered; and b) achieving a National Team cut score in at least one of the designated courses of fire.

Total scores (without finals) will be used to rank all eligible athletes.
16. HPTT/selection matches – Development Team and High Performance Junior Program
HPTT participants who have not qualified elsewhere as per item 11. above, may qualify for the Development Team and High Performance Junior Program by: a) shooting two rounds or twice through the course of fire in each event for which they have registered; and b) achieving a Development Team cut score or High Performance Junior Program standard or cut score, if determined, in at least one of the designated courses of fire.

Total scores (without finals) will be used to rank all eligible athletes.
17. HPTT rifle events:
 - The top 8 rifle athletes will shoot ISSF finals based on the total of two rounds.
 - Ties for the finals positions will be broken by ISSF rule.
 - In the 50m events, all athletes who wish to compete in the Canadian High Performance Team Trials must shoot on the same relay (usually the 'Master' class).
 - In men's Prone rifle, two (2) rounds will be used. In the case of any Annex A qualifying event in which three matches are shot over three days, the first relay shot on the first two consecutive days will be used for National Team selection.
18. HPTT pistol events:
 - The top 8 pistol athletes will shoot ISSF finals based on the total of two rounds with the exception of Rapid Fire pistol;
 - The top 6 in Rapid Fire pistol will shoot ISSF finals based on the total of two rounds.
 - In 50m events, all athletes who wish to compete in the Canadian High Performance Team Trials must shoot on the same relay (usually the 'Master' class).

19. HPTT shotgun events:
- The top 6 in shotgun events will shoot ISSF finals based on the total of two courses of fire.
20. In the case of a junior aged athlete who makes the senior finals in the HPTT, the score will stand amongst the senior scores. A junior may not be excluded from any final for which he/she has qualified.
21. Annex A defined events:
- As per HPTT course of fire.

22. **SFC NATIONAL TEAM**

The SFC National Team shall include athletes who have met or exceeded the scores listed in the following chart at the 2017 HPTT/selection match in the rifle, pistol, trap and skeet disciplines in one of the two (2) complete courses of fire OR at one of the qualifying events held in 2016 listed under item 11.

Pistol

50m Men	10m Air Men	25m Rapid Fire Men	25m Women	10m Air Women
554	577	574	576	379

Rifle

50m 3P Men	10m Air Men	50m Prone Men	50m 3P Women	10m Air Women
1156	620.9	618.8	576	413.4

Skeet

Skeet Men	Skeet Women
119	68

Trap

Trap Men	Double Trap Men	Trap Women
119	133	68

National Team scores are the higher of the 19th position score OR that found in the top third (or 33.3%) of the field from the qualification rounds in each event at the 2013 ISSF World Cups.

23. **National Team Ranking**

The scores from the two (2) complete courses of fire shot in each event at the HPTT/selection matches shall be added together to produce a total score. These total scores (without finals) will be used to rank all eligible athletes.

In men's Prone rifle, two (2) rounds will be used for high performance team ranking. When the HPTT is conducted at the Canadian National Championships and three matches are shot over two days, the first match of each day will be used for National Team selection. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

In Trap and Skeet events for men, the first 250 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. In the Double Trap event for men, the first 300 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

In shotgun events for women, the first 150 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

N.B. Full ISSF finals shall be conducted if there are two or more competitors in any given event.

24. **Benefits**

Athletes who achieve the cut scores as outlined above and have competed in the HPTT/selection match will be invited to participate as a National Team member for the 2017 competitive season and eligible to apply to attend world cup competitions between the months of November 2016 and October 2017. (For exceptions see items 44 – 53 of these criteria)

25. All competitive assignments will be allocated following the athlete's submission of a complete annual plan which has the approval of a coach who is certified at a minimum NCCP level 3 as well as the High Performance Committee (HPC) and/or HPC designate. Athletes will be able to choose the ISSF world cup events they will attend. First choice will be provided to the athlete placing highest in the specific event at the HPTT, next choice will be provided to the athlete placing second highest and so on. (Please see items 33 - 42 for details.)

26. **SFC DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

The SFC Development Team shall include athletes who have met or exceeded the scores listed in the following chart at the 2017 HPTT/selection match in the rifle, pistol, trap and skeet disciplines in one of the two (2) complete courses of fire OR at one of the qualifying events held in 2016 listed under item 11.

Pistol

50m Men	10m Air Men	25m Rapid Fire Men	25m Women	10m Air Women
534	564	559	559	368

Rifle

50m 3P Men	10m Air Men	50m Prone Men	50m 3P Women	10m Air Women
1128	609.1	607.7	558	403.8

Skeet

Skeet Men	Skeet Women
110	61

Trap

Trap Men	Double Trap Men	Trap Women
109	122	61

2017 Development Team athlete selection is based on the average 20th percentile score (from the bottom up) from the entire field, not including those entered in the MQS matches, in each event at the 2013 World Cups.

To ensure that there are at least two athletes named to the Development Team in each Olympic event, the top two shooters at the High Performance Team Trials will be nominated in the events where there is no other representation based on the average 20th percentile score (from the bottom up).

Under the same intent, should only one athlete qualify for the Development Team in a specific event based on the average 20th percentile score (from the bottom up), a second, top ranked athlete in that event at the HPTT will be named to the Development Team.

Should any athlete named to the Development Team have not achieved the MQS as established by the ISSF or the 20th percentile score in the absence of an ISSF MQS, they will not be considered for World Cup participation.

The percentile based score for Development Team selection is applicable until such time as a fixed score is reinstated by the High Performance Committee.

27. Development Team Ranking

Scores from two (2) complete courses of fire shot in each event at HPTT/selection matches shall be added together to produce a total score. These total scores (without finals) will be used to rank all eligible athletes.

In men’s prone rifle, two (2) rounds will be used for high performance team ranking. When the HPTT is conducted at the Canadian National Championships and three matches are shot over two days, the first match of each day will be used for National Team selection. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

In Trap and Skeet events for men, the first 250 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. In the Double Trap event for men, the first 300 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

In shotgun events for women, the first 150 targets shot during the Trails will be used to determine team ranking. (N.B. item 14 of these criteria)

N.B. Full ISSF finals shall be conducted if there are two or more competitors in any given event.

28. Benefits

Athletes who achieve the cut scores as outlined above will be invited to participate as a Development Team member for the 2017 competitive season and will be eligible to apply to attend world cup competitions between the months of November 2016 and October 2017. (For exceptions see items 44 – 53 of these criteria.)

29. All competitive assignments will be allocated following the athlete’s submission of a complete annual plan which has the approval of a coach who is certified at a minimum NCCP level 3 as well as the High Performance committee (HPC) and/or HPC designate. Athletes will be able to choose the ISSF world cup events they will attend. First choice for Development Team members will be provided to the Development Team athlete placing highest in the specific event at the HPTT, next choice will be provided to the athlete placing second highest and so on. (Please see items 33 - 42 for details.)

30. SFC HIGH PERFORMANCE JUNIOR PROGRAM

The SFC shall identify age eligible junior athletes to participate in international competitive opportunities as and when they are made available to the SFC, who have attained scores equal to or greater than those listed in the charts below at the 2017 HPTT/selection match in the rifle, pistol, trap and skeet disciplines in one of the two (2) complete courses of fire OR at one of the qualifying events held in 2015 listed under item 11.

Pistol

50m Men	10m Air Men	25m Rapid Men	25m Jr Men	25m Women	10m Air Women
494	540	514	540	540	360

Rifle

50m 3P Men	10m Air Men	50m Prone Men	50m Prone Women	50m 3P Women	10m Air Women
1093	590.0	590.1	590.1	533	393.3

Skeet

Skeet Men	Skeet Women
88	53

Trap

Trap Men	Double Trap Men	Trap Women
88	105	53

To ensure that there are at least two athletes named to the High Performance Junior Program in each Olympic event, the top two, age-eligible shooters at the High Performance Team Trials will be nominated in the events where there is no other representation based on the listed 2017 High Performance Junior Program cut scores.

Under the same intent, should only one athlete qualify for the High Performance Junior Program in a specific event based on the listed cut scores, a second, top ranked athlete in that event at the HPTT will be named to the High Performance Junior Program.

31. **Benefits**

Athletes who are named to the High Performance Junior Program will be invited to participate in junior age level events hosted during the 2017 competitive season as identified by the SFC High Performance Junior Sub-Committee. Athlete selections will be made from any of the teams within the High Performance Program in accordance with the respective rules and regulations of each junior age competitive opportunity as it arises.

32. All High Performance Junior Program athlete assignments will be subject to the review and approval of the SFC High Performance Junior Sub-Committee.

FURTHERMORE:

33. **World Cup Participation**

Only athletes who are named to the National or Development Teams and who have shot an ISSF MQS in the previous calendar year at any of the qualifying shoots as defined by Annex A will be eligible to participate in ISSF World Cup events. The 20th percentile score (from the bottom up) determined for the 2016 competitive year will be substituted if no ISSF MQS exists.

34. Order of selection:

National Team and Development Team athletes will be offered ISSF World Cup (WC) participation positions in the following manner:

35. First Phase - National Team members will be asked to select and prioritize up to two WC based on their placing at the 2017 HPTT/selection match. (e.g. First place athlete selects two WC, second place athlete selects two WC etc.)
36. Second Phase - Development Team members then have the opportunity to select and prioritize up to two WC based on their placing at the 2017 HPTT/selection match (e.g. First place athlete selects two WC, second place athlete selects two WC etc.)
37. Third Phase - Should any WC positions still be available once phases 1 and 2 are complete, the opportunity for choice shall be returned to National Team members. Selections may be made only from remaining, available slots. In this case, a National Team member may not "bump" a Development Team member to take a match spot. Accordingly, the first place athlete shall select one WC, the second place athlete shall select one WC etc.

38. This cycle shall be repeated until: a) all positions are exhausted; or b) National Team members no longer wish to continue to choose.
39. Fourth Phase - Should any WC positions still be available after the first three phases are complete, these spots shall be made available to Development Team members. Accordingly, the first place athlete shall select one WC, the second place athlete shall select one WC etc.
40. This cycle shall be repeated until: a) all positions are exhausted; or b) Development Team members no longer wish to continue to choose.
41. Remaining positions may be awarded to members of the High Performance Junior Program at the discretion of the High Performance Committee.
42. Athletes must select events according to specific deadline parameters that will be announced at the commencement of the season and strictly enforced.
43. **Ties**
All ties for team placement in all events will be broken in accordance with ISSF rules and regulations.
44. **Byes & Additions**
On the recommendation of the Vice President High Performance and in accordance with SFC policy, additional members may be added to the National or Development Teams:
45. By application in advance for a *COMPETITION BYE*. Athletes who were named to the National or Development Teams in the year prior to the trials will retain the previous year's team ranking in the same event providing they:
 - a) Have met the requirements for team membership; and
 - b) Have shot the 2017 National Team or 2017 Development Team cut score in their respective discipline during the 2016 season at specific SFC designated events as listed under QUALIFYING EVENTS of these criteria; and
 - c) Are scheduled to represent Canada at an ISSF World Championships or major games* that would directly interfere with participation in the HPTT/selection match.
46. Competition byes are applicable to ranking on the National Team and Development Team only and do not apply to athlete rankings or selection to ISSF World Championships or major games* teams.
47. * For the purposes of these criteria, major games include the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, Pan-American Games, Commonwealth Games and the CAT Championships.
48. Competition bye applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
49. By application in advance for a *MEDICAL BYE*, those athletes who were named to the National Team or Development Team or High Performance Junior Program in the year prior to the trials who have met the requirements for team membership, and for medical reasons substantiated by a doctor's certificate, cannot compete at the HPTT/selection match.
50. Any persons added to a team through a medical bye will not displace those who have met the requirements at the HPTT/selection match in the qualifying year.
51. Any persons added for medical reasons will be ranked in the last position on the respective team to which they have received a medical bye.

52. Medical byes are applicable for a one year period only and will not be granted for two or more successive years.
53. All additions to the teams are subject to the approval of the High Performance Committee.
54. **Major Games**
Athlete selection for major games and events independent of the ISSF World Cup circuit will be based on separate criteria that will be developed and published by the HPC on an as-and-when-needed basis.
55. **Membership Year**
National and Development Team members will be named to the team for the period of November 1st to October 31st annually.
56. Athletes who qualify for the SFC 2017 high performance program shall be eligible to participate in team training that is organized by the SFC between the 2017 HPTT/selection match (contested in 2016) and October 31st, 2017.
57. **Fees**
Applicable fees are assessed when a shooter is named to the team and are due, unless indicated otherwise by the SFC, on or before October 31st annually.
58. The amounts approved for 2017 are:
National Team = no fee
Development Team = \$200 per athlete
High Performance Junior Program = \$100 per athlete
59. Junior age eligible athletes who have qualified for the Development Team and who wish to attend world cup and other competitions as part of the high performance program must declare their intentions at the start of the season and remit the Development Team fee of \$200.
60. **Confirmation**
Membership on any team is subject to confirmation by the High Performance Committee and the signing of an SFC athlete agreement.
61. **Appeals**
An appeal against a selection decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC appeal policy.
62. **Funding**
Funding to team programs is to be reviewed and determined on an annual basis, and approved by the SFC Executive Committee.
63. The above criteria are final and supersede all other previously issued criteria pertaining to the selection of athletes to the Shooting Federation of Canada High Performance Program.

Annex A
2017 Athlete Selection Criteria
MATCH CRITERIA FOR CUT SCORE CONSIDERATION

Examples of terminology used in this document:

- Competition** – National Championship, Provincial Championship, World Cup (WC) etc.
Discipline – Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun
Event – 25m Pistol Women, Trap Men, 50m Rifle Prone Men etc.
Relay – Once through the course of fire

1. Match criteria for cut score consideration

Rifle and Pistol

- Minimum number of positions – 10 (except for 25m Rapid Fire Pistol requiring 2 bays)
- Minimum number/level of Officials – 2 ISSF certified B licensed Judges and/or 1 ISSF certified A licensed Judge
- Electronic target systems
- Current ISSF match format
- Canadian matches must be sanctioned* by the SFC a minimum of four weeks in advance of the start of the competition.

Shotgun

- Minimum number of bunkers for trap – 1
- Minimum of two houses (low and high as per ISSF regulation) for skeet
- Minimum number/level of Officials – 2 ISSF certified Referees or B licensed Judges and/or 1 ISSF certified A licensed Judge
- Target System – International Targets thrown to current ISSF specifications in all events
- Current ISSF match format
- Canadian matches must be sanctioned* by the SFC a minimum of four weeks in advance of the start of the competition.

* SFC sanctioned matches must be approved by the National Office and “created” on the SFC website by an active SFC member.

2. Criteria for number of chances/opportunities

- Matches for which the athlete has registered and then not attended are considered “lost chances” and with the exception stated in section 5 of this document, may not be replaced.
- Changing a designated match is only accomplished if the competition is cancelled.
- For rifle, pistol and shotgun, the first ISSF course of fire counts in multiple course-of-fire competitions. The exception is at the National Championships where the current standard of two (2) separate courses of fire count as one competition containing two unique opportunities.
- Each competition shall only count as one chance/opportunity per event
- Attendance at the Canadian National Championships is mandatory. Canadian National Championships in each discipline are subject to ISSF rules and not to Annex A Match Criteria standards.

- All athletes must submit a list of matches they wish to be considered using the published HPC Match Designation Form. Athletes with the intent of using international matches for cut score consideration must file the list prior to the start of the competitive season with the SFC Technical Director. Athletes using Canadian matches for cut score consideration must submit a list of potential competitions to the SFC Technical Director prior to the start of the first scheduled event.
- For National and Development Team members, the list will be part of the annual registration process for the High Performance Program.
- Coaches/managers designated by the HPC for this purpose shall be responsible for monitoring and reporting to the SFC.
- If an athlete is attempting to qualify in multiple events, a separate form must be filed for each event and the following limitations apply:

For National Team

Total number of Competitions (opportunities for cut scores) - **7**

Maximum non-Canadian content - **4**

For Development Team

Total number of Competitions (opportunities for cut scores) - **7**

Maximum non-Canadian content - **4**

For High Performance Junior Program

Total number of Competitions (opportunities for cut scores) - **7**

Maximum non-Canadian content - **4**

For non-Team members

Total number of Competitions (opportunities for cut scores) - **5**

Maximum non-Canadian content - **2**

3. Process

- Athlete and coach collaborate to designate matches
- The athlete plan is adjusted to accommodate designated matches

When an athlete achieves a cut score at a designated match, compile and complete:

- A data sheet and results for each competition at which a cut score was shot;
AND
- The Cut Score Confirmation Form with a competition official's ISSF number and signature;
AND

Submit the documents through the Coach or Manager designated by the High Performance Committee to the SFC Technical Director.

A competition official's ISSF number and signature are not required for Canadian National Championships, USA Shooting designated Selection Matches, USA Shooting National Championships, World Cups, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, CAT Championships, Pan American or Olympic Games.

4. Byes for illness or injury

Byes shall only be considered for National Championships as it is the only mandated event. Please see the current SFC "Athlete Selection Criteria - National Team, Development Team and High Performance Junior Program" for rules pertaining to Byes.

5. Match cancellation

If a match is canceled by the organizer, the match may be replaced by another of the athlete's choosing.

Forms to submit:

- a. Notice of match cancellation and;
- b. Match substitution form.

Circumstances that occur at any respective competition that are beyond the control of the athlete (e.g. match failure to meet the criteria despite organizer assurances) shall be considered the equivalent to a match cancellation.

6. Qualifying for a higher level competition

A Major Games (e.g. Pan American Games) and the ISSF World Championships will automatically qualify as cut score events, provide an additional cut score opportunity for the qualifying athlete and do not require the submission of paperwork.