

The following notes are related to the numbered paragraphs in the *Match Criteria for Cut Score Consideration* document:

1. This section establishes the minimum criteria for a competition to be used as a “cut score” event. The purpose is to ensure that the matches used as “cut score” events are at a high standard and are not just random local matches. The quantity of athletes in attendance does not guarantee quality of match. It is up to the athlete to confirm that the match meets the criteria. If an athlete achieves a cut score and submits a Cut Score Confirmation Form, then the Coach or Manager, designated by the High Performance Program, must confirm that the match standard has been met and report it to the SFC Technical Director who will forward the information to the Vice President High Performance. Once the athlete has achieved a confirmed cut score there is no requirement to send in multiple forms unless the athlete qualifies for a higher team in that event.

The intent of designating a minimum qualification level and quantity of officials is to ensure an international standard of officiating at the match.

2. It has been determined by the High Performance Committee (HPC) that athletes who have reached the National Team level should be training to the highest standards and working with a coach. Given these standards, National Team athletes should be in a position to train and peak for more competitions and are therefore given more opportunities to achieve a “cut score”.

A Development Team member should also be working with a coach and through a training process that will allow him/her to peak at appropriate times. Non-National Team members have been allocated a fewer number of competition opportunities so that the focus is on specific objectives and not on trying to just shoot at every competition with the “hope” of hitting a cut score.

In a multiple relay competition without eliminations, by making the first relay the only relay where a cut score can be achieved, the athlete is under the same pressure as they would be in a competition containing elimination relays. In a competition containing eliminations, all relays will count for a cut score. This decision is made to encourage competition organizers to more accurately reflect the World Cup process.

Example of qualifying at different levels in different events:

If an athlete has qualified for the National team in Prone Rifle and the Development team in Air Rifle then that athlete would be allocated 7 cut score opportunities in Prone and 5 in Air.

3. Matches should be incorporated in to an annual training plan with the express purpose of having a peak performance at that competition. For those who are not already a member of the High Performance Program, submission of an annual plan is not required for the 2014 competition year however this may change in the future.
4. As athletes are provided multiple chances to achieve cut scores, no byes or replacement competitions shall be granted for illness or injury.
5. As a match cancellation is beyond the athletes’ control, this decision best supports them. Athletes are required to submit Competition Cancellation and Substitution Forms.
6. As athletes progress up through the levels of the team, they are rewarded with additional perks. Qualifying for a Major Games warrants a reward i.e. an additional cut score opportunity.