



# SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA

## SFC ATHLETE AGREEMENT - NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM ADDENDUM

### **SFC COACHES & SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

- The Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) High Performance National Junior Team is led by Richard Lanning, National Junior Coach. The National Coaches in other disciplines, SFC High Performance Coordinator, and the Vice President High Performance, Lisa Deneka will provide support as needed.
- The SFC has officially adopted the Coaching Association of Canada, “Responsible Coaching Movement” mandates. As such, SFC coaches and volunteers in direct contact with junior athletes are subject to a criminal background check, vulnerable sector screening and must complete training on the prevention of unethical behaviour. Efforts are made to ensure that two (2) certified and screened SFC support staff are assigned to travel with junior athletes. Responsible Coaching Movement practices are detailed at <http://coach.ca/responsible-coaching-movement-s17179>, including a specific section for parents.
- Only SFC High Performance Committee (HPC) approved personnel will be allocated accreditation at ISSF events. Personal coaches or parents who choose to travel with an athlete are not entitled to accreditation and must not interfere with any leadership decisions made by the SFC personnel.
- The decisions of the High Performance National Junior Coach and the High Performance Committee are final.

### **TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

- When travelling to international competitions (including those in the USA), it is recommended that junior athletes travel with the assigned SFC High Performance Coach, Manager or other approved team delegate from a common exit point and return to a common entry point. Travel details will be announced as soon as practical, and athletes will be sent itinerary details to arrange flights. Exceptions may be permitted, but at the individual’s own expense (see below).
  - An athlete and/or parent may arrange personal travel from Canada to a competition venue return with the WARNING that international travel with airguns, firearms and ammunition is not as simple as vacation travel or travel with firearms in Canada. According to Transport Canada, athletes 17 and under may not fly unaccompanied with airguns or firearms, regardless of whether a Minor’s License is held.
  - The SFC will not arrange travel, ground transportation accommodations or any other provisions for anyone outside of SFC approved personnel and athletes.
  - Athletes must be familiar with rules pertaining to the exportation and importation of firearms for Canada, international host countries and transit countries. Improper documentation at any time during an athlete’s travels may result in weapons seizure and or personal arrest. Not all countries

deal with the transportation of firearms in the same way, therefore it is preferable to travel directly from Canada to host countries.

- o Should an athlete choose travel routing that is different from that of assigned support staff, there will be announced date and time at a designated hotel or venue where the athlete is to join the main body of the team. All junior athletes must be housed in the designated hotel for the duration of the event and must participate in all team events, without exception. Dates and times will be announced after each event for the athletes to return to the parent/guardian should they also be on-site.
- o The ISSF requires that any junior age athlete traveling to a junior-only event is accompanied by SFC approved Personnel. An athlete may not, therefore, attend ISSF Junior Events independently.
- Accommodations at the competition venue will be in double or triple occupancy. Athletes are expected to share rooms with other athletes. When it is time to book accommodations, the SFC will ask for rooming preferences. All junior athletes will be required to stay together as a team in the same hotel.
- Athletes must ensure that their passport expiry date is, at minimum, 6 months after the end date of the competition.
- Athletes must ensure that personal travel and medical insurance is purchased and that immunizations and flu shots are up-to-date. Consult a travel clinic for information on regions that will be visited.

### **COMPETITION**

- Your first obligation is to be prepared to compete to your highest potential.
  - o Prepare for competition by training technically, tactically, physically and mentally. Prepare competition strategies with personal and National Coaches.
  - o SFC Coaches and/or approved personnel accompanying the Junior Team will provide guidance and support.
  - o When at the competition venue, athletes who are not actively training or competing are expected to be present to support peers and teammates who are training and/or competing.
  - o All unofficial / official / PET and competition times will be observed and followed, unless the athlete and SFC approved personnel determine otherwise.
- It is encouraged that an Athlete who has accepted a position on the High Performance Junior Team, participates in at least one, designated, international competition.
- If an Athlete selects an international match as a qualification match for the 2023 High Performance Program, the Athlete must follow the outlined instructions found on the Qualifying Score Designation and Results (QSDR) form. Failure to do so will nullify the competition. A copy of the QSDR form can be found on the SFC website and as Annex B of the 2023 Selection Criteria.
- Only the Shooting Federation of Canada may register athletes in ISSF sanctioned events such as Junior World Cups, World Junior Championships and the like. The SFC will send notices, instructions and

forms that are to be completed and returned by specific deadlines. Athletes are not sanctioned to, and must not, contact the ISSF directly.

- All events are self-funded. Typical competition costs range between \$2500 and \$3200.
- Anti-doping controls may be conducted at ISSF events. Athletes will be expected to complete online education and be aware of personal rights and obligations according to the following:
  - <https://www.wada-ama.org/>
  - <https://quiz.wada-ama.org/>
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWhudwnE3Fg&list=PL633E917A180BA91F&feature=c4-overview-vl>

**THIS DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY.**