

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF INDIA  
CRITERIA FOR RANKING & SELECTION of the NATIONAL TEAM  
in all ISSF PISTOL EVENTS.

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The National Rifle Association of India's [NRAI] ranking criteria for all Pistol events - 2025

For the purpose of selection of its teams for international competitions and for the purpose of internal assessment, the NRAI would rank its pistol shooters by applying the within mentioned ranking criteria - the Moving Average Method (MAM). The within mentioned Selection Policy is a continuous policy which may be subject to additions / amendments. The amendments to this Policy shall come into force from the commencement of the 67<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Championship Competitions.

Salient features of the Selection Policy 2025:

- Shooters to be divided into 2 groups - "A" and "B"
- Group "A" would consist of the top-ranking shooters in Olympic Events ONLY [ There would only be a senior category in this group - criteria within].
- Group B would consist of shooters eligible to shoot Open Selection Trials, juniors/youth shooters and shooters who choose not to be a part of Group "A".
- National Squad and selection of athletes/teams for international competitions in Olympic Events - to be selected from Group "A" Only.
- Group "A" shooters will not be permitted to shoot in ANY Group "B" Selection Trials. [the exception to this rule is mentioned within].
- Shooters who accept Group "A" will not be permitted to change groups unless they have dropped in ranking and / or have specifically been permitted to do so.
- There will be NO junior / youth category in Group A and trials for selection of teams for juniors / youth international events will be conducted under Group B - junior category.
- On the conclusion of Trial 4, the rankings of both groups will be merged and a revised ranking in order of merit will be announced. NSQ Member/s may be replaced by other better performing shooters from Group A or B. Also Group A and B will be revised in order of merit after this assessment.
- Method of ranking for both groups to be the same -LOGS FOR BOTH GROUPS TO BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY and to be consolidated Twice in a year - 1) after the National Championship and 2) after trial 4 or 6 months after the National Championship, whichever is earlier.
- MAM to be applied for ranking of shooters. Latest 5 scores to be placed for consideration. Average of highest 4 scores, (of these 5 scores), will form the Average Score [AvS]. [The lowest score will be deleted]. The latest 5 scores must not be older than 180 days.[No computation of Average Score without a minimum of 4 scores, within the mentioned time frame]. Exception to this rule is mentioned within.
- Selection of Group A will be based on the Ranking after the completion of the 67<sup>th</sup> National Championship (NSCC). Scores from ST 3 (2023) and onwards will be considered for MAM. Scores of OST will also be considered for the participants of OGs 2024 and shooters who took part in OST.
- **NSQ 2025 will be constituted after the conduct of ST 1 & 2 of 2025. For Selection in the NSQ 2025, participation in ST 1 & 2 – 2025 is mandatory.**
- **For Selection in World Cup 1 & 2 of 2025 participation in ST 1 & 2 of 2025 is mandatory**
- **FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY.**

IN THE EVENT OF THE ISSF MAKING RADICAL CHANGES AFFECTING THIS POLICY [ post this policy coming into effect ] THE NRAI WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE REQUISITE CHANGES WITHIN THIS POLICY WITHOUT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT.

1. The Moving Average Method - [MAM]:

- a. The ranking of the shooter will be ascertained by arriving at his / her average score by computing the four best scores of the latest five cores. This will form the Average Score (AvS) of the shooter. These scores will not be older than 180 days. No scores will be bypassed / omitted or evaded unless otherwise permitted in this criterion.

- b. Method of computation of the Average Score [AvS]:

The ranking of the shooter will be ascertained by adding the highest 4 scores of the latest 5 scores and the total to be divided by 4. The bonus points, as per Chart X below, gained during the Final rankings shall be added to the specific Qualification Score and average shall be calculated in the following manner:

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 =

Average ScoreT of P5S - 1LS/4 = AvS

- c. For the calculation of the Average Score of each shooter, the latest 5 scores will be placed on the table and each such individual score (S) will be the score achieved by the shooter in the qualification stage + the points that s/ he may gain in the finals.

Individual five latest scores [S1.....S5-(S5 being the newest score)]. S = QS  
[Qualification Score] + FP [Final points-if any]. S = QS + FP

- d. The points gained in the Finals (Chart X) will ONLY be added to the specific qualification score and NEVER to the Average [AvS].
- e. 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 the Average [no deletion will be allowed]. A shooter, who does not have a minimum of 4 scores within the stipulated time frame, cannot be considered for the purpose of ranking within this criterion, except in extraordinary cases / circumstances, as decided by the Selection Committee.
- f. If there are 2 identical lowest scores, then only one will be deleted.
- g. Ties will be broken as per ISSF Rules. In case of tie-on average, the last score of any trial / competition would be the base for tie breaking. In case of same last score, then the previous score or so on would be considered for tie breaking.
- h. Revised rankings of shooters will be announced after the completion of any recognized 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, the ranking will be announced.

2. CHART X- Ancillary points for the “FINALS”- to be added to Qualification score ONLY.

- a. Chart X indicates the points that a shooter would gain on entering the ‘Finals’ corresponding to his/ her ranking and the type of competition ( for example: nationals, STs, other DRC, Olympic Games, World Championship, Asian Games other IRC etc. ). Shooters would gain points of Chart X only in Finals conducted in an RC and these points would be added to the specific category (senior, junior or youth) in which the Finals are shot.

The points indicated in the Chart X, would be added to the shooter’s qualification score.

The qualification and the additional points accrued in the ‘Finals’ - as per chart X, would be added to the Qualification Score ONLY and the total would be the ‘Score’ of the shooter, solely for calculating the AvS - this total score attributed to the shooter would not be recognized for any other purpose but only for arriving at the ranking of the shooter by the MAM.

Consequently, the additional advantage [points from Chart X] that the shooter gets for participating in the Finals of an RC lasts until that score forms a part of the table of scores being considered for the calculation of AvS.

Chart X

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL								
1.WCh.OGsWCF	4.0	3.5	3.0	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
2.AGs/ASC/WC	3.0	2.5	2.0	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4
3.NSCC/CWGs	2.0	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.3		
4. OtherIRC/DRC	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.3	-	-	-	-

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 X.

For point no 4 in Chart X - ‘Other IRC would include all internationals where NRAI has fielded a team- a shooter can gain points from this chart, only if - in an IRC - there are a minimum of 6 countries [team] actually participating in that event and / or not less than a total of 25 participants in that event.

b. List of Recognized Competitions

IRC - INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

DRC - DOMESTIC RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

IRC’s will include those international competitions where NRAI fields it’s team. Scores of these competitions shall be considered for MAM.

DRC would include the following Championships and Selection Trials and Scores achieved in the following DRCs will be considered for the purpose of MAM:-

- National Shooting Championship Competition [NSCC]
- National Games [NGs]
- 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.
- Selection Trials [ST] - the NRAI will hold a minimum of 4 ST's and as many as would be required in the year.

- c. Any other Championship, which is a National / International Competition and the NRAI announces that competition as an IRC/DRC- would be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

### **3. Weapon Breakage and other rules**

In these rules and within this criteria pistols would include revolvers [all handguns]

**3a. Weapon Breakage [all Events]:** In the case of weapon breakage -where the pistol is incapable of firing, and 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 breakage of the Pistol, the shooter would be allowed to bypass the score. This clause may be invoked only after the Chief-Range Officer describes in detail the 'incidence report' on the range. This particular score would be ignored and 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 / organizers 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. In this case the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 6 scores where the above match/ score would be bypassed, subject to such score[S6] being within the time frame.

**3b. '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 due to him / her having exceeded his / her permissible number of allowable malfunctions could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to the malfunctioning of the of the pistol and the shooter could not claim the normally allowable malfunction.

This clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happening on the range in his/incidence report. This particular score 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 / organizers 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. In this case the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 6 scores where the above match/ score would be bypassed, subject to such score [S6] being within the time frame. the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 6 scores where the above match would be bypassed and S6 would have to be considered, subject to such score being within the time frame.

**3c.** 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 ONLY when the equipment is examined and 'passed' by Equipment Control prior to the

commencement of the competition, and it can be reasonably established that the shooter has not tampered with the equipment. The shooter must make an application to the NRAI asking for his /her score not to be considered for MAM.

#### IMPORTANT FOR SHOOTERS TO NOTE

A shooter can bypass a score for any of the above reasons [clause 3a, 3b, 3c] ONLY ONCE in one Shooting Calendar year. At no point will the shooter be allowed to bypass more than one score in one calendar year even if the different clauses can be invoked. For example, a shooter requests the bypassing of a score due to weapon breakage [ clause 3a], then even if he has another episode-in the same shooting year, which falls under another clause [3b or 3c]-it would not be permitted as the limit of bypassing a score-is ONLY once in a shooting calendar year.

IN THIS CRITERIA SCORES CANNOT BE BYPASSED UNLESS ONE OF THE ABOVE CLAUSES ARE INVOKED BUT THIS INVOCATION CAN ONLY BE MADE ONCE IN A SHOOTING CALENDAR. NO SHOOTER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BYPASS MORE THAN ONE SCORE IN ONE SHOOTING CALENDAR YEAR.

**3d.** 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.

**3e.** A shooter who is unable to participate in an international competition, for which s/he is selected -must inform the NRAI about his / her inability - by email - within 48 hours of the teams being announced failing which s / he would be liable for disciplinary action. The NRAI will then select the shooter next in ranking. Disciplinary action would also be initiated against a shooter who withdraws / does not shoot in an international competition after s / he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above -rule 3d 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 shooter's inability to participate, due to reasons beyond his/her control.

#### **4 Time Frame;**

For the Calculation of the MAM : The five scores of the shooter [S1...S5] will not be prior to /older than 180 days. To arrive at age of the Score - 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 If 180<sup>th</sup> day falls 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. If within that period, the shooter has only four scores then s/he will not get the benefit of deducting the lowest score. **TIME FRAME CLAUSE ONLY COMES INTO PLAY WHEN A SHOOTER WISHES TO SKIP A DRC. This clause does not apply to the NRAI.**

- a. THE NRAI WILL GO BEYOND THE RESTRICTION OF 180 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALCULATING THE AvS, IF IT HAS NOT HELD ADEQUATE NUMBER OF NON - RESTRICTIVE DRC. WHEN A DOMESTIC SHOOTER IS NOT ABLE TO BRING 5 SCORES ON THE TABLE - DESPITE NO OMISSION IN PARTICIPATION IN A non restrictive DRC; THE NRAI WILL GO BEYOND 180 DAYS.
  - b. 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.
  - c. The time frame clause stated in the criteria 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 organizes a DRC and the shooter wants to skip the competition. The option of skipping a DRC is available to him/her if s/he has the requisite number of scores within the ‘Time Frame’. THE NRAI MAY EXTEND THE TIME FRAME AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.
5. SCORE LOG and Norms for Maintenance of Logs for Different Categories
- a. SCORE LOGS FOR THE TWO GROUPS A AND B WOULD BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY AND CONSOLIDATED TWICE IN ONE SHOOTING CALENDAR.
  - b. Ranking of all shooters, would be maintained as per Group selected by them. Once a Group B junior shooter selects a category [senior or junior], the scores in trials/competitions shall be considered under that particular category only. Scores of Shooters opting for Junior category will be logged in the Junior category log.
  - c. There will be only one Log sheet for Juniors and Youth shooters and no separate Log sheet will be prepared for Youth shooters. For the purpose of selection of Youth Shooters (for international competitions in Air weapon events), the scores of eligible youth shooters will be lifted from Junior Log sheet for the purpose for selection of Youth shooters.
  - d. After every National Championship “B” group - junior / youth shooter’s qualification scores will be transferred to the main Log [senior category] of that event so that s / he may be evaluated along all with all other shooters giving him / her the opportunity to reconsider his group / category at the time of consolidation of scores.
  - e. All scores achieved by a shooter in an RC [DRC and /or IRC] would be considered for the purpose of this Method - No score achieved in an RC will be overlooked or bypassed. Qualification Scores achieved in an RC - in any category - (Open/Junior/Youth) will be considered for the MAM. Qualification Scores of all recognized competitions would be recorded in the Main Log and in respective categories and no score that has been achieved by the shooter in any recognized competition can be ignored /bypassed or evaded.

- f. FINALS in restricted competitions: Junior/Youth Shooters or any other category of shooters who shoot 'Finals' in restricted competitions [where the competition is not an senior open men or women's competition] will get restricted benefit of Chart X, as the points will be added, ONLY to the Log maintained for that category. For example, a shooter who shoots 580 in the qualification round of a Junior IRC and wins the Finals in that competition will record 580 in the Main Log,  $580 + 1.5 = 581.5$  in the Junior Log. The advantage of Chart X in a restricted RC will be registered in the specific Log only.
6. Selection of the teams for - **A**] Mixed Events **B**] Non Olympic Events.

A] MIXED EVENTS

1. The selection of teams for Mixed events will be done on the basis of ranking under this Selection Criteria.
2. Under the normal circumstances, the first rank shooter (male) with first rank shooter (female) will be selected on merit. In case two teams are permitted, the second rank shooter (male) will team with second rank shooter (female).
3. On the written recommendations of the foreign coaches, the President/Secretary General, NRAI may consider altering any Permutation & Combination of the four (04) athletes (in case two MixTeams are permitted) that may have been announced earlier, up to 24 hours before the start of the competition, as permitted under ISSF rules.
4. The NRAI reserves the right for final composition of the team

B]. Selection of teams for participation in NON OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL EVENT:

1. Selection Trials for Non- Olympic Senior Category events are conducted in Group B - Senior category ONLY.
2. For International events which include non - Olympic events in their program, [ eg. the world championship, Asian shooting championship etc.] the NRAI may permit its shooters to participate **at own cost**.
3. **When a Shooting calendar comprises of an IRC [ in which NRAI intends to field its team ] which includes non- Olympic events in its program, shooters of group A may be permitted to participate in group B trials for non-Olympic events.**
4. **The NRAI will announce the Selection Trials in which group A shooters may participate in group B selection trials for non Olympic events. This will be announced for a specific Championship/ Competition.**
5. A Shooter of group A, who is eligible to be a part of the Indian team for a non- Olympic event for a particular championship - would not be permitted to participate in that non-olympic event, in that championship if s /he is also a part of the team in an Olympic event in that Championship. S /he would be dropped from the non- Olympic event and the shooter next in ranking in the non Olympic event would be selected.

6. **Members of the Group A will be permitted to participate in STs of group B in Non-Olympic Events subject to conditions as laid down under Clause 6(B)(5) of Selection Criteria.**

**(amended by GB on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025)**

7. MAM for selection of NON Olympic Events for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Championship of 2025.

The best 3 scores of the last four scores will be considered for arriving at AvS for non Olympic events.

Total of Last 4 scores - 1 lowest score / 3

Group A shooters - Scores of 2 STs + 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC / 3

[Group A shooters will shoot 2 selection trials ( as announced by the NRAI) All 3 scores will be considered for arriving at the AvS, they will not get the advantage of deleting one lowest score].

FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT CHAMPIONSHIP for NON OLYMPIC EVENTS THE REGULAR NORMS FOR SELECTION WILL APPLY.

7. Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials GROUP A

- a. The Group A Selection Trials [STs] will be conducted for Olympic Events Only and for limited number of shooters- as mentioned below.
- b. Group A will consist of the senior category ONLY. For International competitions, shooters of Group A would shoot only in senior category, irrespective of their age. It would be mandatory for Junior /Youth Shooters who are top rankers in the senior category to make their choice of "Category" [whether they wish to optfor Senior Category or Junior Category] and once such choice is made - the shooter would not be permitted to change the category before the 68<sup>th</sup> NSCC - S/he would shoot in the same category through the calendar year.
- c. On Conclusion of the 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC moving average score of both group A and B will be calculated and these average scores of both groups will be merged / consolidated in the order of merit. The consolidated ranking would be the criteria for forming 'Group A.
- d. The total number of slots in A group for each Olympic event will be as follows:  
APM - 50   APW - 50.      SPW - 30                  RFP - 20
- c. Once the ranking is announced - those shooters who are eligible to join group A in one or more events would inform the NRAI [ within 3 days of the announcement - if they are not desirous of being a part of group A]. If any one or more shooter elects to join group B then NRAI would fill the vacant slots with the next shooter. However the NRAI would not permit shooters below the ranking of -  
70 in APM W,                  40 in SPW                  25 RFP

EXAMPLE - Only top 50 ranking shooters in the senior category in Air Pistol men's event, will be included in Group A. In case the top 50 rankings include some senior / juniors /youth shooters who opt for Group B, then these vacant slots will be allotted to the next shooter in order of merit but will not include any shooter below the rank of 70 irrespective of any vacant spots.

- a. If a Shooter belongs to Group A in one event but does not have the within mentioned ranking for the other Olympic event, then s /he may shoot the trial under Group A for the other event- subject to achieving MQS in that even - as per Annexure "A".

[Example-if shooter X forms apart of Group A in Air Pistol Women and is eligible for Group B open Trials in 25M Pistol Women, then she would be permitted to shoot the selection trials of sport pistol women in Group



A selection trial subject to her having achieved the MQS / eligible to participate in open trials].

- b. Once the groups are formed then eligible shooters who have opted for group A - would have to shoot selection trials of group A only and would not be permitted participation in any trials of group B. Exception to this rule - is stated within.

c. FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY and in all Competitions like NSCC, KSS. Finals in competitions will be conducted irrespective of the Shooters group [shooter from Group A or B]. While calculating the ranking of Group B - points accruing from FINALS in competitions like NSCC and KSS would be allocated to the shooter [Chart X].

The President /Secretary General may allow two shooters in each event, irrespective of their ranking, to participate in Selection Trials of Group A.

## 8. INTERVAL ASSESSMENT CONSOLIDATION AND EVALUATION

a. There will be an evaluation of all shooters twice in a calendar year - After the National Championship and after Selection trial four (4) or six months after the completion of the National Championship - whichever is earlier. In both these periods of consolidation the Averages of both groups will be consolidated and ranked in order of Merit and based on the revised ranking the following may be effected.

- 1. NSQ Member/s may be replaced by other better performing athletes from Group A or B.
- 2. Group A and B will be re-organized in order of Merit after this assessment.

b. The junior / youth Shooter will have to select a category - whether senior or junior, under Group B and will be considered for selection accordingly. It is clarified that once a shooter opts for junior category, s / he will not be considered for the team selection in senior category under Group B.

It is clarified that the senior shooters of Group B will only be selected in non- Olympic events for international competitions.

## 9. Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials - GROUP B:

- a. The shooter has achieved the MQS as per Annexure "A" at the NSCC in that event or in KSS.
- b. The shooter's highest three scores in RC's in the previous year are equal / more than the MQS as stated in Annexure "A" for that event. A Junior / Youth shooter / Master / Sr. Master who achieves the MQS of his/her category would be eligible to shoot the Selection Trials.
- c. An Arjuna Awardee would be eligible to participate in the STs at own cost in all events of the category [Pistol] in which s/he has received the Award.
- d. A Transit shooter who is qualified to shoot Junior Trials by virtue of having shot the requisite MQS in the 67<sup>th</sup> 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 2025.
- e. No Finals will be organized for STs of Group B.
- f. Junior / youth shooters, who are eligible to be a part of group 'A' would be required to inform NRAI within 3 days of the announcement of the rankings - whether they wish to be a part of Group "A" or

Group “B” and if they select Group “B” then whether they wish to be considered in the junior category or the open category.

- g. For selection of teams [at competitions where NRAI is fielding teams] in the non-Olympic events - only top ranking 12 shooters - in order of merit - would be eligible to participate at own cost. Hence shooters ranking 1 to 12 would inform NRAI of their desire to participate in the international event at own cost and the NRAI will select the team from those shooters who desire participating at own cost - IN ORDER OF MERIT. Shooters ranked 13<sup>th</sup> and above would not be permitted to represent the country in any event.

#### 10. Criteria for selection of NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ] - 2025

- a. The shooters for National Squad - 2025 will be selected as per their ranking based on MAM after the conduct of ST 1 & 2 of 2025 from amongst the shooters of group A.
- b. The NSQ 2025 shall be constituted for Olympic events ONLY - There will only be a senior category.

#### c. National Squad Program

The National Squad Program will be implemented by the National Coaches along with their coaching team. All members of the National Squad - NSQ- would be obliged to attend National Coaching Camps and ensure a minimum attendance of 85% - failing which s/ he would not be SELECTED for the next international competition.

The National Squad [NSQ ] will be announced after the completion of ST 1 & 2 of 2025 (for selection in NSQ 2025, participation in ST 1 & 2 of 2025 is mandatory). Every vacant spot in the NSQ will be replaced by the next ranking shooter [in order of merit].

Example: If the National Squad for APW is restricted to a total number of top 8 ranking shooters of group A and of these top 8 shooters - Two shooters opt out of the NSQ Program, the NRAI would select the next two shooters in order of merit.

After the NSQ is announced the top ranked shooters would inform the NRAI of their decision to be a part of the NSQ program. Once the shooter decides to be a part of the NSQ program the shooter will be obliged to follow all the rules made by the NRAI / HPD / National coach.

#### d) Special Advisory to Shooters regarding their parents/coaches/relatives:

**THE NRAI WILL RECOGNISE / ACKNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH THEIR OWN SHOOTERS AND NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL.**

**ALL SHOOTERS WOULD BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE FOR THE BEHAVIOUR OF THEIR PARENTS / SPOUSES / RELATIVES / FRIENDS / COACHES ETCETRA.**

**Parents of very young shooters [ 15 and below] are advised to communicate with the NRAI by mail only. Parents / Relatives, friends and coaches would not be allowed to enter the Field of Play (FPO) during the coaching camps / Domestic / International training / Competitions.**

Special Advisory for Parents: Parents are advised to leave the shooters in the care of the Team officials and coaches assigned by NRAI during coaching camps/participation in international competitions. They will not be permitted to enter the FOP during the training and may be present only in the spectator gallery during the

coaching camps/competitions. Parents are not permitted to travel with the teams or stay in the official hotel where the Indian team would be staying. They will also not be permitted to be in the vicinity of their ward during travel/competition arenas/FOP. The Parents /personal coaches will not deal directly with the organizers, or any person involved in conduct of international competitions /coaching camps/selection trials. Parents will not interfere with the functioning of the coaches /team officials and will not misbehave with them.

In the case of any parent/personal coaches not adhering to norms framed by the NRAI or misbehaving with the officials/coaches, the NRAI would be within its right not to consider the ward / shooter of such parents / coaches for the next two competitions /selection trials/coaching camps. PARENTS / GUARDIANS / IMPORTANT OTHERS, PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE BEING INFORMED THROUGH THIS PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT YOUR WARD WILL BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS and the NRAI would be fully within its rights to take the harshest steps.

#### 11. Criteria for selection of Group A, NSQ 2025 and selection in International Competitions

##### a. SELECTION OF GROUP A:

Selection of Group A will be based on the ranking ( AvS as per MAM) after the completion of 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC. For arriving at the AvS the following scores will be considered - All Scores ( moving backwards) from 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC to ST 3 (2024).

**MAM - For the participants of the OGs** And all participants of OGs Selection Trials.

The calculation of the AvS for the above category of shooters:

Scores upto the Selection Trials 1 for the Olympic Games ( April / May of 2024) will be considered This means that, the NRAI would go backwards from the 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC upto the OGs ST 1 for the above stated shooters - the best 4 of the last 5 scores will be considered for arriving at the AvS. NO SCORE WILL BE BYPASSED.

##### b. SELECTION OF NSQ 2025 AND TEAMS FOR INTERNATIONALS:

**Selection of athletes / teams for international competitions for Olympic Events, would be in order of merit and would be selected from group “A” only.**

**NSQ 2025 will be constituted after the conduct of ST 1 & 2 of 2025. For Selection in the NSQ 2025, participation in ST 1 & 2 are mandatory.**

**For Selection in World Cup 1 & 2 of 2025 participation in ST 1 & 2 of 2025 is mandatory.**

**For participants of the Paris Olympic Games, OGs ST 4 will also be considered. [backward from ST 2 of 2025 – upto OGs ST 4. No Score in this policy can be bypassed.**

For every International competition for Olympic events where 5 participants per country are permitted - the top 3 SHOOTERS IN ORDER OF MERIT would participate at Govt cost. For the RPO / MQS category - The 4<sup>th</sup> shooter would be the highest ranking shooter (in order of merit - within ranking of 1-12) who is willing to participate at own cost. The 5<sup>th</sup> shooter would be selected from amongst the junior shooters of group A - the highest ranking junior shooter of group A (in addition to the above 4) - would be permitted to participate in that international in the RPO / MQS category at own cost. [In the case of this junior shooter the rule of a minimum ranking of 1-12 will not apply]

[ A junior shooter - as defined in the ISSF rules ].

For the year 2025 the NRAI will select and send its team B instead of team A for participation in some of the International competitions. It would be the sole prerogative of the NRAI to determine the International competitions for participation of its Team A and Team B.

Team 'A' would mean shooters ranking 1-3 and Team 'B' would mean shooters ranking 4 -6.

The selection committee has a right to select a "common shooter" in case of restriction on number of shooters per section - like Asian Games.

c. Junior/Youth shooters of Group "B" can only participate in one category i.e. Senior or Junior and the shooter will continue to shoot in the selected category in all International Competitions during the year 2025. Junior/Youth shooters must decide whether they want to be part of Senior category and inform NRAI through email only, within 3 days on conclusion of ST2 of 2025. Junior/Youth shooters will shoot in international competition under category selected by them and will not be allowed to change it at subsequent stage. IN CASE ANY JUNIOR / YOUTH SHOOTER FAILS TO INFORM HIS/HER DECISION, THE NRAI SHALL INCLUDE THE SHOOTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS/HER RANKING AFTER 67<sup>th</sup> NSCC.

d. Participation **at own cost** in World Cups / other Recognized International Championships/Competitions:

**No shooter ranked above 1-12 [group A] would be permitted to represent the country at an IRC whether by selection or at own cost.**

Shooters who are ranked in the top 12 in Group "A", will be permitted to represent the country in a recognized international competition [IRC], at Own Cost subject to the following conditions:

[Any International Competition becomes an IRC (recognized competition for the purpose of MAM) if the NRAI is fielding a team in the competition or if it has specifically given a particular competition recognition and subject to the shooter having sought permission from the NRAI in writing].

(i) shooter from group 'A' who is not selected in the team but is ranked in the top 12 may apply to the NRAI for permission to participate in that IRC at own cost and the NRAI will permit "at own cost" participation to any desirous shooter in the order of merit only.

(ii) All scores shot in an IRC whether by selection or at 'own cost' will be considered for ranking.  
This rule will also be applicable in competitions for junior's and youth.

Notwithstanding the above, on the recommendations of the President, the Selection Committee of NRAI, may allow any shooter, irrespective of the ranking, to participate in international competitions at own cost subject to their being an explanation in writing for the inclusion of that shooter.

## 12. National Championship

The NRAI will announce an annual domestic calendar every year and will hold the National Championship - PREFERABLY in the month of NOVEMBER. [This would be changed only marginally in the case of reasons beyond the control of the NRAI and depending on the National Games/Khelo India Games and international competitions]. One Shooting Calendar Year would begin from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of one National Championship and end on the day prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the next National Championship.

### 13. Transparency

The NRAI has ensured that the system of scoring, announcements of scores and corresponding ranking of shooters is displayed on the NRAI website within 2 DAYS of the completion of the competition. Once the scores are announced it is the responsibility of the shooter to notify the NRAI, in writing of any discrepancy/special claims, within 3days.

### 14. Zero Shooter [ZS]

A TOP shooter who desires to shoot a **selection trial** for examining/ experimenting /testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a PROVISIONAL / ZERO 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/Zero Shooter along with a separate application justifying such request. This provision will be available only to the top 8 ranking shooters of that event [\[or if s / he is a participant of the Paris OGS\]](#) and ONLY IF the shooter has sent an email application along with a written recommendation of the National coach of that event.

**The application through email must reach the NRAI at- least 15 days prior to commencement of the competition.**

The shooter is not permitted to shoot as Zero Shooter in any IRC or DRC except Selection Trials.

### 15. 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 at all official ceremonies. For prize ceremonies shooters must be in their state uniform.

### 16. Safety and Range Rules

There will be a stringent application of Safety and Range Rules and shooters not adhering to the safety and range rules will be Penalized / Disqualified. Shooters are seen to take safety rules very lightly - all are forewarned of the consequences of stringent action for any flouting of safety and range rules.

### 17. WADA / NADA

It is clarified that strict compliance to rules of WADA, NADA is mandatory. Should a shooter be in violation of rules s/he shall not be considered for the selection of the team & shall be deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norms of appeal in the forum.

## **18. AFTERWORD**

The NRAI will announce an Annual Domestic Calendar every year and will hold the National Championship [in the month of November /December depending on the ISSF Shooting Calendar] and will also conduct a minimum of 6 domestic competitions /selection trials (DRC) or as many as are required for selecting the most “prepared” shooters / team from Group A. The NRAI will select its teams on the basis of the ranking arrived at by applying the formula mentioned within. However, in extraordinary circumstances, with justification, in writing, the NRAI / selection committee would have the authority to deviate from the results of the Moving Average / Ranking. Under all circumstances the decision of the Selection Committee /NRAI would be final and binding on all concerned parties. MAM method of ranking is a continuous method and will flow into the next shooting calendar.

- a. The NRAI has ensured that the system of scoring, announcements of scores and corresponding ranking of shooters is completely transparent; the results of the competitions are displayed on the NRAI website not later than 2/3 days of the completion of the competition. Once the scores are announced it is the responsibility of the shooter to notify the NRAI, in writing, of any discrepancy/special claims, within 3days.
- b. Shooters who shoot multiple events and have proved that they can excel in all events would not be asked to reduce the number of events they are shooting unless they are participating in more than three events, and this would be the discretion of the Selection Committee. Multiple events would not include team and mixed events. Hence a shooter who shoots the Air Pistol event in the individual category and forms a part of the team and the mixed team events will be considered as participating in one event.

## **19. CONCLUSION**

- a. An effort has been made to make the selection criteria exhaustive- however it is possible that in the course of the application of the criteria, anomalies may arise. In such a case/s the interpretation of the NRAI of any such anomalies would be final and binding on all.
- b. 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 “rolling’ ranking system.
- c. However, in extraordinary circumstances, with justification, in writing, the committee would have the authority to deviate from the results of the above ranking system and under all circumstances the decision of the Selection Committee /NRAI would be final and binding on all concerned parties.

## QUALIFYING SCORES FOR TRIALS for 2025

S.NO.	EVENT.	SENIORS	JUNIORS	YOUTH
1.	50M RIFLE 3 POSITION MEN	565	545	—
2.	50M RIFLE PRONE MEN	610	600	—
3.	10M RIFLE MEN	615	610	605
4.	50M PISTOL MEN/W	530/520	515/505	—
5.	25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL	550	535	—
6.	25M CENTRE FIRE PISTOL	555	-	—
7.	25M STANDARD PISTOL	540	520	—
8.	10M PISTOL MEN	565	560	555
9.	25M PISTOL JUNIOR MEN	-	550	—
10.	50M RIFLE PRONE WOMEN	605	595	—
11.	50M RIFLE 3 POSITION WOMEN	560	540	—
12.	10M RIFLE WOMEN	612	607	602
13.	25M PISTOL WOMEN	545	525	-
14.	10M PISTOL WOMEN	550	540	530

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All junior scores will be the MQS applicable for Masters and Youth scores (in air gun event) for Sr. Masters.  
 Decimal Scores for Air Rifle and Prone Men and Women events.



**ALL SOPS / CODE OF CONDUCT / UNDERTAKING NEED TO ANNOUNCED AFTER MAKING NECESSARY CHANGES  
THE NRAI ONLY RECOGNISES THE SHOOTER AND WILL NOT ASK FOR SIGNATURES FROM ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS  
- ;LIKE PERSONAL COACHES.**

## **ANNEXURE “B”**

### **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) during the international competitions (UPDATED)**

**Objective:** To ensure the effective organization, discipline, and performance of shooters participating in coaching camps and representing our country during international competitions, while adhering to the established selection criteria and maintaining a clear policy on the accommodation of parents and personal coaches.

**Code of Conduct:** All team members are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct during the entire trip. This includes punctuality, respectful behavior towards team members, coaches, officials, and competitors. Everyone is required to sign an undertaking and strictly follow the code of conduct.

**Anti-Doping Rules:** All team members must comply with anti-doping regulations, including regular testing and awareness of prohibited substances.

**Equipment Care:** Athletes are responsible for the maintenance and safekeeping of their equipment. - Any damage or loss due to negligence will be the athlete's responsibility.

**Communication:** Team members are expected to maintain effective communication with coaches and team officials. - All official team communication should go through designated channels.

**Accommodation:** Team members will be accommodated together in approved team accommodations arranged by the NRAI. Shooters will not enter the rooms of opposite gender.

- a) The Parents and personal coaches will not interfere with team and time of training schedule as laid out by the coach/sports science team.
- b) Parents and personal coaches will not directly instruct, communicate by self or any other means, without the consent/permission of foreign coach/chief coach during the event/competition.
- c) Parents and personal coaches are barred from entering the FOP and or athlete area of the competition arena.
- d) Parents and personal coaches will not interfere, engage in any dispute of any nature with another shooter's affairs, relating to his/her performance or personal issues.

**Coach-Athlete Relationship:** Athletes may follow the training program, as prepared by their personal coach, subject to approval by the Chief Coach. Personal coaches will not attend training sessions and competitions and must coordinate their involvement and sharing the training program with the Chief coach. Personal coaches should respect the team coach's authority during the trip.

**Compliance and Accountability:** Any violation of this SOP may result in disciplinary action, including suspension from future international trips against the shooter/personal coach. Athletes, coaches, and officials are responsible for understanding and adhering to this SOP. Shooters are required to submit Code of Conduct cum Undertaking duly signed by them to NRAI. Parents are required to counter sign the Code of Conduct cum Undertaking along with shooter who are below the age of 18 years,

**Conclusion:** This SOP is designed to promote professionalism, discipline, and fairness in the management of shooting teams during international trips. All team members, coaches, and officials are expected to strictly adhere to these guidelines to represent our country.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT cum UNDERTAKING (UPDATED)**

- 1) Be a responsible human being and a committed sport person
- 2) Be respectful towards HPD, HPM, Coaches, staff of NRAI and fellow shooters.
- 3) Be punctual and diligent during training and participation in competitions.
- 4) Follow directions by Coaches, support staff and officials of NRAI.
- 5) Shall be dressed appropriately in team uniform.
- 6) Be disciplined on and off the field.
- 7) Must not verbally abuse or intimidate in any form such as shouting making gesture, towards or in any other way distract any spectator, tournament official, technical official, opposing coach or opposing team official, or opposing player.
- 8) Shall not indulge in any political or religious and other discourse/discussion.
- 9) Should not make any inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advance towards anyone.
- 10) Adhere to rules as set by Govt. of India/Sports Authority of India/NRAI or any agency related to camp or participation.
- 11) Shall abide by the Code of Ethics of ISSF
- 12) Respect law of the land in India as well of the country of your visit for camp or participation in international competitions
- 13) Should not consume alcohol or tobacco during the training camp and competitions.
- 14) It's the responsibility of the shooter to be aware of all the rules and be responsible for their equipment being as per ISSF regulations.
- 15) At the time of joining the NSQ/selection as part of the Indian Team, the Shooter is responsible to notify to NRAI about his/her personal coach/support staff.
- 16) Shooter is responsible for direct communication with NRAI / team in charge and not through his parents/personal coach.
- 17) Will stay in an accommodation along with Indian team, as arranged by NRAI.
- 18) No personal Coaches/parents shall share the accommodation or stay in the same hotel where the accommodation of the team is arranged.
- 19) Protocol regarding Entry to Opposite Genders' Hotel Rooms: In order to maintain a respectful and safe environment for all individuals on our shooting team during our stay at hotels, we want to emphasize the following protocol:
  - a) No entry of shooters in opposite gender room.
  - b) Respect for Privacy: Team members are not permitted to enter hotel rooms assigned to individuals of the opposite gender under any circumstances.

- c) Boundaries: One must uphold appropriate boundaries and respect the privacy and comfort of all team members.
  - d) Designated Meeting Areas: - Common areas within the hotel, such as the lobby or lounge, should be used for team meetings or gatherings to ensure inclusivity and professionalism.
  - e) Violation Consequences: Violation of this protocol may result in disciplinary actions. This will jeopardize the team's reputation and participation in future events.
  - f) Report Any Concerns: If any team member feels uncomfortable or observes any inappropriate behavior related to this protocol, please report it immediately to team officials or management. Your cooperation in adhering to this protocol, as it is essential for creating a respectful and safe environment for all members of our shooting team.
- 20) Shooters need to keep coaches informed about their whereabouts during camps/international competitions and will not leave the hostel/hotel/place of stay without the permission of the Chief Coach/coach in charge.
  - 21) Shooters are required to inform NRAI about any past or present medical condition, which could hamper their performance or require medical attention.
  - 22) It's shooters' responsibility to update any changes in their arms and passport details.
  - 23) Must provide correct details apropos the age or any other details required and essential for participating in any coaching camp/competition.
  - 24) Adhere to WADA/NADA rules and not to use drugs which are not permitted under WADA/NADA rules.
  - 25) In case of any grievance, apprise Coaches, Support staff and other connected persons to the Camp/Competition.
  - 26) Shall not interact with media in any form or over any on any print/electronic/social platform without the permission of NRAI. Also, shall not post any material, which is contrary to the spirit of IOC Charter, ISSF Rules, shooting sport, fellow shooters, coaches, other office bearers of NRAI and against the policies of Govt. of India/SAI/NRAI
  - 27) Should diligently attend and perform at any workshop/conference conducted by NRAI for the betterment and skill enhancement of the Shooters.
  - 28) Must not bring the shooting sport into disrepute through media comments, either pre, during, or post coaching camp/competition that relate to tournament officials, technical officials, opposing coaches or team officials and or players, that are personal in nature, imply bias, or question their integrity.
  - 29) Act like a true Ambassador of the Country and Sport.

## SUSPENSION

The shooter can be suspended from camp/team for the following violations:

- 1) Violation of discipline rules and code of conduct at the Camp or at the shooting competition
- 2) Violation of training schedule/camp rules
- 3) Use of alcohol & tobacco during the camp or at the competition
- 4) Use of drugs not permitted under WADA/NADA rules.
- 5) Disrespect towards coaches/support staff and fellow shooters
- 6) Absence from camp without prior approval from the concerned authority
- 7) Damage to fellow shooter's equipment or range property
- 8) Causing mental stress/annoyance to fellow shooters by any act which is violation to the spirit of the shooting sport, rules of NRAI/ISSF
- 9) Causing physical injury to any shooter or person connected with the camp for training/participation.
- 10) Use of unparliamentary language/political or religious discussions during the camp/competition or otherwise
- 11) Hurting sentiments and making any inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advance towards anyone
- 12) Use of any print/electric/social media platform to vent your concern/grievance.
- 13) Pass comments of any gender, religious or cast, that may be emotionally disturbing.
- 14) Any act, which is contrary to the Code of Conduct or otherwise, may lead to disciplinary action.
- 15) The Player will not leave the province/city of the competition without the permission or until unless accompanied by team/Coach.
- 16) Minimum usage of electronic equipment/mobile during the competition/without the knowledge/consent of chief coach /coach in charge.

\*Camp means and include shooting range (including Field of Play), or a place of stay during the coaching camp/international competitions abroad.

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and will abide by the Code of Conduct as stated on page 1 and 2.

Name of the Shooter \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(in case minor below the age of 18 years)

Signed in presence of:

Name of the Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date