



Shooting Federation of Canada

Athlete Selection Criteria – Major Games 2009 – 2012

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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES:

1. In order to be considered and eligible for selection to any Shooting Federation of Canada Major Games Team, an athlete is required to:
 2. Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada.
 3. 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 selection and/or any applicable Trials.
 4. 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.
 5. Be a member in good standing of the SFC High Performance Program - National Team or Development Team. Such membership implies adherence to all terms and conditions of the SFC Athlete Agreement and payment in full of any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC.
 6. Qualify to compete in an Olympic event prior to being considered for selection to compete in a non-Olympic event. Criteria for non-Olympic events will be developed upon the availability of information.
 7. Competition conflict as defined within this document occurs when an athlete is competing at a Major Games on behalf of the Shooting Federation of Canada within 30 days of a national championship at which the athlete would be required to compete in order to obtain ranking for the upcoming competition season.

8. **Major Games** are defined as:
ISSF World Championships Shotgun, August 6-17, 2009, Maribor, Slovenia
World Shooting Championships, July 29-August 11, 2010, Munich, Germany
Commonwealth Games, October 3-14, 2010, Delhi, India
Championships of the Americas, November 2010 TBC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
ISSF World Championships Shotgun, September 3-14, 2011, Belgrade, Serbia
Pan American Games, October 14-30, 2011, Guadalajara, Mexico
Olympic Games, July 27-August 12, 2012, London, Great Britain
9. **2009 ISSF World Championships Shotgun** (August 6-17, 2009, Maribor, Slovenia) team selection will be based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results of trials held at the 2008 Canadian Olympic Trap Championships and 2008 Canadian Olympic Skeet Championships (furthermore known as the Canadian Olympic Shotgun Championships). If there is a date conflict for the 2009 Canadian Olympic Shotgun Championships, those athletes who attend the 2009 ISSF World Shotgun Championships will be given a bye for the Canadian Olympic Shotgun Championships and retain their previous ranking for the next season. If an athlete is given a bye they must achieve the required cut score for the 2010 SFC High Performance Team before the 2010 Canadian Olympic Shotgun Championships to retain their ranking.
10. **2010 ISSF World Shooting Championships** (July 29 - August 11, 2010, Munich, Germany) team selection for rifle, pistol and shotgun events will be based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results of trials held at the 2009 Canadian National Championships in Rifle, Pistol, Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet. If there is a date conflict, those athletes who attend the 2010 ISSF World Shooting Championships will be given a bye for their respective National Championships and retain their previous ranking for the next season. If an athlete is given a bye they must achieve the required cut score for the 2011 SFC High Performance Team before the 2011 Canadian National Championships in their respective discipline.
11. **2010 Championships of the Americas** (or CAT Championships, November 2010 TBC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) teams will be selected in conjunction with **2010 Commonwealth Games** (October 3-14, 2010, Delhi, India) teams in rifle, pistol and shotgun disciplines and will be based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results of trials held at the 2010 USA Shooting Spring Selection Matches in the respective disciplines.
12. Please note that for US based trials the ability to run finals is currently under inquiry.
13. **2010 Championships of the Americas** and **2010 Commonwealth Games** team selections are open only to those athletes who are named to the 2010 National Team or 2010 Development Team by having shot the appropriate cut scores in 2009. The top three (3) Canadian finishes in the published rankings of the USA Spring Selection Matches will qualify to attend the 2010 Championships of the Americas and the next two (positions 4 and 5) will qualify to compete in the 2010 Commonwealth Games. As the acquisition of Olympic quota spots is a priority for Canada, athletes who qualify and are selected to compete in the 2010 CAT Championships will not attend the 2010 Commonwealth Games.
14. The qualification for Centre Fire and Standard pistol events for the 2010 Commonwealth Games will be dependent on the number of positions that are available to the SFC and based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results at the 2009 Canadian National Pistol Championships. The top two (2) finishes in Centre Fire and Standard pistol events at the 2009 Canadian National Pistol Championships will qualify to attend the 2010 Commonwealth Games. As the acquisition of Olympic quota spots is a priority for Canada, athletes who qualify and are selected to compete in the 2010 CAT Championships will not attend the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

In the event that an athlete qualifies for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Centre Fire and/or Standard pistol and also qualifies for the 2010 Championships of the Americas in an Olympic event, participation in the Championships of the Americas shall take precedence and the Centre Fire and/or Standard pistol spot at the Commonwealth Games will be allocated to the next ranked athlete from the 2009 National Pistol Championships in the respective event.

15. **2011 ISSF World Championships Shotgun** (September 3-14, 2011 Belgrade, Serbia) team selection will be based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results of trials held at the 2010 Canadian National Olympic Shotgun Championships. If there is a date conflict, those athletes who attend the 2011 ISSF World Championships Shotgun will be given a bye for the 2011 Canadian Olympic Shotgun Championships and retain their previous ranking for the next season. If an athlete is given a bye they must achieve the required cut score for the 2012 SFC High Performance Program during the 2011 calendar year to retain their ranking in their respective discipline.
16. **2011 Pan American Games** (October 14-30, 2011, Guadalajara, Mexico) team selection for all events will be based on ranking of eligible athletes based on results of trials held at the 2011 Canadian National Championships in each discipline. Athletes will be selected according to the Appendix "A" Shooting Federation of Canada "Internal Team Nomination Procedures (INP), Pan American Games 2011" developed in collaboration with the Canadian Olympic Committee. The INP Guadalajara published as Appendix "A" is final and supersedes all other previously issued criteria pertaining to the selection of athletes to the SFC, Pan American Games Team.
17. **2012 Olympic Games** (July 27-August 12, 2012, London, Great Britain) team selection will occur no later than June 30, 2012 in events where there is an available quota spot. Athletes will be selected according to the Appendix "B" Shooting Federation of Canada "Internal Team Nomination Procedures (INP), London Olympic Games 2012" developed in collaboration with the Canadian Olympic Committee. The INP London published as Appendix "B" is final and supersedes all other previously issued criteria pertaining to the selection of athletes to the SFC, Olympic Games Team.

Those athletes who are named to the Olympic team have priority to World Cup events in the Olympic year. Athletes named to the 2012 Olympic Team will receive a bye for their respective National Championships. If an athlete is given a bye they must achieve the required cut score for the 2013 SFC High Performance Program during the 2012 calendar year to retain their ranking in their respective discipline.

APPENDIX "A"

Shooting Federation of Canada Internal Team Nomination Procedures Pan American Games 2011

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe procedures and criteria that will be used to internally select the 2011 Pan American Games Shooting Team.

Athlete Eligibility – For an Athlete to be eligible for nomination to the 2011 Pan American Games Team, the Athlete must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC);
- 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 selection and/or any applicable Trials;
- Be a member in good standing of the 2011 SFC High Performance Program - National Team or Development Team. Such membership implies adherence to all terms and conditions of the SFC Athlete Agreement and payment in full of any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC;
- 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;
- Have signed and submitted the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Condition for the Pan American Games no later than August 31, 2011;
- Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or prior to April 30, 2012.

Qualification System for Guadalajara

- The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) will only register competitors that were qualified according to the system established by the American Shooting Federation (CAT).
- The COC shall submit to the CAT a list of shooters to be considered for the Pan American Games no later than July 1, 2011.
- The COC will be assigned by CAT an allocation for the maximum number of athletes it may enter in all shooting sports (pistol, shotgun and rifle) no later than July 10, 2011.
- Should the number of requests exceed the quota of 250 shooters, CAT will select the shooters to be entered in the XVI Pan American Games and will duly inform the COC, PASO Technical Commission and COPAG.
- The number of athlete allocations to be assigned to the COC will be based on the historic participation in the Pan American Games and on the participation of the country's National Shooting Federation in regional, continental and world level shooting competitions since the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1999.

Decision Making Authority

The SFC Executive has charged the High Performance Committee (HPC) with making final internal nomination decisions subject to its ratification.

Team Selection

- Athletes will be ranked for nomination to the Pan Am Team following publication of results from all applicable 2011 Canadian National Championships:

Canadian National Trap Championships	Toronto ON	June 06-11, 2011
Canadian National Pistol Championships	Calgary AB	July 30-August 07, 2011
Canadian National Skeet Championships	Saskatoon SK	August 12-14, 2011
Canadian National Rifle Championships	Calgary AB	August 12-21, 2011

- To be named to the Pan Am Games team, athletes who have qualified for the finals must shoot in them at the National Championships.
- Athletes will be ranked among and between disciplines by shooting twice through the ISSF course of fire at the National Championships and according to the following:

Rifle events:

- Rifle athletes will be ranked based on two ISSF courses of fire in the same event (no finals).
- In men's prone rifle, two courses of fire will be used for Pan Am Team ranking. In a three match format, the first match of each day will be used for Pan Am Team ranking.
- In the 50m events, all athletes who wish to compete in the Pan Am Team trials must shoot on the same relay (usually the 'Master' class).

Pistol events:

- Pistol athletes will be ranked based on two ISSF courses of fire in the same event (no finals).
- In 50m events, all athletes who wish to compete in the Pan Am Team trials must shoot on the same relay (usually the 'Master' class).

Shotgun events:

- Trap and skeet athlete rankings will be based on two ISSF courses of fire in the same event (no finals).
- The women's trap course of fire will be 150 targets shot over two days – 75 targets on day 1 and 75 targets on day 3 of the trials.
- The women's skeet course of fire will be 150 targets shot over two days – 75 targets on day 1, and 75 targets on day 3 of the trials.

The Canadian Olympic Committee will fund 9 athletes and 2 support staff; the Shooting Federation of Canada will fund 9 athletes and 2 support staff to a maximum team size of 18 athletes and 4 support staff. Due to the number of positions provided to shooting events, Canadian shooting athletes must be ranked both across and within events based on the following formula:

Formula for the ranking of Canadian shooting athletes:

$$\left[\frac{\text{Athlete Score} - 2xNTCut\ Score}{2xNTCut\ Score} \right] \times 100 = \text{Athlete Percentage}$$

$$\left[\frac{2xWorld\ Record - 2xNTCut\ Score}{2xNTCut\ Score} \right] \times 100 = \text{Max Percentage}$$

$$\text{Athlete Ranking Number} = \frac{\text{Athlete Percentage}}{\text{Max Percentage}}$$

[i.e. If an athlete shoots equal to the SFC National Team cut score for their event, the ranking number will be '0', if below the cut score they will get a negative number (e.g. -0.5), if above the cut score a positive number (e.g. +0.5), if equal to the world record they will get a '1'.]

- 1) In men's pistol, a maximum of five (5) athletes may be selected for 10m Air, Rapid Fire and 50m events. In women's pistol, a maximum of three (3) athletes may be selected for 10m Air and 25m events.

In men's rifle, a maximum of five (5) athletes may be selected for 10m Air, 3P and 50m Prone events. In women's rifle, a maximum of three (3) athletes may be selected for 10m Air and 3P events.

In men's clay target disciplines, a maximum of six (6) athletes may be selected for Trap, Double Trap and Skeet events. In women's clay target disciplines, a maximum of three (3) athletes may be selected for Trap and Skeet events.

- 2) If an athlete qualifies in the top 18 for more than one event, the vacated Pan Am Games position will be moved to the next ranked athlete, regardless of event, **to a maximum of two athletes per event**, subject to the Pan American Games athlete entry limitations listed above.
- 3) This process will be continued until all 18 Pan Am Games positions are filled.
- 4) Two alternates will be named using the same process.
- 5) Team membership is subject to confirmation of the SFC High Performance Committee.

Ties

Ties within events will be broken in accordance with ISSF rules and regulations. Ties between disciplines will be broken based on High Performance Committee interpretation of international performance.

Performance Readiness

If an athlete's performance or attitude deteriorates to a point that necessitates the High Performance Committee to question the appropriateness of the athlete competing at the Pan Am Games, or if an athlete withdraws from the event for personal or injury reasons, the HPC retains the right to replace the athlete with an alternate athlete identified according to the formula noted above.

Confirmation of Entries

Final entries by name are to be submitted to the COC no later than Tuesday, September 6th, 2011.

Late Athlete Replacement Policy

All substitutions after the nominations are submitted to the COC on September 6th, 2011 are subject to COPAG/ PASO/CAT/ISSF regulations and procedures.

Appeals

An appeal against a selection decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC appeal policy.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond control of the SFC that prevent the High Performance Committee from fairly implementing these internal nomination procedures as written, the HPC shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that are deemed relevant.

Any changes due to unforeseen circumstances shall be posted to the SFC website and communicated directly to all members of the 2011 High Performance Program either electronically or by mail.

Changes to this document

The High Performance Committee of the Shooting Federation of Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording, before it has an impact on athletes. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Any changes to this document shall be posted to the SFC website and communicated directly to all members of the 2011 High Performance Program either electronically or by mail.

Coach Selection

Discipline coaches in rifle, pistol, trap, and skeet events will be named at the discretion of the High Performance Committee. An appeal against a selection decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC appeal policy.

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APPENDIX “B”

Shooting Federation of Canada Internal Team Nomination Procedures 2012 London Olympic Games

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe procedures and criteria that will be used to internally select the 2012 London Olympic Games Shooting Team.

Athlete Eligibility – For an Athlete to be eligible for nomination to the 2012 Olympic Games Team, the Athlete must:

- Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC);
- 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 selection and/or any applicable Trials;
- Be a member in good standing of the 2012 SFC High Performance Program - National Team or Development Team. Such membership implies adherence to all terms and conditions of the SFC Athlete Agreement and payment in full of any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC;
- 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.
- Have signed and submitted the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Condition for the Olympic Games no later than July 4, 2012;
- Hold a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or prior to February 28, 2013.

Qualification System for London

- The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) will only register competitors that were qualified according to the system established by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). (Attached as Appendix “C”)
- The number of athlete allocations to be assigned to the COC will be determined by the ISSF based on the number of quota positions won during the Olympic qualification period by Canadian athletes.

Decision Making Authority

The SFC Executive has charged the High Performance Committee (HPC) with making final internal nomination decisions subject to its ratification.

Team Selection

Team selection will occur no later than June 30, 2012 in events where there is an available quota spot. Olympic Games team selection trials will be held in events where more than one person has achieved an MQS and is world ranked in that event. Trials will be conducted as per the standard Olympic course of fire - once over the course plus finals. Specific trials dates and locations will be determined once a quota spot has been obtained in an event.

With the exception* mentioned below, Olympic team selection is open only to those athletes who:

- Are named to the 2012 National Team, **AND**
- Have shot the appropriate cut score in 2011 in the event for which the quota spot is awarded, **AND**
- Have achieved an MQS and are listed on the ISSF website as such in the event for which the quota spot is awarded, **OR**
- Have won a quota spot for Canada.

***Exception:** Should no one qualify for the 2012 National Team in the event for which a quota spot has been awarded to Canada, athletes who are named to the 2012 Development Team by having shot the appropriate cut score in 2011 in the event for which a quota exists, may compete in the Olympic Trials providing they:

- Have achieved an MQS, **AND**
- Have achieved an ISSF world ranking **OR**
- Have won a quota spot for Canada.

The individual placing second in the Olympic Games team selection trials in each event for which a quota has been awarded to Canada, will be named alternate.

Team membership is subject to confirmation of the SFC High Performance Committee.

Tripartite Commission Places

In the event that Canada receives a Tripartite Commission Place for the Games, the High Performance Committee will hold selection trials in events where more than one person has achieved an MQS and is world ranked in that event. Trials will be conducted as per the standard Olympic course of fire - once over the course plus finals. Specific trials dates and locations will be determined once a Tripartite Commission Place has been allocated.

In the event that an invitation is received for a particular individual, the HPC will exercise its discretion as to whether or not an athlete will be nominated to fill that quota.

Ties

Ties within events will be broken in accordance with ISSF rules and regulations.

Performance Readiness

If an Athlete's performance or attitude deteriorates to a point that necessitates the High Performance Committee to question the appropriateness of the Athlete competing at the Olympic Games, or if an athlete withdraws from the event for personal or injury reasons, the HPC retains the right to replace the athlete with an alternate athlete identified according to that noted above under Team Selection.

Confirmation of Entries

Final entries by name are to be submitted to the COC no later than July 4, 2012.

Late Athlete Replacement Policy

All substitutions after the nominations are submitted to the COC on July 4, 2012 are subject to ISSF / IOC regulations and procedures.

Appeals

An appeal against a selection decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC appeal policy.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond control of the SFC that prevent the High Performance Committee from fairly implementing these internal nomination procedures as written, the HPC shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that are deemed relevant.

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Changes to this document

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Coach Selection

Discipline coaches in the shooting events that will be contested by Canadians at the Olympic Games will be named at the discretion of the High Performance Committee. An appeal against a selection decision of the SFC High Performance Committee may be made as per the published SFC appeal policy.

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