



**National Team
Selection Criteria for 2026
For
RIFLE, PISTOL AND SHOTGUN**

**For participation in all international competitions (2026) including the
20th Asian Games Aichi- Nagoya (Japan) 2026.**

Promulgated By

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OBJECTIVES OF SELECTION CRITERIA

Ensure Merit-Based Representation

To guarantee that only those athletes who have consistently demonstrated performance excellence are selected to represent India in international competitions.

Promote Transparency and Accountability

To conduct the selection process in a clear, structured, and well-documented manner so that all stakeholders have confidence in its fairness and integrity.

Provide Equal and Fair Opportunity

To offer a just and unbiased platform for all eligible athletes to compete for selection, free from discrimination or preferential treatment.

Establish Objective and Measurable Benchmarks

To apply standardized performance criteria that reflect current form, consistency, and preparedness of athletes.

Nurture and Recognize Talent

To identify, support, and provide opportunities to emerging as well as established athletes, ensuring a continuous pipeline of talent for the national team.

Maximize India's Competitive Potential

To select teams and individuals that offer the best prospects of success and medals for the country at international events.

Uphold Integrity and Confidence in the System

To reinforce the values of fairness, meritocracy, and accountability, thereby building trust among athletes, coaches, and all stakeholders in the selection process

Policy Statement on Free and Fair Selection of Teams

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) is committed to upholding the highest standards of fairness, transparency, and meritocracy in the selection of athletes for representing India at international competitions.

The NRAI firmly believes that every athlete must earn their place in the national team through demonstrated performance in accordance with clearly defined selection criteria. The objective of the selection process is to ensure a level, just, and fair playing field for all sportspersons aspiring to participate in team or individual events across all shooting disciplines.

This policy also emphasizes the NRAI's responsibility to continuously identify, nurture, and upgrade the wealth of shooting talent available in the country. By adhering to objective benchmarks and transparent procedures, the NRAI seeks to ensure that only those athletes who are deemed fit and who have consistently proven their merit are selected to represent India under the national colours.

In doing so, the NRAI reaffirms its unwavering commitment to:

- **Merit-based Selection:** Ensuring that performance alone is the basis of selection.
- **Transparency:** Following an open, structured, and accountable selection process.
- **Fair Opportunity:** Providing equal chances to all eligible athletes without bias or discrimination.
- **Excellence:** Striving to maximize India's medal prospects by fielding the strongest possible teams.

Through this policy, the NRAI aspires to build a system that not only rewards excellence but also inspires confidence among all stakeholders in the fairness and integrity of the selection process.

GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL SECTIONS OF RILFE, PISTOL AND SHOTGUN

1. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of framing the Selection Criteria 2026 is to notify athletes well in advance, thereby enabling them to prepare systematically and perform at their best in important competitions where the entire nation takes pride in its medalists.

For the selection of teams for international competitions, as well as for the NRAI's internal assessment of athletes, a transparent and uniform ranking system will be applied. The NRAI shall adopt the Moving Average Method (MAM) as the basis of ranking its athletes. This method ensures a fair, consistent, and performance-based evaluation, allowing only merit to determine an athlete's standing and eligibility for representation.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR RIFLE, PISTOL AND SHOTGUN

The Selection Criteria for selecting the athletes for international competitions for the Shotgun discipline will commence from the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC). The Rifle and Pistol Disciplines have a continuous selection criteria, and all the scores of 2025 will flow into 2026 for performance evaluation of the athlete as stated within this document. Under this Selection Criteria, the scores of athletes will be considered for National Squads, determining eligibility to participate in the two Groups for selection trials and international competitions. This framework shall henceforth be referred to as the "Selection Criteria."

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

Three athletes per event – individual events. In case of team events, the same athletes shall be part of team event.

The NRAI Selection Committee has a right to select a "common athlete" in case of restriction on number of athletes per section by the Organizers.

4. MIX TEAM EVENTS

The selection of teams for Mixed events will be done based on ranking under this Selection Criteria.

Under the normal circumstances, the first rank athlete (male) with first rank athlete (female) will be selected on merit. In case two teams are permitted, the second rank athlete (male) will team with second rank athlete (female).

On the written recommendations of the head coaches and /or foreign coaches, the President/Secretary General, NRAI may consider altering any Permutation & Combination of the four (04) athletes (in case two Mix Teams are permitted) that may have been announced earlier, up to 24 hours before the start of the competition, as permitted under ISSF rules.

The NRAI reserves the right for final composition of the teams.

5. DISCIPLINE

It is mandatory for all athletes, travelling with the team for International Competitions, to adhere to all norms of discipline as laid down by the NRAI. At all times, the athletes will behave in a manner that is befitting ambassadors of the sport and country. Coaches travelling with the team will be responsible to ensure strict adherence of discipline and ethics and shall submit a joint report to the NRAI upon completion of every tour regarding the ethical, professional and disciplinary behavior of an athlete. Based on this report, the NRAI has a right to suspend an athlete from the immediate next international competition/competitions / stricter action depending upon the severity of breach of code of conduct.

Personal coaches (as defined below) would only be permitted to join the selected athletes in coaching camps. Parents and other relatives would not be allowed to enter the shooting arena during any training /coaching camps/Competitions.

6. WITHDRAWAL

- i. In the case of an athlete 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 athlete 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.
- ii. **An athlete, who is unable to participate in any international competition, must inform the NRAI about his / her inability – by email – within 3 days of the official announcement of his or her inclusion in the Indian team failing which s/he would be liable for being penalized. On such intimation the NRAI will select the next ranked athlete.**
- iii. Disciplinary action would also be initiated against an athlete who withdraws from an international competition after s/he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above –rule (i), would be applied for the purpose of calculation of MAM. The athlete would be considered as having shot the competition with 0 (zero) score at the time of withdrawal and this would be a part of the calculation of the averages. This rule would be relaxed only if there is convincing evidence of the athlete's inability to participate, due to reasons beyond his/her control

7. DRESS CODE

It is clarified that strict compliance to dress code, as stated by the ISSF and Organizers of Games / Championships, shall be followed at all times at the ranges/ ceremonies/competition site. At all official ceremonies including prize ceremonies; an Athletes shall wear the dress/uniform provided by 1. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for all “Games” and 2. The NRAI – for all other International Championships / Competitions -

8. SAFETY AND RANGE RULES

There will be a stringent application of Safety and Range Rules and athletes not adhering to the safety and range rules will be Penalized / Disqualified. Athletes MUST always follow Safety and Range rules - in the shooting arena and outside. Any Athlete found flouting any safety rules at any time [in person or on camera] would face strict disciplinary action including disqualification, penalty and debarment.

Common Safety violations outside the firing line / shooting lane :

- 1 Guns to be handled only on the firing line or designated dry firing areas. In the designated dry firing area, the athlete must ensure that the gun is in a safe condition (unloaded) and despite being safe – the gun is always pointing in the direction of designated dry firing wall./area. S/he must ensure that there is no person in her / his line of fire at any time.
- 2 pointing a gun in the direction of another human being –[it does not matter if the gun is unloaded or the unsafe pointing is for a short fraction of time] Pointing the barrel in the direction of another human being is a serious breach of safety rules and the athlete will be liable to be disqualified from that competition / debarred from the shooting sport.

All guns must always be treated as loaded.

Officials of the NRAI would have the authority to penalize / disqualify an athlete violating safety rules in the shooting arena and outside in the shooting range area.

9. WADA / NADA

It is clarified that strict compliance to rules of WADA, NADA is mandatory. Should an athlete 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.

10. NORMS FOR PERSONAL COACHES

a. Eligibility for Athletes to Utilize Personal Coaches

- On completion of the 68th National Shooting Championship, athletes ranked **1 to 6 [as per MAM] in the open senior or open junior category in an event** will be permitted to engage the services of a personal coach/support staff during **coaching camps and competitions in India.**
- Athletes who have participated in senior IRC's as a member of the Indian Team **at Government cost** in the last **two years** will also be eligible to avail services of a personal coach/support staff, both in India.
- No personal coach or support staff shall be permitted to accompany an athlete for **international competitions**, except in exceptional medical circumstances, with prior approval of the NRAI President.

b. Eligibility for Nomination as a Personal Coach

i. For Senior Athletes

- Any athlete who has won a medal in the **Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Championships, or Asian Championships (Senior Category)**; and/or
- Any person who has successfully trained and produced international-level athletes; may, through the selected athlete, apply to NRAI. The NRAI - on verifying the claims of the applicant coach - may grant permission to the athlete to use the services of such applicant, as a personal coach.

ii. For Junior Athletes

- An athlete who has participated in at least **two ISSF World Cups at Government cost**, or
- An individual medallist of the National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) in the Senior Open category, or
- An athlete who has been a renowned shot in the senior open category for over 5 years with at least **10 years of coaching experience**, or
- A person who has successfully completed the **ISSF Coaches A or B Course**.

c. Responsibilities of Personal Coaches

- Personal Coaches must work **in a congenial manner** with the Foreign/Indian Core Group Coaches or any other coaches appointed by NRAI/SAI, and adopt their prescribed training programs.
- All personal coaches must **submit periodic written progress reports** to the Foreign Coach / NRAI / Section Head Coach / High-Performance Coach / High-Performance Director / Manager.
- For all Recognised Competitions:
 - Personal coaches shall not enter the **Field of Play (FOP)**, Final Reporting Area, or the Athletes' Preparation Area prior to a Final Hall competition.
 - The Head coach and National Coach will take all final decisions (for Senior, Junior, and Youth) relating to athlete preparation, competition, and post-competition debriefs.
- Violation of the above norms will invite **disciplinary action** by the NRAI Disciplinary & Ethics Committee against both the athlete and the coach.

11. NORMS FOR SUPPORT STAFF

- a. Any professional with a **minimum of five years' experience in sports** may serve as support staff for athletes eligible to engage personal coaches.
- b. Support staff, like personal coaches, are not permitted on the **FOP** at any time and must remain in spectator areas.

- c. In international events, personal coaches and support staff shall not travel with or stay at the same hotel/residence as the national team athletes, unless expressly permitted by NRAI.

12. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a. The role of foreign and Indian coaches shall be limited to **technical training**. Their views are considered during the annual review of the Selection Criteria.
- b. Since the NRAI follows a strict **merit-based selection system**, the role of foreign / Indian coaches; in matters of team selection; is only advisory in nature.
- c. Training with personal coaches during national coaching camps requires **prior approval of the Chief Coach/Foreign Coach**, and must align with training plans prepared in consultation with them.
- d. **No personal coach** is permitted to travel abroad with an athlete without express approval from the **President, NRAI**.

13. UNDERTAKING

All athletes, parents (in case of athletes under 18 years), and personal coaches/support staff are bound to comply with the SOPs and norms stated in the **Undertaking**, which is mandatory before joining the National Squad (NSQ) or participating in international competitions. This Undertaking, is attached at **Annexure “B”**.

14. SPECIAL ADVISORY TO ATHLETES REGARDING PARENTS / COACHES / RELATIVES

The NRAI shall recognize, acknowledge, and communicate only with the athletes themselves, and not with their parents, relatives, friends, or coaches. Each athlete will be solely responsible and accountable for the conduct and behaviour of their parents, spouses, relatives, friends, personal coaches, or associates.

Communication by Parents

- Parents of young athletes (15 years and below) may communicate with the NRAI only through email.
- No parent, relative, friend, or personal coach shall be permitted to enter the Field of Play (FOP) during coaching camps, domestic competitions, international training, or competitions.

Special Advisory for Parents

- During coaching camps and international competitions, athletes must remain under the care of the team officials and coaches appointed by NRAI. Parents will not be permitted inside the FOP during training and may only access the spectator gallery during camps or competitions.
- Parents are not allowed to travel with the teams or stay in the official hotel designated for the Indian team. They will also not be permitted to interact with their ward at competition arenas, FOPs, or during official travel.
- Parents and personal coaches shall not approach event organizers or any persons involved in the conduct of international competitions, coaching camps, or selection trials.
- Parents are strictly prohibited from interfering with the functioning of coaches or team officials, and any misbehaviour towards them will not be condoned.

Consequences for Misconduct

In cases where parents or personal coaches violate these norms or misbehave with officials or coaches, the NRAI reserves the right to withdraw the concerned athlete from consideration for the next two competitions, selection trials, or coaching camps [or any other action as determined by the disciplinary committee].

Important Notice

Parents, guardians, and personal coaches are hereby formally notified that any misconduct on their part will directly impact their ward. The NRAI shall not hesitate to take the strictest possible action, and the athlete will bear the consequences of such transgressions.

15. NATIONAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS (NSCC)

The NRAI will announce an annual domestic calendar every year and will hold the National Championship – PREFERABLY in the month of NOVEMBER. This may change in the case of reasons beyond the control of the NRAI and depending on the National Games/Khelo India Games and international competitions. The Shooting Calendar Year would begin from the 1st day of one National Championship and end on the day prior to the next NSCC.

16. TRANSPARENCY

The NRAI shall ensure that the system of scoring, announcements of scores and corresponding ranking of athletes are displayed on the NRAI website; after the completion of the competition. Once the scores are announced, it is the responsibility of the athlete to notify the NRAI, in writing of any discrepancy/special claims, within 3 days.

17. SHOOTING CALENDAR

- a. The calendar with tentative dates and venue is published on the website. The NRAI reserves the right to revise the dates of trials/competitions, selection of team or change the venue of trials/competitions subject to venue availability or with Government guidelines for seniors and juniors.
- b. The decision of the NRAI/Selection Committee shall be final and binding in all matters.

18. 20th ASIAN GAMES, Aichi Nagoya 2026

- a. For the 20th Asian Games – 2026 – Athletes will be selected based on the method set within this criteria; subject to the norms set by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Govt. of India. Athletes – in order of merit as per MAM / Criteria within – would be selected ONLY if s / he fulfils the additional norms set by the MYAS and else the athlete next in order of merit – fulfilling the additional criteria of MYAS will be selected.

19. CONCLUSION

An effort has been made to make the Selection Criteria clear and exhaustive – however it is possible that during the application of the Selection criteria, anomalies may arise. In such a case/s the interpretation of the NRAI, would be final and binding on all.

The selection of teams / individual athletes for participating in international competitions shall be based on the ranking system / selection criteria stated within. However, in extraordinary circumstances, with justification, in writing, the Selection 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.



SELECTION CRITERIA – 2026

RIFLE AND PISTOL EVENT

For selection of teams at international competitions, including the 20th Asian Games, and for the purpose of internal assessment, the NRAI would rank the athletes by applying the ranking criteria – the Moving Average Method (MAM). This is a continuous Criteria (which may be subject to amendments/additions), whereby all the scores of 2025 will flow into 2026 for performance evaluation of the athlete as stated within this document. The salient features of the Selection Criteria 2026 are:

- b. Athletes to be divided into 2 Groups – “A” and “B”
- c. Group “A” would consist of the top-ranking athletes in Olympic Events ONLY. There will only be a senior category in this Group.
- d. Group “B” would consist of seniors, juniors/youth athletes, eligible to shoot Open Selection Trials and those athletes who choose not to be a part of Group “A”.
- e. National Squad and selection of athletes/teams for international competitions in Olympic Events - to be selected from Group “A” Only.
- f. Group “A” athletes will not be permitted to shoot in ANY Group “B” Selection Trials. Exception to this rule is mentioned within.
- g. Athletes 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.
- h. 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.
- i. 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 athletes from Group A or B. Also, the Group A and B will be revised in order of merit after this assessment.
- j. Method of ranking for both Groups shall 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 135 days after the National Championship, whichever is earlier.
- k. MAM to be applied for ranking of athletes.
- l. Latest 5 scores to be placed for consideration. The lowest score to be deleted. Average of highest 4 scores (of these 5 scores), will form the Average Score [AvS].
- m. The latest 5 scores must not be older than 180 days.
- n. No computation of Average Score without a minimum of 4 scores, within the mentioned time frame. Exception to this rule is mentioned within.
- o. Formation of Group A will be based on the Ranking after the completion of the 68th National Championship (NSCC).
- p. National Squad (NSQ) to be constituted from amongst the group A members after ST2 (2026).
- q. Finals in selection trials to be conducted for Group A only.
- r. For selection of rifle athletes in IRC’s in 2026 - ST 1 & 2 (2026) scores are mandatory.
- s. In the event of the ISSF making radical changes, affecting this Selection Criteria (post this document coming into force), the NRAI will have the right to make requisite changes, without any announcement.
- t. For the Asian Games – 2026 – Athletes will be selected on the basis of the method set within this criteria; subject to the norms set by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Govt. of India. Athletes – in order of merit as per MAM – would be selected ONLY if s / he fulfils the additional norms set by the MYAS and else the athlete next in order of merit – fulfilling the additional criteria of MYAS will be selected.
- u. In Competitions / Games where the organisers place a cap on the total number of participants; the Selection Committee would have the absolute right to select a “common Athlete /s” and it’s decision would be final and binding on all.

1. MOVING AVERAGE METHOD (MAM)

a. General Rule

The ranking of an athlete shall be determined on the basis of the Average Score (AvS), computed from the best four scores out of the latest five scores achieved within the last 180 days. No score shall be bypassed, omitted, or disregarded, unless expressly permitted under this selection criteria.

b. Method of Computation of AvS

The AvS shall be computed as follows:

- From the athlete's latest five scores, the lowest score will be deleted.
- The remaining four scores will be added and the total divided by 4.

Formula:

$$\text{Average Score (AvS)} = (\text{Total of Latest 5 scores} - \text{Lowest score}) / 4$$

In 2026 - For all Rifle events - MAM will apply as follows:

Post ST 1 & 2 (for the selection of teams for the 1st set of IRC's) - Calculation of AvS - MAM - will be as follows.

1. Average of highest two 2 of last 3 scores (in 2025) / 2 - this will form one score.
2. ST 1 + ST 2 will be the other two scores on the chart.
3. All 3 above scores will be added and divided by 3 to arrive at Avs [there will be no deletion of these 3 scores].

The National Squad (NSQ) 2026, for Rifle events will be announced on the basis of the above formula. The NSQ to be constituted from amongst the A group athletes after ST2.

Post Selection Trial 4 – re-evaluation of NSQ and teams for IRC's; the AvS will be based on scores shot ONLY in 2026 (in accordance to the new ISSF Clothing rules. No scores achieved with old clothing rules will be considered)

AvS until the Rifle Athlete has 5 scores (shot in accordance to the new rules):

AvS = Total of all available RC scores (of 2026) / divided by the number of RC's.

All available scores (ST 1 and onwards) will be placed on the chart and all scores will be used for arriving at the AvS. No deletion will be permitted until the rifle athlete has more than 4 scores. It is possible that some athletes (participants of IRC's] will have 5 scores before the Domestic athlete and in that case that athlete will get the benefit of the deletion. Rifle athletes will have to shoot all RC's until they have a minimum of 4 scores shot in 2026.

- **Ancillary points (as per Chart X below) gained in the Finals, shall be added only to the specific qualification score and not to the AvS.**

c. Definition of Scores

For each athlete, the latest five scores will be listed as S1 ... S5 (**with S1** being the most recent).

Individual five latest score (S1.....S5 (S1 being the newest score)

Score (S) =QS(Qualification Score) + AP(Ancillary points, if any) S=QS+AP

d. Ancillary Points

Ancillary Points earned in the Finals (Chart X below) shall be added to the specific qualification score and shall NOT be added to the Average Score (AvS).

e. Minimum Score Requirement

- An athlete must have a minimum of five scores within the stipulated time to avail the benefit of deleting the lowest score.
- If only four scores are available, all four shall be counted (no deletion permitted).
- Athletes with fewer than four scores in the stipulated period shall not be considered for ranking, except in extraordinary cases, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

f. Identical Lowest Scores

Of the Latest 5 scores – if an athlete has two or more identical lowest scores , only one shall be deleted.

g. Elimination rounds at World Cups / International Competitions – RIFLE EVENTS

Higher of the 2 scores, shot by an athlete in the elimination and qualification of an RC will be considered for the purpose of MAM.

h. Tie-Breaking

- Ties shall be resolved as per ISSF Rules.
- If averages are identical, the most recent score shall serve as the first tie-breaker.
- If the last score is also identical, the preceding scores shall be compared sequentially until the tie is broken.

i. Announcement of Rankings

- Revised rankings shall be announced after the completion of any recognized domestic or international competition where NRAI has fielded a team.
- If multiple competitions are scheduled successively, the updated rankings shall be announced only after completion of the full set.

2. LIST OF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

a. IRC – INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

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

b. DRC – DOMESTIC RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

- DRC would include the following Championships and Selection Trials and Scores achieved in the following DRCs will be considered for the purpose of MAM:-
 - i. National Shooting Championship Competition [NSCC]
 - ii. National Games [NGs]
 - iii. Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship.
 - iv. Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship [KSS] and any other competition of this level declared by the Governing Body of the NRAI.
 - v. Selection Trials [ST] – the NRAI will hold a minimum of 4 ST's and as many as would be required in the year.

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. CHART X- ANCILLARY POINTS FOR THE “FINALS”

- a. Chart X indicates the ancillary points that an athlete 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.). Athletes 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.
- b. The points indicated in the Chart X, would be added to the athlete's qualification score.**
- c. The qualification score 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 athlete, solely for calculating the AvS - this total score attributed to the athlete would not be recognized for any other purpose but only for arriving at the ranking of the athlete by the MAM.
- d. Consequently, the additional advantage [points from Chart X] that the athlete gets for participating in the Finals of an RC lasts until that qualification score forms a part of the table of scores being considered for the calculation of AvS.
- e. For IRC's which have 8 teams or fewer than 8 teams participating in the event [for example SAF Games/ championship] - the ancillary points of Chart X – “International Competitions” will NOT be applied. These International Competitions will be treated as ‘Other Domestic Competition’ and hence - the ancillary points corresponding to the ‘other Domestic Competitions’ will be applied. ALL JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS WILL GET THE BENEFIT OF ANCILLARY POINTS corresponding to Other IRC's.and for their specific category.

f. **Chart X – RIFLE:** Ancillary Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL

S. NO.	COMPETITION	RANK 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	<u>50M</u>								
a)	World Championship, Asian Games.	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
b).	NSCC, ASC,CWCh, WC other IRC	1.5	1.25	1.0					
c).	Other Domestic Comp	0.5	0.3	0.1					
2	<u>10M</u>								
a)	World Ch. Asian Games	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
b)	NSCC, ASC, CWCh, WC other IRC	0.7	0.5	0.4					
c)	Other Domestic Comp.	0.3	0.2	0.1					

g. **Chart X – PISTOL:** Ancillary Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL

S. NO.	COMPETITION	RANK 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	<u>25M</u>								
a)	World Championship, Asian Games.	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
b).	NSCC, ASC,CWCh, WC other IRC	1.5	1.25	1.0					
c).	Other Domestic Comp	0.5	0.3	0.1					
2	<u>10M</u>								
a)	World Ch. Asian Games	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
b)	NSCC, ASC,CWCh, WC other IRC	0.7	0.5	0.4					
c)	Other Domestic Comp.	0.3	0.2	0.1					

4. RULES ON WEAPON BREAKAGE, EQUIPMENT FAILURE

a. WEAPON FAILURE

1. RIFLE

- i. In the case of weapon breakage –where the Rifle is incapable of firing, and where it is established [certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC] that athlete could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to breakage of the Rifle, the athlete would be allowed to bypass the score. This clause may be invoked only after the **Range Officer describes the breakage in detail in the ‘incidence report’**. 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 athlete and coach must get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organizers but if for some reason this is not feasible, then the Rifle coach /or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI within 3 days of the incident. In this case the athlete’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. **Requests received after 3 days of the incident shall not be accepted.**

2. PISTOL

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

- i. 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 athlete could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to breakage of the Pistol, the athlete would be allowed to bypass the score. This clause may be invoked only after the **Range Officer describes the breakage in detail in the ‘incidence report’**. 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 athlete 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 within 3 days of the incident . In this case the athlete’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. **Requests received after 3 days of the incident shall not be accepted.**
- ii. ‘Time Fire’ events [25M] the athlete would be allowed to bypass one score, where it is established [certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC] that the athlete 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 pistol and the athlete could not claim the normally allowable malfunction. This rule will be applied ONLY on the basis of an ‘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 athlete 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 within 3 days of the incident**. In this case the athlete’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 athlete’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.

NOTE: the athlete must inform the Range Officer and the range officer must be satisfied that the malfunction would have been an allowable malfunction if the athlete had not exceeded the number of permissible allowable malfunctions. The athlete will get the benefit of this clause irrespective of the fact that the athlete continues the match after such malfunction or decides to pull out of the competitions. If the athlete does not get the certificate / incidence report from the range officer then this clause cannot be invoked. Requests received after 3 days of the incident shall not be accepted.

Rifle and Pistol

a. Norms for bypass

An athlete can bypass a score for any of the above reasons **ONLY ONCE** in one Shooting Calendar year. At no point, will the athlete be allowed to bypass more than one score in one calendar year even if the different clauses can be invoked. For example, an athlete requests the bypassing of a score due to weapon breakage, then even if he/she has another episode-in the same shooting year, which falls under another clause, it would not be permitted as the limit of bypassing a score-is only once in a shooting calendar . For bypassing a score, the Athlete must apply to the NRAI **within 3 days of the incident** and letting the NRAI know that this is the first and only time that s / he has claimed the bypass of a score in an event, in the relevant shooting calendar. **APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER 3 DAYS OF THE INCIDENT SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

b. FAILURE of equipment in "Random Check"

In the case of an athlete who is disqualified due to his / her equipment not passing equipment control test in a 'random check' after the match, and it is established that this failure to pass the equipment control was beyond his / her control then the athlete'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 [EC] prior to the commencement of the match, and it can be established that the athlete has not tampered with the equipment. On the request of an athlete - the EC official will state the reason for failure of equipment in writing. The athlete along with the national coach must make an application to the NRAI within 3 days of the incident, requesting that s / he be allowed to bypass that score. The approval for this bypass will be permitted only after thorough evaluation by RTS/ NRAI.

In the case of Pistol events - this rule shall not apply if the failure is due to Trigger Weight.

5. TIME FRAME

Calculation of the Moving Average Method (MAM) – Time Frame Clause

1. Validity of Scores

- ii. The five scores of an athlete [S1...S5] must not be older than **180 days**.
- iii. The score will be calculated backwards from the last day of the latest competition.
- iv. Example: If a competition begins on 21.12.2000 and ends on 30.12.2000, counting will start from 30.12.2000.

- v. If the 180th day coincides with the last day of the oldest competition, the score will be considered valid, even if the event was actually shot a few days earlier.
- vi. If, within this 180-day period, an athlete has only four scores, then he/she will not get the benefit of deducting the lowest score.

2. Applicability of the Time Frame Clause

The time frame clause comes into effect only when an athlete wishes to skip a Domestic Recognised Competition (DRC).

3. Relaxation under Time Frame Clause

a. Insufficient Non-Restrictive DRCs

- a. If NRAI has not conducted an adequate number of non-restrictive DRCs, the 180-day limit will be extended by the NRAI for the calculation of the Average Score (AvS)

b. Extraordinary Cases

- b. NRAI may extend the time frame in cases of exceptional athletes who have consistently proven themselves at major international competitions in the last 2 years but are unable to participate in the current Recognised competition/s. The NRAI would extend the time frame to a maximum of 210 days.
- c. Such athletes must have obtained advance consent from the NRAI by explaining; in writing; their compelling contingency.
- d. In these cases, the Selection Committee will record its reasons in writing while justifying the decision.

c. Purpose of the Clause

- i. The clause ensures that athletes present their most recent performances and discourages reliance on old results.
- ii. It applies only when NRAI organizes a DRC and an athlete seeks to skip it, provided s /he already has the required number of scores within the time frame.
- iii. NRAI retains the discretion to extend the time frame whenever necessary.

6. 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 athletes, would be maintained as per Group selected by them. Once a Group “B” junior athlete selects a category [senior or junior], the scores in trials/competitions shall be considered under that particular category only. Scores of Athletes opting for Junior category will be logged in the Junior category log.
- c. There will only be one Log sheet for Juniors and Youth athletes and no separate Log sheet will be prepared for Youth athletes. For the purpose of selection of Youth Athletes (for international competitions in Air weapon events), the scores of eligible youth athletes will be lifted from Junior Log sheet for the purpose for selection of Youth athletes.

- d. After every National Championship “B” Group - junior / youth athlete’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 athletes giving him / her the opportunity to reconsider his Group / category at the time of consolidation of scores. Scores of athletes that are participating in the newly introduced “Youth category” for firearm events” in domestic competitions will be treated as junior athletes for the purpose of MAM and their scores will be inserted in the Junior Log.
- e. All scores achieved by an athlete 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 athlete in any recognized competition can be ignored /bypassed or evaded.
- f. FINALS in restricted competitions: Junior/Youth Athletes or any other category of athletes who shoot ‘Finals’ in restricted competitions [where the competition is not a 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, an athlete 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.

7. ELIGIBILITY 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 athletes, as mentioned below.
- b. Group A will consist of the senior category ONLY. For International competitions, athletes of Group A would shoot only in senior category, irrespective of their age. It would be mandatory for Junior /Youth Athletes who are top rankers in the senior category to make their choice of “Category” (whether they wish to opt for Senior Category or Junior category) and once such choice is made – the athlete would not be permitted to change the category before 69 NSCC and would shoot under the same category throughout the calendar year. **IN CASE ANY JUNIOR / YOUTH ATHLETE FAILS TO INFORM HIS/HER DECISION WITHIN STIPULATED TIME FIXED BY NRAI, THE NRAI SHALL INCLUDE THE ATHLETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS/HER RANKING AFTER 68th NSCC.**
- c. On Conclusion of the 68th 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 Group “A” for each Olympic event will be as follows:**
 - 20 athletes in each event of 50M Rifle3 P
 - 20 athletes for 25M Pistol Women
 - 12 athletes for 25M Rapid Fire Pistol
 - 25 athletes in each event of 10M Rifle and 10M Pistol
- e. Once the ranking is announced – those athletes 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 athletes opt to join Group “B” then NRAI would fill the vacant slots with the next athlete. **However, the NRAI would not permit athletes below the ranking of 25 in the 25 M Pistol Women and 50M Rifle 3P events; 30 in the 10M events and for the Rapid-Fire Pistol event there will be no inclusion below the ranking of 12.**
- f. EXAMPLE – Only top 20 ranking athletes in 25 M Pistol category will be included in Group “A”. In case the top 20 rankings include some senior / juniors /youth athletes, who opt for Group “B”, then these vacant slots will be allotted to the next athlete in order of merit but will not include any athlete below the rank of 25 irrespective of any vacant spots.

- g. If an athlete 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”.
- h. (Example – If athlete X is placed in Group “A” for Air Pistol Women and is also eligible for Group “B” Open Trials in 25M Pistol Women, she will be permitted to compete in the 25 M Pistol Women Selection Trials under Group “A”, provided she has achieved the MQS / is otherwise eligible to participate in the Open Trials.)
- i. Once the Groups are formed then eligible athletes 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.
- j. **FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY.**
- k. For competitions like NSCC, KSS.- Finals will be conducted irrespective of the Athletes Group [athlete 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 athlete [Chart X].
- l. The President /Secretary General may allow two athletes in each event, irrespective of their ranking, to be a part of group A and participate in Selection Trials of Group A.

8. INTERNAL ASSESSMENT CONSOLIDATION AND EVALUATION

- a. There will be an evaluation of all athletes twice in a calendar year – after the National Championship and after Selection trial four (4) or 135 days, after the completion of the National Championship – whichever is earlier. In both these periods of consolidation, the Averages of both Groups will be merged and then ranked in order of Merit and based on the revised ranking; the following may be affected. In 2026, Consolidation of AvS of both groups to be done after the 68th NSCC and selection trial 4. On the basis of the consolidated scores – after the 68th NSCC – group A and B will be formed. NSQ 2026 will be constituted from amongst group A athletes – on completion of ST 2 and re-evaluated after ST 4.
- b.
 - 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.
- c. The junior / youth athlete 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 an athlete opts for junior category, s/he will not be considered for the team selection in senior category under Group “B”.
- d. It is clarified that the senior athletes of Group “B” will only be selected in non- Olympic events for international competitions.

9. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION TRIALS – GROUP B:

- a. The athlete has achieved the MQS as per Annexure “A” during 68th NSCC in that event or in during KSS 2025 / 26.
- b. The athlete’s highest three scores in RCs in the previous year are equal/more than the MQS as stated in Annexure “A” for that event. A Junior / Youth athlete / 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 in all events of the stream in which s/he has received the Award.
- d. A Transit athlete who is qualified to shoot Junior Trials by virtue of having shot the requisite MQS in the 68th 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 2026.
- e. No Finals will be organized for STs of Group B.
- f. Junior / youth athletes, 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 Senior category.
- g. For selection of teams [at competitions where NRAI is fielding teams] in the non-Olympic events – only top ranking 12 athletes – in order of merit - would be eligible to participate at own cost. Hence athletes 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 athletes who desire participating at own cost – IN ORDER OF MERIT. Athletes ranked 13th and above would not be permitted to represent the country in any event.

10. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ] - 2026

- a. The athletes for National Squad – 2026 will be selected as per their ranking after the conduct of the Selection Trial 2 (ST 2) (2026); from amongst the athletes of Group A.
- b. The NSQ 2026 shall be constituted for Olympic events ONLY – There will only be a senior category.

Number of athletes in each event: 10 athletes per Olympic event for Rifle / Pistol - M / W.

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c. National Squad Program

- i. The National Squad Program will be implemented by the National Coaches along with their coaching team. Once an athlete opts to be a part of the National Squad – NSQ, s / he- 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. In case of any contingency, the HPD in consultation with the HPM and coaches, may grant leave of absence to an athlete from attending a particular coaching camp / part of a coaching camp. **It would be mandatory for all athletes, selected for an international competition, to attend the pre-departure coaching camp.**
- ii. The top ranking 10 athletes of each event will be selected in the NSQ 2026...
- iii. On the announcement of the NSQ 2026 - an athlete who is named in the NSQ list may opt out of being a part of NSQ 2026. S/he must inform the NRAI within 3 days of the announcement of the NSQ. . Every vacant spot in the NSQ will be replaced by the next ranking athlete, in order of merit. **Once the athlete decides to be a part of the NSQ program, the athlete will be obliged to follow all the rules made by the NRAI / HPD / Head Coach / National coach.**

11. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS – SENIORS AND JUNIORS

a. SENIOR COMPETITIONS

- i. Selection of athletes/teams for international competitions for Olympic Events, would be in order of merit and would be selected from Group “A” only.
- ii. NSQ 2026 will be constituted after the conduct of the Selection Trial 2 (ST 2).

For the selection of the first two world cups – WC X & WC Y the top 6 Athletes would be divided into two groups A (1-3) & B (4-6), in each event. These 6 athletes would shoot one world cup each [WC X / WC Y]. Athlete ranked 7 & 8 will shoot in WC X as RPO and Athletes ranked 9 & 10 will shoot in WC Y. For the next two world cups again both teams (as per the revised rankings) will be sent to one World cup each.

If an Athlete belongs to group A in one event and ranked 4, 5 or 6 (group B) in the second event then s/he will participate as RPO in the second event in WC X and the Athlete ranked 7th in the second event would be included in group B for that event in WC Y. The athletes ranked 1-3 / 4-6 would be given preferential RPO slots over the athletes ranked 7/8 in WC X or 9/10 in WC Y.

Athletes ranked 1-6 would be given preferential status for their second event for the RPO slots.

- iii. No athlete will participate in more than 2 world cups in 2026 irrespective of whether the athlete participated as a team member or in the RPO category. The NRAI may also switch the top 6 athletes within the two teams - if required / as advised by the coaches. Due to the wide base of top athletes - It will be the policy of the NRAI to ensure that the top10 ranking athletes of an event are given an opportunity to participate in the World Cups and such competitions.
- iv. For international competitions in Olympic events, where 5 participants per country are permitted, - the top athletes of team A / B in order of merit would participate at Govt cost. For the RPO (Ranking Points Only) - the highest-ranking athlete (in order of merit – within ranking of 1-12), who are willing to participate at own cost; subject to the rules within this article and its sub clauses.. These athletes would be permitted to participate in that international competition in the RPO category at own cost.
- v. In Competitions / Games where the organisers place a cap on the total number of participants; the selection committee would have the absolute right to select a “common Athlete /s” and it’s decision would be final and binding on all.

b. JUNIOR/YOUTH COMPETITIONS

- i. Age Criteria

The age criteria, as defined under ISSF rules shall be determined for juniors and youth athletes.

- ii. Participation in international competitions:

Junior/Youth athletes of Group “B” can only participate in one category i.e. **Senior or Junior** and the athlete will continue to shoot in the selected category in all International Competitions during the

year 2026. If a Junior/Youth athlete elects to be a part of senior 'B' category, s / he must inform the NRAI by email ONLY - within 3 days of the rankings being announced or else s / he will be regarded as a Junior / Youth category athlete.. Junior/Youth athletes will shoot in international competition under category selected by them and will not be allowed to change it in the shooting calendar year of 2026 .

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

- i. No athlete ranked above 1-12 [Group "A"] would be permitted to represent the country at an IRC at own cost.
- ii. Athletes 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:
 - a. 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 athlete having sought permission from the NRAI in writing.
 - b. Athlete 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. The NRAI may permit "at own cost" participation to any desirous athlete in the order of merit only.
- iii. All scores shot in an IRC whether by selection or at 'own cost' will be considered for ranking. This will also be applicable in competitions for junior's and youth.
- iv. Notwithstanding the above, on the recommendations of the President, the Selection Committee of NRAI, may allow any athlete, 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 athlete.

12. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN NON-OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- a. Selection Trials for Non- Olympic Pistol events will be conducted in Group B – Senior category ONLY.
- b. For International Competitions which include non - Olympic events in their program, [e.g. the World Championship, Asian shooting championship etc.] the NRAI may permit its athletes to participate at own cost.
- c. When a Shooting calendar comprises an IRC [in which NRAI intends to field its team] which includes non- Olympic events in its program, Pistol athletes of Group "A" will be permitted to participate in STs of Group "B" in Non-Olympic Events. Their selection in non-Olympic events would be subject to condition under Clause (e & f) below. Group A Pistol athletes - desirous of participating in these selection trials - must keep themselves informed of the selection trial program for Group B. The NRAI will not be responsible for keeping them informed.

- d. The NRAI will announce the Selection Trials in which Group “A” athletes may participate in Group “B” selection trials for non-Olympic events. This will be permitted for a specific Championship/ Competition.
- e. A Pistol Athlete of Group “A” would be permitted to shoot the selection trials of Group B for non-Olympic events only in the specific years as mentioned in clause ‘c’. **These trials would be held ONLY in the program for Group B.** When the international event is being held within the 1st half of the calendar year – **for the A Group athlete;** the following 3 scores - NSCC + ST1 + ST2 / (divided by) / 3, will be considered for arriving at his / her Average Score. All three scores will be considered for the AvS and no deletion would be permitted. This rule of 3 scores applies to Group A athletes only. The AvS of group A athletes would be merged with AvS of group B athletes to arrive at the ranking.
- f. A Pistol Athlete who is selected in the Indian team for an Olympic event for a particular championship /competition; would not be permitted to participate in the non-Olympic event /s, in that championship / competition. The athlete who is selected for an Olympic event; would automatically be dropped from the non-Olympic event and the athlete next in ranking in the non-Olympic event would be selected.
- g. For the Rifle Athletes of Group A – the trials for the one and only non-Olympic event – the 50 M Rifle Prone - will be conducted within the program of the group A trials. These trials will be held during the program of Group A, irrespective of there being any international event as mentioned in clause ‘c’ There will be no restrictions on a selected athlete of 50M 3 P event from participating in the prone position events in an IRC.
- h. The above restrictions – clause (f) - will only apply to pistol shooting.
- i. **MAM for selection of non - Olympic Events for Group “ A ” Pistol Athletes:**
 - i. When the IRC is in the 1st half of the calendar year – 3 scores [NSCC + ST1 + ST2] will be used for arriving at the AvS. No deletion will be permitted. This AvS will be placed on the charts along with AvS of the group B athlete (whose AvS is based on 5 scores)and the athlete with the highest AvS – in order of merit will be selected
 - ii. When the international competition is held in the 2nd of the year - the athlete will shoot all STs of group B and his /her AvS will be calculated as per norms of MAM. Note: Pistol Athletes of group A – please note that when the international competition is in the 2nd half of the calendar year the pistol athlete will be evaluated on the previous 5 scores as per MAM and AvS on 3 scores will not be permitted,

For Group A 50 M Rifle Prone Athletes – Only those athletes that have a minimum of 4 scores - as required for MAM – will be considered.

For Non-Olympic 50 M Rifle Prone event - scores of Group and A & B will be consolidated and selection will be on the consolidated ranking.

13. ZERO ATHLETE [ZS]

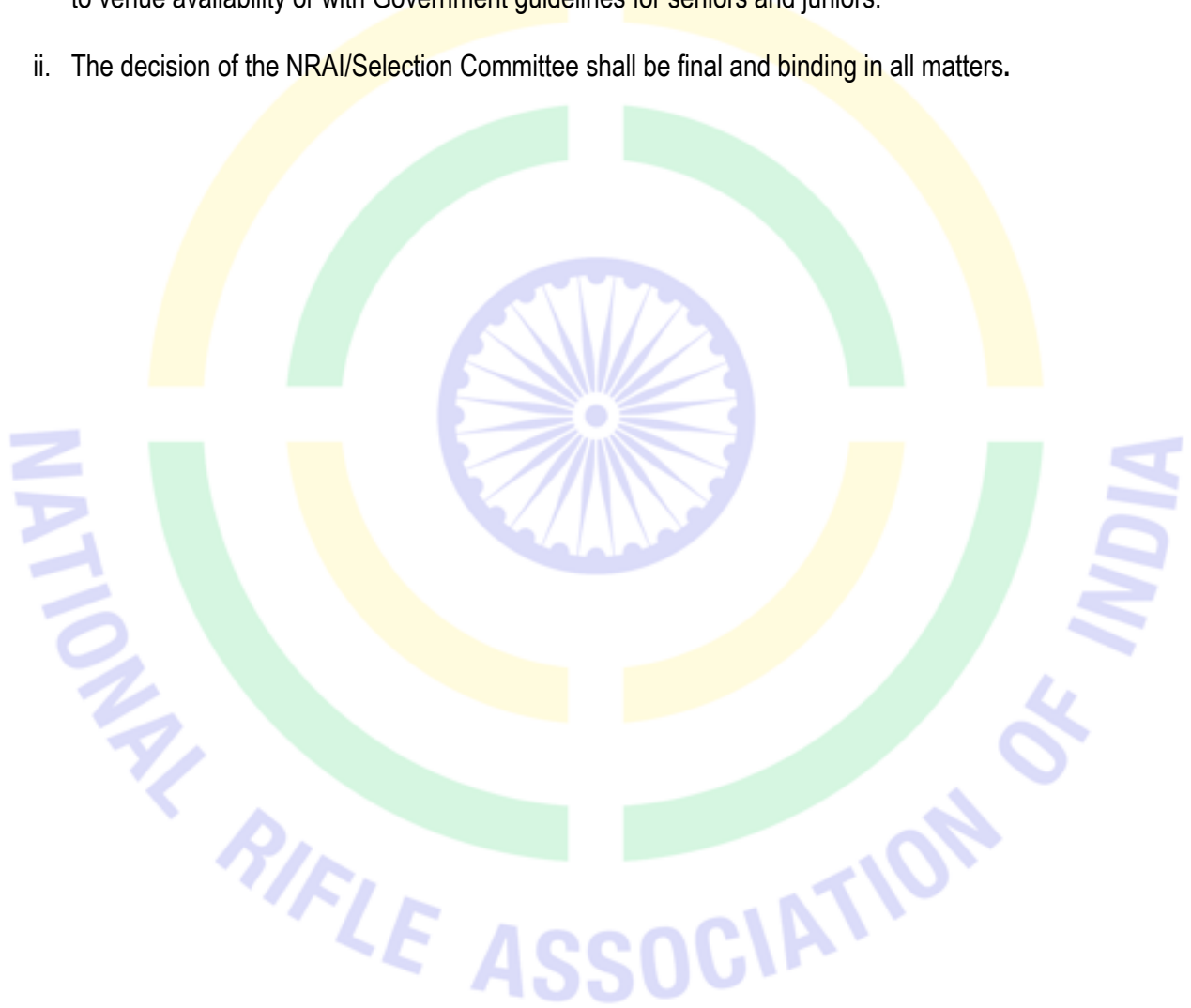
- a. A TOP athlete, who desires to shoot a selection trial for examining/ experimenting /testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a ZERO ATHLETE and such scores shot for experimental purpose would not be considered in the calculation of MAM. Provided that the athlete requests in writing, prior to the competition, stating that s/he wishes to shoot as a Zero Athlete. **This provision will be available only to the top 8 ranking athletes of that event and ONLY**

IF the athlete has sent an email application BEFORE 5 PM ON PREVIOUS DAY OF THE TRIAL. APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND SCORE SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR MAM, IF THE ATHLETES OPTS FOR SHOOTING THE TRIAL.

- b. The athlete is not permitted to shoot as Zero Athlete in any IRC or DRC except Selection Trials.

14. CONCLUSION

- i. The calendar with tentative dates and venue is published on the website. The NRAI reserves the right to revise the dates of trials/competitions, selection of team or change the venue of trials/competitions subject to venue availability or with Government guidelines for seniors and juniors.
- ii. The decision of the NRAI/Selection Committee shall be final and binding in all matters.



Annexure "A"

QUALIFYING SCORES FOR TRIALS for 2026

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

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

SELECTION CRITERIA – 2026

SHOTGUN EVENT

1. SCOPE OF THE CRITERIA

- a. The scope of this Policy would be based on Moving Average Method (MAM) basis for senior and junior shotgun athletes.
- b. This Policy would come into effect from 68th NSCC 2025 and shall cover all events and shooting disciplines for shotgun athletes. No previous score or any other performance shall be considered. All athletes shall start from Zero – with a clean slate. This approach has been designed to allow every athlete to start afresh, thereby creating a fair and level playing field where performance alone will determine ranking and future opportunities.
- c. These rules shall be applicable to all seniors/juniors' athletes unless specified for juniors.
- d. It shall be binding on all sportspersons who seek to represent the country in international events.
- e. In keeping with the principal of selecting the best from the best junior men & junior women, shall also be deemed to be included for eligibility to team selection under this Criteria.
- f. **Finals shall be conducted in both senior and junior events. Bonus points shall be added to the qualifying score and shall be treated as Qualification Score.**
- g. **No athlete shall be permitted to participate in more than two World Cups in 2026.**
- h. **Junior athletes are required to select one age category – senior or junior. Participation in both categories simultaneously will not be permitted.**
- i. It shall be effective for the benefit of athletes, who at the time of their selection, shall be determined to be eligible for representing the country in the international arena as per the prevailing Criteria of the Government of India (GOI).

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION TRIALS (SHOTGUN)

Athletes who achieve Minimum Qualification Scores, as per Selection Criteria during 68 National Shooting Championship Competitions 2025-26 or Digvijay Singh Memorial Shooting Championship (DSMSC) shall be eligible to participate in designated selection trials for selection for international competitions and Asian Games.

EVENT	SENIOR	JUNIOR
Trap Men	110	100
Skeet Men	110	100
Trap Women	95	90
Skeet Women	95	90

3. DEFINITION OF AVERAGE SCORE (AvS):

- a. The AvS will be calculated using the best 3 scores out of the latest 4 scores achieved by an athlete.
- b. **In case, an athlete has only three scores, all scores will be considered for calculating the average and athlete will not have the option to drop one low score.**

- c. No scores may be omitted, bypassed, or excluded unless specifically permitted under this criterion.
- d. The ranking of athletes shall be determined by calculating their average score, derived from qualifying scores together with any applicable bonus points.

4. BONUS POINTS:

- a. Bonus points, as per chart below, are added only to the specific qualification score to of the individual score (s). Score plus Bonus shall be treated as Qualifying Score.
- b. Bonus points are not added to the calculated average (AvS).

COMPETITION	RANK 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
International	6	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
Domestic Comp/Trials	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

5. ILLUSTRATION FOR SELECTION OF TEAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS EXCLUDING ASIAN GAMES

SCORES OF ATHLETE “X”

68 NSCC	120+3(BONUS)	123
DMSC		120
TRIAL 1		119
TRIAL 2		122

$$123+120+122 = 365/3 \quad 121.66$$

In a similar way, the bonus points, if accrued during international competition, as stated under Table above, will be added to international qualifying score.

The above is only an illustration to indicate the method of calculating the average and shall not be quoted or treated as the basis for selection.

ABOVE

6. BASIS OF SELECTION

(1) National Squad (NSQ)

- a. NSQ shall consist of ten athletes, including the juniors, who opt for senior category for the purpose of participation only in senior category.
- b. First 10 athletes, based on the ranking arrived after calculating the average, based on the performance in following competitions shall be selected for NSQ:

First Score – 68th NSCC

Second Score – 3rd DSMSC,

Third/Fourth Score – Selection Trials 1 & 2

Average of three high scores / 3 shall be the basis of ranking.

(2) World Cups

- a. The ranking of athletes will be determined on the basis of their **Average Score (AvS)** computed from their qualifying scores plus bonus points, if any.
- b. For selection of teams for first two World Cups at Tangier, Morocco and Almaty, Kazakhstan, the average will be calculated based on the scores of followings:

First Score – 68th NSCC

Second Score – 3rd DSMSC,

Third/Fourth Score – Selection Trials 1 & 2

Average of three high scores / 3 shall be the basis of ranking.

Athletes ranked 4 – 6 will be selected for Tangier, Morocco World Cup

Athletes ranked 9 – 10 will be permitted to participate at own cost as RPO.

Athletes ranked 1 – 3 will be selected for Almaty, Kazakhstan World Cup

Athletes ranked 7 – 8 will be permitted to participate at own cost as RPO.

Top three athletes, 1 – 3, will have the option to compete in their preferred World Cup, choosing between Morocco and Kazakhstan. They must inform NRAI within the time, as fixed by NRAI, for this purpose. In absence of any information, the athlete will participate in World Cup as stated above.

c. Selection of teams for Asian Games 2026

1. For the 20th Asian Games – 2026 – Athletes will be selected on the basis of the method set within this criteria; subject to the norms set by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Govt. of India. Athletes – in order of merit as per Criteria – would be selected ONLY if s / he fulfils the additional norms set by the MYAS and else the athlete next in order of merit – fulfilling the additional criteria of MYAS will be selected.

2. Ranking Criteria for Selection of Asian Games Team

The ranking for the purpose of selection of the Asian Games team shall be determined as follows:

- **Score 1:** Average of the two highest scores obtained in the following three competitions:
 - DMSC
 - Selection Trial 1 (ST-1)
 - Selection Trial 2 (ST-2)
- **Score 2:** Score achieved in the World Cup Tangier / Almaty (Mandatory)
- **Final Average:**

Final Average = (Score 1+Score 2) / 2

Notwithstanding the above, the conditions of MYAS as per 6(2)(c)(1) shall prevail.

d. Selection of teams for World Cups at Lonato, Italy and Hangzhou, China will be as under:

- i. Team selected for Asian Games shall participate in Lonato World Cup. RPOs 7 – 8 rank athletes.
- ii. Athletes ranked 4-6, as per ranking for Asian Games, will participate in Hangzhou World Cup. RPOs ranked 9-10.

e. Selection of teams for ISSF World Championship, Doha, Qatar

The teams for World Championship shall be selected on the basis average, based on the four scores after Trial 3 & 4. The scores of both World Cups will be mandatory and athlete will be allowed to drop one score out of Trial 3 & 4. The average will be calculated as illustrated below.

Score 1 – World Cup Tangier, Morocco/Almaty, Kazakhstan (Mandatory)

Score 2 – World Cup Lonato, Italy, Hangzhou, China (Mandatory)

Score 3 & 4 – Selection Trial 3 & 4

Average of 3 scores (Score 1, Score 2 & Score 3 or 4) / 3

PLEASE NOTE THAT:

1. Scores of all World Cups are mandatory and cannot be dropped. In case of non-participation, the score will be counted as ZERO
2. In case any athlete have 3 scores, all 3 scores will be considered for ranking purposes
3. In case any athlete have less than 3 scores, h/she will not be considered for ranking purposes

(3) National Squad (NSQ)

- c. NSQ shall consist of ten athletes, including the juniors, who opt for senior category for the purpose of participation only in senior category.
- d. First 10 athletes, based on the ranking arrived after calculating the average, based on the performance in following competitions shall be selected for NSQ:

First Score – 68 NSCC

Second Score – 3rd DSMSC,

Third/Fourth Score – Selection Trials 1 & 2

Average of three high scores – 3/4, shall be the basis of ranking.

(4) World Cups

- f. The ranking of athletes will be determined on the basis of their **Average Score (AvS)** computed from their qualifying scores plus bonus points, if any.
- g. For selection of teams for first two World Cups at Tangier, Morocco and Almaty, Kazakhstan, the average will be calculated based on the scores of followings:

First Score – 68 NSCC

Second Score – 3rd DSMSC

Third/Fourth Score – Selection Trials 1 & 2

Athletes ranked 4 – 6 will be selected for Tangier, Morocco World Cup
Athletes ranked 9 – 10 will be permitted to participate at own cost as RPO.

Athletes ranked 1 – 3 will be selected for Shymkent, Kazakhstan World Cup
Athletes ranked 7 – 8 will be permitted to participate at own cost as RPO.

Top three athletes, 1 – 3, will have the option to compete in their preferred World Cup, choosing between Morocco and Kazakhstan. They must inform NRAI within the time, as fixed by NRAI, for this purpose. In absence of any information, the athlete will participate in World Cup as stated above.

h. Selection of teams for Asian Games 2026

3. For the 20th Asian Games – 2026 – Athletes will be selected on the basis of the method set within this criteria; subject to the norms set by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Govt. of India. Athletes – in order of merit as per Criteria – would be selected ONLY if s / he fulfils the additional norms set by the MYAS and else the athlete next in order of merit – fulfilling the additional criteria of MYAS will be selected.

4. Ranking Criteria for Selection of Asian Games Team

The ranking for the purpose of selection of the Asian Games team shall be determined as follows:

- **Score 1:** Average of the two highest scores obtained in the following three competitions:
 - DMSC
 - Selection Trial 1 (ST-1)
 - Selection Trial 2 (ST-2)
- **Score 2:** Score achieved in the World Cup
- **Final Average:**

Final Average = (Score 1+Score 2)/2

Notwithstanding the above, the conditions of MYAS as per 6(2)(c)(1) shall prevail.

i. Selection of teams for World Cups at Lonato, Italy and Hangzhou, China will be as under:

- iii. Team selected for Asian Games shall participate in Lonato World Cup.
RPOs 7 – 8 rank athletes.
- iv. Athletes ranked 4-6, as per ranking for Asian Games, will participate in Hangzhou World Cup. RPOs ranked 9-10.

j. Selection of teams for ISSF World Championship, Doha, Qatar

The teams for World Championship shall be selected on the basis average, based on the latest four scores after Trial 3 & 4. The average will be calculated as illustrated below.

World Cup Score 1 – Tangier, Morocco, World Cup Score 2 - Almaty, Kazakhstan Trial 3 and Trial 4. Three high scores/3

7. TIE BREAKING

- If averages are identical, the most recent score will be used as the first tie-breaker.
- If still tied, the second-most recent score will be considered, and so on.

8. SELECTION OF JUNIOR ATHLETES

- Any junior athlete born in 2005 or afterwards, who has achieved the Selection Trial MQS for the senior category, shall have the option to opt for the senior category. Those who have not achieved the senior Trial MQS shall be permitted to participate only in the junior category. Each shooter may participate in either the senior or the junior category, but not both. Once a category is selected, it shall remain unchanged until the next Selection Criteria 2027 is announced.**
- The teams for juniors shall also be selected following the MAM as per Rule 1 supra. The Selection Trials for juniors may be conducted concurrently with seniors' selection trials.
- There will be a separate log sheet for juniors and junior athletes shall be selected for international competitions based on the average, as illustrated under Clause 5 and subject to their eligibility to participate in junior competition (age criteria of ISSF to be followed).
- The NRAI may conduct exclusive selection trials for juniors. Athletes who opted for senior category shall not be permitted to participate in junior selection trials.
- The selection of junior athletes shall be based on scores available with NRAI at the time of selection of team.**
- On conclusion of 68 NSCC, the junior athletes, who wish to opt for senior category, must inform NRAI through email within 7 days from the day of conclusion of their event (Trap or Skeet). In absence of any response, the junior athlete shall be included in junior category.

9. CONCLUSION

- The calendar with tentative dates and venue is published on the website. The NRAI reserves the right to revise the dates of trials/competitions, selection of team or change the venue of trials/competitions subject to venue availability or with Government guidelines for seniors and juniors.
- The decision of the NRAI/Selection Committee shall be final and binding in all matters.

Standard Operating Procedure CUM (SOP) for NSQ,
Pre-Event and International Competitions (UPDATED 2025)

Objective: To ensure the effective organization, discipline, and performance of athletes 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 behaviour 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 NADA/WADA anti-doping regulations, including regular testing and awareness of prohibited substances. Similarly, athletes are responsible for filling out their ADAMS whereabouts before leaving home.

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 HPD/HPM, 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. Athletes will not enter the rooms of opposite gender.

Parents and personal coaches will not be allowed to stay in the same accommodation where the Indian team is accommodated. Parents and personal coaches are welcome to support athletes but must make their own separate accommodation arrangements. They may not interfere with team training schedules or activities, nor will they enter FOP or Athlete area.

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 programme 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 athlete/personal coach.

Athletes, coaches, and officials are responsible for understanding and adhering to this SOP. Athletes 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 athlete who are below the age of 18 years, **High Performance Plan:** The purpose of a High-Performance Sport Science Plan is to prepare our National Squad Athletes for peak performance on demand at International competitions such as: World Championships, Asian Championships, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, and the Olympic Games.

To achieve these goals, athletes will be required to track, monitor and submit the following data to ensure athlete readiness according to their Annual Training Plan (ATP):

- 1) Athlete's Annual Training Plan
- 2) Athlete's Daily Wellness Profile
- 3) Athlete's Technical KPI's from SCATT
- 4) Athlete's Tactical KPI's from competition
- 5) Athlete's Physical S & C Profile
- 6) Athlete's Nutrition Profile
- 7) Athlete's Physio Profile
- 6) Athlete's Psychological Performance Profile
- 7) Athlete's Rest & Recovery Plans

This data will be collected throughout the Annual Training Plan during the Preparation, Pre-competitive, Competitive and Transition Phases of the Annual Training and Competition Plan.

This data for the following: athlete feedback, coach feedback and may be utilized for the purpose of optimizing athlete performance toward the Asian Championships, Asian Games and Olympic Games while maintaining the confidentiality of the personal details of the athlete.

Conclusion: This SOP is designed to promote professionalism, discipline, and fairness in the management of shooting teams during pre-event camps, NSQ camps and/or on International competitions. 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 sports person
- 2) Be respectful towards HPD, HPM, Coaches, staff of NRAI and fellow athletes
- 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 and carry track suit to competitions for podium dress.
- 6) Be disciplined on and off the field of play
- 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 athlete 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 Athlete is responsible to notify to NRAI about his/her personal coach/support staff.

- 16) Athlete 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 athletes 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 HPD/HPM and/or 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) Athletes 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 HPD/HPM and the Chief Coach/coach in charge.
- 21) Athletes are required to inform NRAI and or sport science team member about any past or present medical condition, which could hamper their performance or require medical attention
- 22) Its athletes' responsibility to update any changes in their arms and passport details to NRAI
- 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, ADAMS whereabouts and not to use prescription drugs which are not permitted under WADA/NADA rules
- 25) In case of any grievance, apprise HPD/HPM, 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 athletes, coaches, other office bearers of NRAI and against the policies of Govt. of India/SAI/NRAI
- 27) Should diligently attend and perform at any training, workshop/conference conducted by NRAI for the betterment and skill enhancement of the Athletes
- 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.
- 30) Athletes will incur both cost and penalty by the disciplinary committee for damages that occur in hotel rooms or otherwise.

SUSPENSION

The athlete 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 athletes
- 6) Absence from camp without prior approval from the concerned authority
- 7) Damage to fellow athlete's equipment or range property
- 8) Causing mental stress/annoyance to fellow athletes by any act which is violation to the spirit of the shooting sport, rules of NRAI/ISSF
- 9) Causing physical injury to any athlete or person connected with the camp for training/participation
- 10) Use of unparliamentarily 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 disparaging comments that belittle or show lack of respect for any NRAI official, HPD, HPM, Coach, sport science support staff, gender, religious or casteist account, that may be emotionally disturbing or intended to lower the reputation or value of the person or thing being discussed or intended to lower the reputation or value of the person being discussed.
- 14) Any act, which is contrary to the Code of Conduct or otherwise, may lead to disciplinary action.
- 15) The athlete will not leave the city/state or country of the competition without the written permission form the NRAI or unless accompanied by NRAI team/Coach.
- 16) Minimum usage of electronic equipment or mobile during the competition/without the knowledge/consent of NRAI and/or 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, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Name of the Athlete: _____

Signature of the Athlete: _____

Name of the parent/Guardian Signature: _____
(in case minor below the age of 18 years)

Date: