

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION of INDIA

POLICY FOR RANKING and SELECTION of the NATIONAL TEAM in all ISSF Pistol Events

As decided by the Technical Committee on 03.09.2016 and
Ratified by the Governing Body on the 04.09.2016

The National Rifle Association of India – NRAI had announced the Moving Average Method [MAM] for ranking its Rifle and Pistol shooters on 23.12.2012. The Selection Policy is reviewed every year, prior to the National Championship and accordingly the following document is the modified policy as reviewed by the Technical Committee on 03/09/2016 and approved by the Governing Body on 04/09/2016,

The Governing body also decided that **the modified formula for computation of ranking will be effective after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 of 2017. The National Squad for 2017 will also be derived after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 [2017].**

1a. The Moving Average Method - [MAM]:- Modified for 2017

The Governing Body of the NRAI in its Meeting of 04.09.2016 decided to continue with the Moving Average Method for the purpose of Ranking its Rifle and Pistol Shooters and selecting its teams for participation in all international competitions on the basis of these rankings – subject to the within mentioned modifications. The ranking system would also be the method for the selection of the National Squad.

It decided that scores that were older than 6 months would not be considered for the calculation of MAM. Hence in 2017 - for the purpose of evaluation and ranking shooters – scores would not be older than 6 months.

The ranking of the shooter will be arrived at by considering the latest five scores of the shooter. No scores will be bypassed / omitted or evaded unless there is a specific provision within this policy.

It was further decided to adopt the following formula::

The Average of the total of the highest four scores out of the preceding five scores.

Total of the Preceding Five Scores – (minus) 1 Lowest Score / 4 = Base Average Score

$$T \text{ of } P5S \quad - \quad 1LS \quad = \text{BAS}$$

The advantage of deletion of the lowest score will be available to the shooter only if s / he has a minimum of 5 scores, within the stipulated time frame. If the shooter has only 4 scores then all 4 scores will be required for the calculation of MAM [no deletion will be allowed]. A shooter who does not have 4 scores – within the stipulated time frame, cannot be considered for the purpose of ranking within this policy, except in extraordinary cases.

If there are 2 identical lowest scores then only one will be deleted.

[While calculating each individual preceding score the score of the Finals [as per chart 1A] - if any - will be added to the Qualification Score.]

FINAL AVERAGE SCORE [FAS] = Base Average Score + Merit Points

The Ranking of the shooter would be declared on the basis of the FAS.

1b. MAM FORMULA FOR THE JUNIORS / YOUTH [J / Y]

Stage 1

MAM in Stage 1 for J / Y

$$NSCC + XST 1 + XST 2$$

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Stage 2.

After the Exclusive Selection Trials [XST] 3 & 4 for J / Y are conducted, the formula for Ranking the Junior / Youth shooters will be the same as the Seniors:

Total of the Preceding Five Scores – (minus) 1 Lowest Score / 4 = Base Average Score

$$T \text{ of } P5S \quad - \quad 1LS / 4 \quad = \text{BAS}$$

THE JUNIOR / YOUTH SHOOTERS WILL BE RANKED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF RC SCORES IN WHICH THE SHOOTER PARTICIPATES IN THE J / Y OPEN CATEGORY AND THE EXCLUSIVE SELECTION TRIALS FOR J / Y. SENIOR TRIAL SCORES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SELECTION OF JUNIOR TEAMS.

2a. NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ]

When there is no specific mention 'National Squad' – would mean 'Senior National Squad

The National Squad for 2017 will be announced after the completion of Selection Trial 1 & 2 of 2017.

The shooters for National Squad - 2017 will be selected as per their ranking computed on the basis of the above formula. .

1. For a shooter to be regarded as *a candidate for the National Squad the shooter must have participated in the Senior Open RC and Senior Selection Trials*]. The selection in the NSQ would be subject to the shooter having achieved the MQS as per annexure "A" .
2. *The Senior National Squad [NSQ] for each event would comprise of a maximum of 6 senior shooters*. In the case of more than one shooter having the same FAS for the 6th spot - both / all shooters having the same FAS will be taken into the National Squad.
3. A maximum of 2 'Transit Shooters' [shooters who would attain 21 years of age in 2017] may be added to the NSQ of each event subject to the transit shooter having an Average score - '(Stage 1' computation of their scores in the 60th NSCC + [Senior] ST1 + ST 2) which would have ranked him / her 1 - 4 in the Junior category of that event.
4. The National Champions of the 60th NSCC in Senior Open events will be included in the NSQ, in that event, irrespective of their ranking. A Junior Open National Champion of the 60th NSCC who will attain the age of 21 in 2017 - 'Transit Shooter ' will be one of the 2 shooters who will be a part of the NSQ for that event - as a Transit Shooter.
5. Shooters selected by NRAI to participate in international competitions during 2017 may be considered for selection in the National Squad.

The NRAI will announce the revised ranking of shooters [Open Category] after the completion of any recognised domestic or international competition [where NRAI has fielded a team]. If a set of competitions are to be shot successively then on completion of the set.

For 2017, THE NRAI WILL ANNOUNCE THE NATIONAL SQUAD AFTER COMPLETION OF SELECTION TRIAL[ST] 1 & 2 of 2017. PRECEDING 5 SCORES SHOT BY SHOOTERS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS ONLY WILL BE CONSIDERED. [for domestic shooters – it would be

ST 5 + 6 (2016) + 60th NSCC, + ST1 + ST 2 (2017) – Lowest of the 5 scores / 4

2b. J / Y NATIONAL SQUAD [JNSQ]

When referring to Junior National Squad [JNSQ] or Youth National Squad [YNSQ] the Junior or Youth must be mentioned, When referring to both as a common term then JNSQ would suffice. When referring solely to the Youth National Squad then the Youth must be mentioned.

Every Year the J & Y National Squad will be decided after the completion of the National Championship and the EXCLUSIVE ST 1 & 2 for J / Y [XST]for that year and the ranking will be decided - by calculating the average of these three scores. These Exclusive Selection Trials will be conducted before the 31st of January of every year (computation method of ‘ stage 1’).

No score will be deleted. *The National Squad thus selected will be revised ONLY after the completion of the next NSCC and XST 1 & XST 2 of the next year. There will be no revision of J / Y National Squad in between these two periods.*

Until the Exclusive Selection Trial 3 & 4 are conducted all teams for J / Y International Competitions will be selected on the basis of the ranking arrived at by considering the above Stage 1 formula ...that is the NSCC + XST 1 + XST 2 divided by 3 [no deletions of any of the three scores will be permitted].

1. A maximum of six junior shooters may be selected in each event. In the case of a Junior shooter who is ranked 1 – 6 but has not achieved MQA [Minimum Qualifying Average] required for selection - s / he may still be selected at the recommendation of the Junior National Coach.
2. A Junior / Youth shooter will be a part of the junior / youth national squad even if s / he has qualified for the for senior national squad.
3. A maximum of ten youth shooters, in each event, of air weapons may be selected..

The 10 youth shooters to be selected in following manner:

For Pistol –As per Ranking after Stage 1.

First 4 shooters irrespective of age group. Top 2 shooters of each age group of 15 yrs, 14yrs and 13yrs.

For Rifle – As per Ranking after Stage 1.

First 4 shooters irrespective of age group. Top 3 shooters of each age group of 15 yrs and 14yrs.

4. The Junior / Youth National Champions of the 60th NSCC in Open Junior / Youth events will be included in the JNSQ of that event, irrespective of their ranking. In the case of more than one shooter having the same Average after Stage 1 computation for the last spot of that category - both / all shooters having the same Average will be taken into the National Squad.

3. Selection Trials:

3a. Selection Trials for Seniors:

Shooters are eligible to participate in Senior STs only if they have participated in the NSCC and other RC in the Open Senior Category.

All shooters who are contending for a place in the Senior International Competitions would have to shoot the Selection Trials for the Senior Category. [ALL TRIALS WILL BE SELECTION TRIALS FOR THE SENIORS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE] For Selection Trials [Open]- there would be no categories of senior, junior or youth – all shooters would shoot in a common category that is Open Senior Category. Selection trials and other recognised competition scores for the Seniors will be maintained in the Senior Log.

3b. Selection Trials for Junior / Youth

Juniors / Youth Shooters who wish to be a part of the Junior / Youth International Competitions must necessarily participate in the Open Junior / Youth Category in the NSCC and must also shoot the Exclusive Selection Trials for Junior / Youth. Categories without which they will not be considered eligible for selection in the Junior / Youth International teams.

Exclusive Selection Trials [XST] will be conducted for the Junior / Youth Categories.[*with no wild card entries*] and these exclusive trials along with other recognised competitions form the basis for selection of J / Y teams for International Competitions.

1. *XST 1 & XST 2 would be open to J / Y category shooters who qualify for Selection Trials as per the norms of the NRAI – that is those who achieve the MQS as mentioned in Annexure “ B “ in the 60th NSCC. Subsequent Exclusive Selection Trials for J / Y will be open – only to those shooters who are ranked in the top 15.*
2. *The Stage 1 formula will determine the ranking of the top 15 shooters in each category, in each event and only these top 15 shooters of each category, each event -will be eligible to participate in the subsequent XST 3 & 4.*
3. ***Junior / Youth teams will be selected on the rankings achieved in these XSTs ONLY. SELECTION TRIALS FOR THE SENIORS WOULD NOT BE RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTION OF J / Y SHOOTERS.*** *The Selection Committee may relax this rule for those J / Y shooters who are ranked 1-5 in the Senior Category in that event and only for that J / Y shooter who has not participated in the XSTs. If the shooter has shot the XST then the score achieved in the XST will not be bypassed for a better average in the Senior Category.*

4. CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION TRIALS:

4a. For NSQ Members:

1. Members of the NSQ would be eligible to participate in the STs – at Govt Cost when STs are a part of a Coaching Camp and only in those events in which they are Members of the NSQ. Ammunition will also be issued by SAI for STs during Coaching Camps - only for those events in which the shooter is member of the NSQ. An NSQ Member must submit the Entry Form within the stipulated time – stating NSQ in the Fee Column. [this would be applicable only during coaching camps].
2. For participation in STs in other events - the NSQ Member will be treated as a shooter qualified to participate in STs at own cost. Hence NSQ Members who are qualified to participate in STs as per Annexure “ B “ of another event - must submit their Entry Form along with their Entry Fee within the stipulated time. No Ammunition will be issued by SAI for these events.

4b. Participation in Senior Selection Trials at Own Cost – for Non Squad Members:

Non NSQ Shooters would be eligible to participate in an event in STs of that year - at Own Cost, subject to any of the following:

- a. The shooter has achieved the MQS as per Annexure “ B “ at the NSCC [Open Senior Category] in that event.
- b. The shooter’s highest three scores in RC’s [Open Senior Category] in the previous year are equal / more than the MQS as stated in Annexure “ B “ for that event.
- c. The Shooter is an Arjuna Awardee. An Arjuna Awardee would be eligible to participate in the STs at own cost in all events of the category [rifle / pistol / shotgun] in which s / he has received the Award.
- d. *A Transit shooter who is qualified to shoot Exclusive Junior Trials by virtue of having shot the requisite MQS in the 60th NSCC or has achieved the Senior MQS at least once in the previous year in any RC - would be eligible to shoot all the Senior STs for the year 2017.*

5. Recognised Competition RC = [(National) NRC + (International) IRC]

NRC would be divided into Championships and Selection Trials.

Scores achieved in the following RCs would be considered for the MAM

- National Championship [NSCC]
[The scores achieved in the NSCC or other RC’s will be entered only in the Log of the category in which the shooter has entered. J/ Y shooters who are desirous of being Ranked in the senior category must ensure that s/ he enters her/his name in the open senior category of that event].
- National Games [NG]
- Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship.
- Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship [KSS] and any other competition of this level declared by the Governing Body of the NRAI.
(where shooters who have achieved the MQS for the next NSCC in either one of the previous two NSCC.- would be eligible to participate and Scores achieved in these competition would be recognised for participation in Senior Selection Trials).
- **Selection Trials** conducted by the NRAI – [the NRAI will hold a minimum of 4 ST’s and a maximum of 6 STs] but will not hold more than 8 NRC except in the year where National Games / Masters Shooting Championship are held.
- **Exclusive Selection Trials [XST]** for the Junior and Youth Category. These exclusive trials will NOT be considered as “Recognised Competitions” for the Open Category. J / Y shooters would be ranked on the basis of the NSCC, KSS / or such Championships and XST ONLY. For participation in Championships - Junior and Youth shooters must enter in the Junior and Youth category and if they

desire to be considered for the Senior category then in the Senior Open Category also.

- All international recognized competitions [IRC] .[Exclusive Junior and Youth Competitions would not be recognised competitions for the Open Category]
- Any other Championship which is a National / International Competition - and the NRAI announces that competition as an NRC / IRC - would be considered for the purpose of the MAM.
- EXCLUSIVE COMPETITIONS IN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES OR ANY OTHER CATEGORY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS FOR THAT SPECIFIC EXCLUSIVE GROUP ONLY.

6. SCORE LOG and Norms for Maintenance of Logs for Different Categories

All scores achieved by a shooter in an RC [NRC and / or IRC] would be considered for the purpose of this Method – No score achieved in an RC will be ignored / bypassed or evaded.

All scores shot in an RC would belong to the shooter and s/he would be accountable for that score. All Shooters shooting in the Open Senior Category would have ONE LOG – SENIOR LOG. Shooters desirous of having their scores recorded in the SENIOR LOG must ensure that they participate in the Open Senior Category in all Championships / Competitions and Open Selection Trials [which are not exclusive for J / Y] Separate Logs will be maintained for all categories.

JUNIOR, YOUTH AND CIVILIAN SHOOTERS DESIROUS OF BEING CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION IN THE SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TEAMS MUST ALSO FILE THEIR ENTRY IN THE SENIOR OPEN CATEGORY IN COMPETITIONS LIKE THE NATIONALS AND KSS AND ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE SENIOR STs

A Separate Junior / Youth Log will be maintained for the Junior and Youth shooters. *In any Championship a Junior / Youth shooter must enter his / her name in every category in which s / he is desirous of contending for a position in the Indian team* [for eg: at the NSCC - a Youth shooter must enter in the Youth, Junior and Senior Category if s / he is desirous of contending for a place in the Youth, Junior and Senior Teams]. A Junior / Youth Shooters ST scores would be entered in the J / Y Log only when s / he participated in the Exclusive Junior / Youth Selection Trials

When nothing is stated to the contrary then the General rule for maintaining Logs will prevail - that is scores achieved in Senior Category may be considered for Junior / Youth

– scores can move from a higher category to a lower category but never in the reverse. However this General Rule will apply only when nothing to the contrary has been stated.

Event wise ranking LOG will be maintained IN EACH CATEGORY - only for those shooters who are eligible to participate in the Selection Trials.

7. FINALS

Finals will be conducted for **SENIOR, JUNIOR AND YOUTH CATEGORIES**. *THE POINTS ALLOTTED TO ALL CATEGORIES FOR THE FINALS WOULD BE THE SAME AS IN CHART 1A . HOWEVER POINTS ATTAINED IN THE FINALS WOULD BE ADDED ONLY TO THE LOG OF THAT SPECIFIC CATEGORY IN WHICH THE FINALS WERE SHOT.*

FINALS in restricted competitions / categories: Junior / Youth Shooters or any other category of shooters who shoot 'Finals' in restricted competitions / categories [where the competition is not an open men or women's competition] will get restricted benefit of Chart 1 A, as the points will be added ONLY to the Log maintained for that category. The advantage of Chart 1 A in a restricted RC or in an RC in a Restricted Category will be registered in the specific Log ONLY.

8. Weapon Breakage and other rules

8a. Weapon Breakage [all Events]: In the case of weapon breakage – where the pistol is incapable of firing the shooter would be allowed to bypass this score, where it is established ***[certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC]*** that the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to malfunctioning of the Pistol. This clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happenings on the range. This particular RC would be considered as not shot - DNS - for the purpose of MAM. If the above described weapon breakage takes place in an IRC, the shooter and coach must get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organisers but if for some reason this is not feasible, then the Pistol coach / or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI forthwith. However – this relaxation of the rule can only be invoked once in the sequence of scores being considered. Hence the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 6 scores where the above match would be bypassed. subject to such score being within the time frame.

8a (i) 'Time Fire' events [25M] the shooter would be allowed to bypass one score, where it is established [***certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC***] that the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to malfunctioning of the mechanism / pistol and/or in the case of Non Allowable Malfunction due to the malfunctioning of the mechanism and not due to an error on the part of the shooter – this clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happenings on the range. This particular RC would be considered as not shot - DNS - for the purpose of MAM. If the above described malfunction takes place in an IRC the shooter and coach must try to get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organisers but if for some reason this is not feasible then the pistol coach / or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI forthwith. However – this relaxation of rule can only be invoked once in the sequence of scores being considered.

8b In the case of a shooter **withdrawing** from any competition, once s/he has begun the competition [including sighters], zero or the total of the already executed shots would be the score that would be calculated for MAM. The shooter would not be allowed to bypass the score of the competitions in which s/he has withdrawn from the competition. This rule would be relaxed only if there is a medical or other emergency of a very serious nature and the same is certified by the Chief Range Officer supported with Medical reports, in the case of medical emergency.

8c. *A shooter who does not shoot a competition after having sent his / her **entry for an RC** - the above rule will be applied, that is it will be assumed that he has shot the competition and s/ he will not be allowed to bypass that competition. Hence his / her non participation will be treated as **withdrawal** and same above rule will be applied for the calculation of BAS/FAS . A shooter who is not desirous of participating in the selection trials or any other RC is advised not to send his / her entry to the NRAI for that competition. or s/ he may withdraw his / her entry [by email only] 48 hours prior to the commencement of his / her event. – giving reasons for the same.*

8d. Any shooter who **cannot** or does not wish to **participate in an international** competition, for which s/he is selected / or is likely to be selected – **must inform the NRAI of his/her intentions at least 2 months prior to the commencement of the international competition.** The NRAI will then select the shooter next in ranking. International Competition dates are known well in advance hence those Shooters who fail to inform the NRAI of their non participation will face strict disciplinary action. The disciplinary action may be waived only if it is apparent that the shooter could not have

known of his / her selection or in the case of unforeseen circumstances. Disciplinary Action would also be initiated against a shooter who withdraws/does not shoot in an international competition after she/he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above –rule 8b / c would be applied for the purpose of calculation of MAM. The shooter would be considered as having shot the competition and 0 / the score at the time of withdrawal, would be a part of the calculation of the averages. This rule would be relaxed only if there is convincing evidence of the shooters inability to participate, due to reasons beyond his/her control.

8e In the case of a shooter who is **disqualified** due to his / her equipment not passing weapon control in a '**random check**' after the match and it is established that this failure to pass the weapon control was beyond his / her control then the shooter's score of that match will be considered as DNS and this score will be bypassed. This rule will apply solely to the Jackets and trousers which were examined and 'passed' by Equipment Control prior to the commencement of the competition. The shooter must make an application to the NRAI asking for his / her score not to be considered for MAM.

A shooter can **bypass** only one score at any given time. At no point will the shooter be allowed to bypass more than one score.

9. Time Frame

For the Calculation of the MAM: The five scores of the shooter [S5] will not be prior to / older than 183 days and not later than 200 days if the NRAI has not conducted a domestic RC. The counting will start backwards from the last day of the latest competition. Hence if a competition begins on 21.12.2000 and ends on 30.12.2000 then counting backwards will start from 30.12.2000. Hence if 183 days come on the last day of the oldest competition then it would be considered as within the time frame even if the particular event was shot a few days before. THE EXTENTION OF 200 DAYS WOULD BE GRANTED ONLY BY NRAI IF IT HAS NOT CONDUCTED DOMESTIC RC.

If within that period the shooter has only four scores then s/he will not get the benefit of deducting the lowest score

The NRAI would have the right to go further beyond the stated time frame in special cases of extraordinary shooters who have proved themselves at several important internationals and who have not been able to participate in competitions due to reasons beyond their control, especially if the shooter has taken advance consent from the NRAI.

However, for such cases the selection committee would state reasons, in writing, justifying the selection of such shooter.

10. CHART 1 A - POINTS for FINALS – to be added to Qualification score & 1 B

Chart 1A indicates the points that a shooter would accrue depending on the competition and the position achieved by him/her in that competition after having shot the Finals. Shooters would gain points of Chart 1 A only in Finals conducted in an RC and these points would be added to the specific category in which the Finals are shot. Chart 1 B is a chart of merit points which will be added to the BAS of the shooter until the specified time.

The points indicated in the chart 1 A, would be added to the shooters qualification score. For example - if a shooter Junior Shooter - X has entered her name in both the Senior and Junior category of the 25 M - Sport Pistol , achieves a score of 580 at the NSCC, qualifies for the Finals in both categories, achieves the 2nd position after the Finals in Senior Category and 1st Position after the Finals in the Junior Category, she would gain 2 points in the Senior Category and 3 points in the Junior Category and her score in the Senior Log would be 582 and Junior Log would be 583. This would be the case only in Competitions like the NSCC or KSS. However Selection Trials for Senior and Junior / Youth would be conducted separately.

Consequently the additional advantage [*points*] that the shooter gets for winning a position in the Finals of an RC lasts until that score forms a part of the scores being considered for the calculation of BAS.

Chart 1A -

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL							
1. World Cups / WCF	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2. Asian Games/ASC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
3. NSCC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
4. Other IRC/NRC	2	1	0.5	0.25				

This will not include 'other' IRC's at own cost.

Shooters who shoot IRC's at own cost would not get the benefit of Chart 1 A.

For point no 4 in Chart 1 A – ‘Other IRC’ – a shooter can gain points from this chart, only if – in an IRC - there are a minimum of 3 countries [team] actually participating in that event and not less than a total of 25 participants in that event. The qualification and the additional points accrued in the Finals – as per chart 1 A, would be added and the total would be the ‘S’core of the shooter **solely** for calculating the FAS - this total score attributed to the shooter would not be recognized for any other purpose but for arriving at the ranking of the shooter by the MAM.

Chart 1 B – Merit Chart

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TIME
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Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Time
Olympic Games	3	2	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	– 2020 OGS
World Championship	3	2	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	– 2018 Wch

<u>ISSF - World Ranking –</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	<u>11 - 15</u>	<u>Time</u>
Points for the corresponding ranking	3	2	1	The Ranking of a

shooter - should be available on the ISSF website on the date of team selection, by the selection committee of the NRAI. No retrospective benefit shall be available to any shooter and it shall remain a real time achievement benefit only.

Chart 1 B: will be added to the FAS of a shooter. The difference between Chart I A and 1 B is that - points accrued in Chart 1A are added to the qualification score whereas points accrued as per Chart 1 B would be added to the Final Average Score and the corresponding point would continue to be added to the FAS as per the time mentioned in the chart. in the case of the Olympic Games / W Ch / Quota place irrespective of whether the qualification score of that competition forms a part of the latest 6 scores. The time frame for the Olympic Games would be 4 years (from the medal /final position winning Olympic Games to the next Olympic Games and the same would 4 year period would apply to the World Championship.

11. IRC AT OWN COST [IRC at OC]

A Shooter eligible to participate in Selection Trials – may participate in an international recognised competition [IRC] at his/her own cost and scores achieved in such

international recognised competitions would be considered for the purpose of Ranking [MAM]. **HOWEVER THE SHOOTER WILL NOT GET THE BENEFIT OF CHART 1 A.**

ONLY SCORES OF THOSE SHOOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN TRIALS [CONDUCTED BY NRAI] WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RANKING.. There would be a CEILING / CAP on the total number of such participations at 'own cost' in IRC's in a year- THE CAP BEING 2 COMPETITIONS IN ONE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCORES BEING CONSIDERED IN MAM

SHOOTERS WHO HAVE NEVER 'QUALIFIED' FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE National Championship IN THAT PARTICULAR CATEGORY [PISTOL /RIFLE] – AS PER THE NORMS SET BY THE NRAI IN ITS MATCH BOOK - CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RECOGNISED OR NOT RECOGNISED BY NRAI. ALL AFFILIATED UNITS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THEIR SHOOTERS OF THIS RULE AND ANY SHOOTER NOT ABIDING BY THE SAME IS LIABLE FOR STRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

For the purpose of participation a 'year' would mean a shooting calendar year - which would commence with the commencement of the National Championship and conclude at the commencement of the next National Championship.

A SHOOTER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN AN IRC AT OC IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY / represent his rifle club / District Association or State Association if they so permit **AND WILL NOT BE REPRESENTING INDIA.** Shooters who participate at international competitions at own cost WILL NOT FORM TEAMS unless the NRAI selects the team members (who must be currently eligible to participate in Open Selection Trials) on the basis of prevalent norms. POINTS ACCRUING FROM CHART 1A WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO IRC AT OC.

A shooter **must inform the NRAI** of his/her participation **PRIOR** to his / her participation stating that he intends to participate in an IRC and is desirous of his / her scores being considered for the MAM. **The NRAI will follow this Norm strictly.**

On the completion of such competition IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO ENSURE THAT SCORES SHOT IN SUCH - IRC AT OWN COST [IRC at OC]- ARE INCLUDED IN HIS / HER AVERAGE [MAM].

PENALTY for failing to inform the NRAI of the results /scores in such IRC at OC: The NRAI will CALCULATE THE RANKING by INCLUDING THAT COMPETITION IN THE AVERAGE AND RECORDING the score of such competition as 'ZERO'. The

shooter would further be INELIGIBLE to get scores of such IRC at OC recognised for the purpose of MAM for the NEXT 2 YEARS.

The NRAI will announce a list of IRC prior to the NSCC [list below] but would be free to add new names of competitions to the existing list - announcements would be made at least 70 days prior to the commencement of such competition. ONLY Scores of shooters eligible to participate in such competitions would be considered for MAM.

LIST OF IRCs AT OWN COST

S. No	Name of IRC
1.	RIAC LUXEMBOURG
2.	GRAND PRIX PLZEN
3.	MEYTON CUP INNSBRUCK
4.	IWK MUNICH
5.	INTERSHOOT DEN HAGUE
6.	GRAND PRIX OF FRANCE
7.	GRAND PRIX OF KUWAIT
9.	ISAS DARTMUND
10.	ISCH HANNOVER
11.	GRAND PRIX OF LIBERATION PLZEN
12.	WORLD UNIV SHOOTING CH
13.	WORLD UNIV GAMES
14	SWEDISH CUP

The scores of such competitions and the achievement in these competitions can ONLY be used for the purpose of MAM and will not be considered for any other benefits / purpose. No achievements / medals / records made by shooters in these competitions will be considered for any other purpose.

International Competitions Not Recognised by the NRAI: Scores achieved by individuals at international shooting events which are not recognised by the NRAI will not be considered for any purpose WHAT SO EVER. Shooters / state associations / affiliated units are advised to ensure that scores / achievements / participation at such International competitions are not used for any benefits of what so ever nature. The eligible shooter who participates in any international competition [not recognised by NRAI] will not declare the scores / medals / positions achieved in these competitions to any educational institution /corporate / government / semi government organisations or any other individual /organisation for seeking any benefit of what so ever nature failing which s/he

shall be liable for disciplinary action. The National Rifle Association of India regards the misuse of such participation most unfavourably.

12. Minimum Travelling Score:[MTS] for WC Participation: It was decided to introduce a Minimum Qualifying Score for Travelling to World Cups – Minimum Travelling Score [MTS], for all events and that score would be applied as an MQS, - mandatory requirement for participation in World Cups. For each event the travelling score would be devised by calculating the Average of the scores of the Four World Cups 25% position score, of that Year. [25% position is 25% of the total participants; for example – if total participants are 120 and 25% position is the 30th position] . Every year the Travelling Score will be announced by the NRAI.

THE SHOOTER MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE TRAVELLING SCORE ATLEAST TWICE FROM AMONGST THE SCORES BEING CONSIDERED FOR MAM [TWO SCORES OUT OF THE 5 SCORES BEING CONSIDERED]. SELECTION WOULD BE MADE WHERE THE SHOOTER IS RANKED 1 – 3 AND HAS THE REQUISITE Minimum Travelling Score. **FOR SELECTION AT GOVT. COST A SHOOTER MUST RANK IN THE TOP 3 AND MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE MTS TWICE.**

If any of the top 3 shooters being considered for the World Cup have not achieved the MTS twice [2 out of 5 scores] then s/he will not be selected at GOVT COST and no other shooter will be selected to participate in the WC at Govt. Cost.

12a Participation at own cost in World Cups / other Recognised International Championships / Competitions:

- 1. Only those shooters who are ranked in the top 6 will be permitted to represent the country in any international competition whether at Govt. Cost or Own Cost This would include all competitions of all categories.*

THE RULE OF ONLY THE TOP 6 SHOOTERS BEING PERMITTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTRY IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ALL J / Y INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

However this rule would not apply to a Games. No shooter below the rank of 6 - [who is ranked 7th or lower] will be permitted to participate at own cost even if there is a vacant space.. This rule would be relaxed only for a shooter who has been selected in one event /s at Govt Cost and forms a part of the selected team and such shooter is desirous of participating in another event where there is a vacant spot [no other shooter has been selected at govt / own cost] subject to such a shooter being at least in the top 8 in that event.

2. For World Cups ONLY - Shooters who are ranked 1 - 3 but do not have (2) MTS may participate at own cost – and they will be given preference for participation as per merit of ranking. However if a shooter ranked 4 - 6 has 2 MTS then s / he would be given preference over those 1 – 3 shooters. For participation at own cost in a WC - shooters who are ranked 1 – 6 but do not have MTS would be permitted to participate at own cost in order of merit / ranking.
3. *FURTHER PROVIDED THAT SUCH SHOOTER /s ON COMPLETION OF THE COMPETITION - MAKES A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE NRAI. THE NRAI WILL- AFTER RECEIVING SUCH APPLICATION / S, IN ORDER OF MERIT, SELECT SHOOTERS FROM AMONGST THE APPLICANTS AND ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THE SHOOTERS PARTICIPATING AT OWN COST ALONG WITH THE NAMES OF THE SELECTED TEAM. . NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ONCE SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.*

MTS WOULD NOT BE A CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR A GAMES OR A CHAMPIONSHIP. MTS WOULD BE APPLIED TO WORLD CUPS ONLY.

13. Eliminations rounds at world cups / internationals:

The higher of the 2 scores shot by a shooter in the elimination and the qualification round of an RC - will be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

14. Shooting Calendar: The NRAI will announce an annual domestic calendar prior to the NSCC. The NRAI will hold the NSCC every year – BY END OF NOVEMBER AND NOT LATER THAN the second week of December. [this would be changed only marginally in the case of reasons beyond the control of the NRAI].

15. Transparency: It was decided to make the system completely transparent. It was essential that the Coaches of the respective section be responsible for verifying the entries and the correctness of the calculations of the shooters in their section and bring to the notice of the NRAI any discrepancy in calculation of FAS. It was also decided that the results of the competitions would be put up on the NRAI website within 2 - 4 DAYS of the completion of the competition. **It would be responsibility of the shooter to inform the NRAI of any special claims.**

16. Provisional Shooter [PS] : A shooter who desires to shoot a recognized competition for examining/ experimenting / testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a PROVISIONAL SHOOTER and such scores shot for experimental purpose would not be considered in the calculation of MAM. Provided

that the shooter requests in writing, prior to the competition – sends entry form with fee - stating in the entry form that s / he wishes to shoot as a Provisional Shooter along with a separate application justifying such request. A Provisional Shooter would be allowed to shoot the Finals in that competition only if s/ he has shot – in that competition – a score that would entitle him / her to be in the Finals and if s / he is a top ranking shooter. Such Provisional shooter would shoot as the 9th shooter who would not be eliminated and neither qualification nor Finals will be considered for MAM.

17. Dress code: It is clarified that strict compliance to dress code as stated by the ISSF shall be followed at all times at the ranges/ ceremonies / competition site. Shooters shall wear the dress/uniform of their state/country at all official ceremonies. **For prize ceremonies shooters must be in their state / country uniform.**

18. Exemptions: The NRAI may grant, (on compelling grounds) and the shooter (on the basis of these compelling reasons) may seek prior exemption, [with justification in writing] from participating in any RC. In the case of the NRAI granting such an exemption to the shooter – MAM would be applied to the shooter but the Time Clause would be relaxed provided that at the time of selection no score of the shooter is older than 200 DAYS . The NRAI would make these exemptions only if the shooter has been ranked in the top three in the preceding 6 months..

19. Clarification regarding the Time frame: The time frame clause stated in the policy is solely for the purpose of ensuring that shooters provide the Selectors with the most recent scores and to discourage them from “sitting on” good performances, **This clause comes into play ONLY when NRAI organises an RC and the shooter wants to skip the competition. The option of skipping an RC is available to him / her if s/he has the requisite number of scores within the ‘Time Frame’.**

In the case of domestic shooters who have no international scores and who have not missed any of the NRAI organised RC – the MAM will be considered on the basis of scores shot in these RC's irrespective of whether they are strictly within the time frame.

20. Safety and Range Rules: The NRAI will strictly implement the safety rules and the Range Officials will ensure that there are no breach of these rules. Shooters not adhering to the safety and range rules will be Penalised / Disqualified.

21. Coaching Camps: It would be mandatory for NSQ Members / Selected Shooters to attend Coaching Camps and ensure a minimum attendance of 85% - failing which s/ he would not be permitted to go to the next international competition.

Only Personal Coaches [as defined below] would be permitted to join the selected shooters at Coaching Camps and International Competitions and Parents and other relatives would not be allowed to enter the shooting arena during coaching camps / Domestic / International training / Competitions.

Parents desirous of travelling to the destination of national and international competitions will make their own arrangements and the NRAI will not entertain any requests and will not be responsible for any bookings of hotels / tickets / visa etc. Shooters participating in International competitions at own cost would also be obliged to strictly follow the instructions of the coaches / managers / officials failing which strict disciplinary action would be initiated against them.

22. Personal Coaches & Support Staff:

NORMS FOR PERSONAL COACHES:

1. Eligibility for shooters to utilize services of personal coaches:

Shooters, who have participated in international competitions as a member of the Indian team [at Govt. cost], in the last two years,- will only be permitted to utilize the services of a personal coach/support staff during coaching camps/competitions in India and abroad.

2. Eligibility for nomination of Personal Coaches

2a. For Senior Shooters

Any Shooter who has won a medal in Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games /Commonwealth Championship/Asian Championships would be eligible to be granted recognition for that section by the NRAI as the 'Personal Coach' of a selected shooter. [for example an international Medallist of the pistol section is eligible to be recognised as a personal coach in the pistol section ONLY]

2b. For Junior Shooters

1. A Shooter who has participated in any two World Cups " At Govt. Cost"..
Shooters who participated at "own cost" in the World Cups will not qualify in the above criteria. .
2. Coaches, who have attended ISSF Coaches Course are eligible to be nominated as personal coaches if they have been renowned shooters in that section in the senior category.
3. Shooters, who had been renowned shoots (not active shooter at present), with a coaching experience of minimum 10 years can be considered as personal coach.

The above coaches will work in a congenial manner with the Indian / Foreign Core Group coaches and must adopt the program of these coaches. Personal Coaches must periodically provide a written progress report to the Foreign Coach / NRAI.

3. Support Staff

Any professional, with an experience of minimum five years in sport field can perform duties with shooters who are eligible to utilize services of personal coaches/support staff.

23. Wada: It is clarified that strict compliance to WADA, IOA, ISSF and NRAI rules shall be maintained. Should a shooter be in violation of rules he/she shall not be considered for the selection of team & shall deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norms of appeal in the forum.

An effort has been made to make the Original Policy [along with the modification / clarification] exhaustive – however it is possible that in the course of the application of the policy anomalies arise and in such cases the interpretation of the NRAI of such anomalies would be final.

The Selection Committee/or any other committee so empowered by the Governing Body of the NRAI would base their selection of individuals /teams for participation in International Competitions, largely on the basis of the rankings derived by the Moving Average Method - as stated in this policy. However in extraordinary circumstances, with justification. in writing, the committee would have the authority to deviate from the results of the MAM and under all circumstances the decision of the Selection Committee /NRAI would be final and binding on all concerned parties.

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ANNEXURE 'A' 'B' AND 'C

ANNEXURE – "A

SCORES FOR NATIONAL SQUAD-2017

S. NO.	EVENT	SENIORS	JUNIORS
1.	FREE RIFLE 3 POSITION	1145*/1140#	1120
2.	FREE RIFLE PRONE	615.4/613.5	605.5
3.	AIR RIFLE MEN	619.5/617.5	610.5
4.	FREE PISTOL	545/540	525
5.	RAPID FIRE PISTOL	565/560	545
6.	CENTRE FIRE PISTOL	576/570	-
7.	STANDARD PISTOL	563/558	543
8.	AIR PISTOL MEN	575/570	565
9.	SPORT PISTOL JUNIOR MEN	-	565
10.	SPORT RIFLE PRONE	613.5/611.0	604
11.	SPORT RIFLE 3 POSITION	570/565	550
12.	AIR RIFLE WOMEN	414/412.5	407
13.	SPORT PISTOL WOMEN	563/558	545
14.	AIR PISTOL WOMEN	376/372	368

Decimal Scores in Men/Women Prone/Air Rifle Men & Women

ANNEXURE – “B”***QUALIFYING SCORES FOR SELECTION TRIALS for 2017***

S.NO.	EVENT	SENIORS	JUNIORS	YOUTH
1.	FREE RIFLE 3 POSITION	1125	1070	—
2.	FREE RIFLE PRONE	605	589	—
3.	AIR RIFLE MEN	609	600	584
4.	FREE PISTOL	530	490	—
5.	RAPID FIRE PISTOL	545	500	—
6.	CENTRE FIRE PISTOL	565	-	—
7.	STANDARD PISTOL	550	505	—
8.	AIR PISTOL MEN	565	550	540
9.	SPORTS PISTOL JUNIOR MEN	-	530	—
10.	SPORTS RIFLE PRONE	600	584	—
11.	SPORTS RIFLE 3 POSITION	557	530	—
12.	AIR RIFLE WOMEN	405	396	386
13.	SPORTS PISTOL	545	510	-
14.	AIR PISTOL WOMEN	368	360	350

Decimal Scores for Air Rifle and Prone Men and Women events

SCORES FOR NATIONAL SQUAD-2017

S. NO.	EVENT	SENIORS	JUNIORS
1.	FREE RIFLE 3 POSITION	1145*/1140#	1120
2.	FREE RIFLE PRONE	615.4/613	602
3.	AIR RIFLE MEN	618/615.5	610
4.	FREE PISTOL	545/540	525
5.	RAPID FIRE PISTOL	565/560	545
6.	CENTRE FIRE PISTOL	576/570	-
7.	STANDARD PISTOL	563/558	543
8.	AIR PISTOL MEN	575/570	565
9.	SPORT PISTOL JUNIOR MEN	-	565
10.	SPORT RIFLE PRONE	585/582	578
11.	SPORT RIFLE 3 POSITION	570/565	550
12.	AIR RIFLE WOMEN	412.5/410.5	408
13.	SPORT PISTOL WOMEN	563/558	545
14.	AIR PISTOL WOMEN	376/372	368

Decimal Scores in Men Prone/Air Rifle Men & Women