

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

As decided by the Governing Body on _____

The National Rifle Association of India's [NRAI] ranking criteria for all RIFLE events – 2024

For the purpose of selection of its teams for International competitions and for the purpose of internal assessment, the NRAI would rank its Rifle shooters by applying the within mentioned ranking criteria – the Moving Average Method (MAM). The within mentioned Selection Criteria is a continuous Criteria which may be subject to additions / amendments to some clauses. The amendments to this Policy shall come into force from the commencement of the 66th National Shooting Championship Competitions -2023.

Salient features of the Selection Policy2024:

- **Shooters to be divided into 2 groups – A and B**
- Group A would consist of the top-ranking shooters in Senior category. [criteria within].
- Group B would consist of shooters including the juniors/youth eligible to shoot the Open Selection Trials and are not a part of Group A.
- National Squad and selection of athletes/teams for international competitions - to be selected from Group A Only.
- Group A shooters will not be permitted to shoot in ANY match in Group B Trial.
- Shooters who accept being in Group A will not be permitted to change groups unless they have specifically been permitted to do so.
- 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 opt for Senior Category or Junior Category] and once such choice is made – the shooter would not be permitted to change before the 67th NSCC – S/he would shoot in the same category through the year.
- There will not be a junior/youth category in Group A and trials for juniors/youth will be conducted under Group B. The junior/youth 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 of junior category, he/she will not be considered for selection in senior category of matches under Group B. 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.
- It is clarified that the senior shooters of Group B will only be selected in non- Olympic events during international competitions.
- After Trial 4, the performance of the shooters will be assessed and the NSQ Member/s may be replaced by another better performing athlete from Group A or B. Also Group A and B will be reorganized 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 trial 4 or 6 months after the National Championship – whichever is earlier and 2) after the National Championship.**
- 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].
- Selection of Group A, NSQ members – 2024 and selection of teams for participation in international competitions prior to the conduct of selection trials 1 & 2 will be based on the Moving Average after the completion of the 66th NSCC [scores from Trial 4 onwards will be considered for MAM] NSQ 2024 will only be selected from shooters of group A.

- FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR GROUP A ONLY.
- There will not be any Minimum Travel Score (MTS) in any event.
- **QUOTA HOLDERS**, irrespective of their national ranking, shall be selected in the main team in all non-Quota Competitions like World Cups and international competitions, where NRAI is fielding a team. In the Quota competitions, the quota holder will be ineligible to enter in any further ISSF Quota Events until India has won the maximum allowable quotas in the relevant discipline. THIS WILL BE APPLICABLE TILL THE CONCLUSION OF 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES.

1. **The Moving Average Method - [MAM]:**

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.

Method of computation of the Average Score [AvS]:

The ranking of the shooter will be ascertained by adding the high 4 scores of the latest 5 scores and divided the total by 4. The bonus points, as per Chart X below, gained during the Final ranking 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 Score

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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

The points gained in the Finals (Chart X) will ONLY be added to the specific qualification score and NEVER to the Average [AvS].

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.

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

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.

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.

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 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
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Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.WCh.OGsWCF	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2
2.AGs/ASC/WC	3.0	2.0	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
3.NSCC/CWGs	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.3		
4.OtherIRC/DRC	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.3		-	-	-

Above Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL for Rifle 3P Matches

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.WCh. OGs WCF	2.0	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4
2. AGs/ASC/ WC	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
3. NSCC / CWGs	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3		
4. Other IRC/DRC	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3		-	-	-

Above Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL for Air Rifle events.

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.

a. List of Recognized Competitions

IRC – INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

DRC – DOMESTIC RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

IRC’s will include those international competitions which offer the opportunity for obtaining an Olympic Quota and other regular 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 Championship [NSCC]
- National Games[NG]
- Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship.
- Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship [KSS] and any other competition of this level declared by the Governing Body of the NRAI.
- **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 NRC / IRC- would be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

3. Weapon Breakage and other rules

3a. Weapon Breakage [all Events]: 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 the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to breakage of the Rifle, the shooter would be allowed to bypass the score. This clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail in 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 Rifle 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.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] **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]-it would not be permitted as the limit of **bypassing a score**-is **ONLY** once in a shooting calendar ear.

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.

3c. 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.

3d. A shooter who does not shoot a competition after having submitted his / her **entry for an RC** - the above rule will be applied, that is; it will be assumed that s/he has shot the competition, and s/he will not be allowed to bypass that competition. Hence his / her nonparticipation will be treated as **withdrawal** and same above rule 3c will be applied for the calculation of AvS. A shooter who is not desirous of participating in the selection trials or any other RC is advised not to send his / her entry to the NRAI for that competition or s /he may withdraw his / her entry [**by email only**] 72 hours prior to the commencement of his/her event-giving reasons for the same.

3e. A shooter who cannot or does not wish to participate in an international competition, for which s/he is selected/or is likely to be selected—must inform the NRAI of his/her intentions at least 2 months prior to the commencement of the international competition. The NRAI will then select the shooter next in ranking. International Competition dates are known well in advance hence those Shooters who fail to inform the NRAI of their nonparticipation will face strict disciplinary action. The disciplinary action may be waived only if it is apparent that the shooter could not have known of his / her selection or in the case of unforeseen circumstances. Disciplinary Action would also be initiated against a shooter who withdraws / does not shoot in an international competition after she/he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above –rule 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 shooters 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 and not later than 200 days, if the NRAI has not conducted a domestic RC. The counting will start backwards from the last day of the latest competition. Hence if a competition begins on 21.12.2000 and ends on 30.12.2000 then counting backwards will start from 30.12.2000. If 180th / 200th 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. THE EXTENSION OF 200 DAYS WOULD BE GRANTED ONLY BY the NRAI IF IT HAS NOT CONDUCTED DOMESTIC RC. If within that period, the shooter has only four scores then s/he will not get the benefit of deducting the lowest score

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

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

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’.**

In the case of domestic shooters who have no international scores and who have not missed any of the NRAI organized RC – the MAM will be considered on the basis of scores shot in these RC’s irrespective of whether they are strictly within the time frame. **The time frame will not apply if the shooter has participated in all DRC’s conducted by the NRAI.**

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

SCORE LOGS FOR THE TWO GROUPS A AND B WOULD BE MAINTAINED SEPARATELY.

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 and will not be logged in the senior category.

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.

CLARIFICATION - RANKINGS OF ALL JUNIOR AND YOUTH SHOOTERS WILL BE MAINTAINED UNDER ONE LOG SHEET IN EACH GROUP AND SELECTION OF JUNIORS SHOOTERS (INCLUDING YOUTH SHOOTERS) FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS WILL BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF RANKINGS UNDER JUNIOR LOG. IN CASE OF A SEPARATE CATEGORY IN AIR WEAPON EVENTS DURING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH SHOOTERS, THE SCORES OF YOUTH SHOOTERS WILL BE LIFTED FROM JUNIOR LOG SHEET AND SELECTION WILL BE DONE IN YOUTH CATEGORY. THIS WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO YOUTH SHOOTERS WHO OPTED TO PARTICIPATE UNDER SENIOR CATEGORY IN ANY GROUP.

Selection of teams for participation in non-Olympic events will be made from Group B shooters who have not opted for junior / youth category. [an exception will be made only for the world championships where shooters from group A who are not selected in any Olympic events will be allowed to shoot trials for non-Olympic events – the norms for this will be announced by the NRAI in the year when there is a world championship].

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. Scores achieved in a recognized competition in any category – (Open/Junior/Youth) will be considered for the MAM. Scores of all recognized competitions would be taken into account in respective categories and no score that has been achieved by the shooter in any recognized competition can be ignored /bypassed or evaded.

All scores shot in an RC would belong to the shooter and s/he would be accountable for that score. There will be, category wise, event wise, MAIN LOG of scores of all recognized competitions. The points for Chart X will be added to the qualification score category wise in the Main Log. Similarly, the points as per Chart X gained in Junior/Youth category competitions/events will be awarded in respective Junior Category.

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 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 the Mixed Events.

- i. The selection of Mixed event team will be done on the basis of ranking under this Selection Criteria.
- ii. 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).
- iii. 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 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.
- iv. The NRAI reserves the right for final composition of the team.

7. Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials GROUP A

On Completion of the 66th 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. **This consolidated ranking** would be the criteria for forming 'Group A. A shooter of group A would be eligible to participate in selection trials for group A subject to shooters having achieved MQS as per Annexure A.

EXAMPLE – Only top 50 senior shooters, in Air Rifle men event, as per average arrived after 66 NSCC, will be included for Group A selection trials. In case the top 50 rankings include 10 juniors and 5 youth shooters, and these juniors/youth shooters opt for Group B, then these slots will not be filled with rank lower than 50.

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

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

A shooter who is eligible to be in Group A in one or more events and opts to be a part of group A – such shooter would participate in ST's of Group A.

The **Group A** Selection Trials [STs] will be conducted for **Olympic Events Only** and for limited number of shooters- as per the list given below.

OLYMPIC EVENTS

Air Rifle Men –50 Seniors
Air Rifle Women–50 Seniors
Rifle 3 Positions Men – 25 seniors
Rifle 3 Positions Women – 25 Seniors

Once the groups are formed then eligible shooters who opt 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- whether Olympic or Non-Olympic event.

After Trial 4, Averages of both groups will be consolidated and ranked in order of Merit and assessed and Based on this assessment:

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.
In the case of trial 4 not being conducted by the end of April – Mid May then the assessment will be done on the basis of the available average in the month of May.

FINALS IN SELECTION TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR **GROUP A ONLY**. Only in Competitions like NSCC, KSS – Finals 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 only be allocated to the shooter [Chart X].

The trials slots will be finalised purely on the basis of rankings IN OPEN CATEGORY. SHOTERS ARE ADVISED TO FILE THEIR ENTRIES IN 66 NSCC IN OPEN CATEGORY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RANKING IN OPEN CATEGORY.

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

Criteria for Participation in Selection Trials – GROUP B:

Participation in Selection Trials for NON-Group A Members:

- a. The shooter has achieved the MQS as per Annexure “A” at the NSCC in that event.
- 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 / Snr 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 [Rifle] 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 66th 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 2024.
- e. No Finals will be organized for STs of Group B. Scores of Group B shooters could be assessed by the HPD / National Coaches while appraising the performance of Shooters of Group A.

8. Criteria for selection of NATIONAL SQUAD [NSQ] - 2024

The shooters for National Squad/s– 2024 will be selected as per their ranking based on MAM.

Shooters for the NSQ will be selected from Group A only.

THE ABOVE RANKING of SHOOTERS WILL ALSO FORM THE BASIS OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES/ TEAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS – WHERE TEAMS ARE TO BE SELECTED PRIOR TO THE CONDUCT OF ST 1 & 2.

When forming the NSQ, the top-ranking shooters irrespective of age would be selected in the Senior category as per rankings.

GROUP 'A' WILL CONSIST OF SENIOR CATEGORY ONLY.
JUNIOR / YOUTH SHOOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE A PART OF GROUP 'A' WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE NRAI WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS 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.

SELECTION OF TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR OLYMPIC EVENTS AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS WILL BE MADE FROM GROUP A ONLY.

FOR SELECTION OF TEAMS [AT COMPETITIONS WHERE NRAI IS FIELDING TEAMS] IN THE NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS – ONLY TOP RANKING 10 SHOOTERS OF GROUP B – IN ORDER OF MERIT - WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AT OWN COST . HENCE SHOOTERS RANKING 1 TO 10 WOULD INFORM THE NRAI OF THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL EVENT AT OWN COST AND THE NRAI WILL SELECT THE TEAM FROM THOSE DESIROUS OF PARTICIPATING AT OWN COST– IN ORDER OF MERIT. SHOOTERS BELOW THE 10TH RANK [those ranked 11th and above] WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTRY IN ANY EVENT.

9. Participation In International Competitions

SELECTION OF ATHLETES /TEAMS IN SENIOR CATEGORY, [FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY] WOULD BE IN ORDER OF MERIT AND WOULD BE SELECTED FROM GROUP A ONLY. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HAS A RIGHT TO SELECT A “COMMON SHOOTER” IN CASE OF RESTRICTION ON NUMBER OF SHOOTERS PER SECTION – LIKE ASIAN GAMES.

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 2024. 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 the 66 NSCC. Junior/Youth shooters will shoot in international competition under category selected by them and will not be allowed to change it at subsequent stage. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final on all such matters. IN CASE ANY JUNIOR/YOUTH SHOOTER FAILS TO INFORM HIS/HER DECISION, THE NRAI SHALL INCLUDE THE SHOOTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS/HER RANKING ARRIVED AFTER 66 NSCC.

QUOTA HOLDERS, irrespective of their national ranking, shall be selected in the main team in all non-Quota Competitions like World Cups and international competitions, where NRAI is fielding a team. In the Quota competitions, the quota holder will be ineligible to enter in any further ISSF Quota Event sun till India has won the maximum allowable quotas in the relevant discipline. This will be applicable till the conclusion of 2024 Olympic Games.

10. Participation at own cost in World Cups / other Recognized International Championships / Competitions, wherein the NRAI is fielding a team:

Those shooters, who are ranked in the top 10 IN GROUP A, will be permitted to represent the country in any international competition at Own Cost subject to the following conditions:

- a. The National Squad (NSQ) members are required to submit an Annual Training Program (ATP) through Chief Coach for approval by NRAI/HPD.
- b. The format for ATP shall be prepared by HPD and shooters may submit their ATP after NSQ is announced by NRAI.
- c. The scores of shooters, ranked between 4-10 in respective events, if permitted to participate at own cost as MQS shooter, shall be considered, if Team India sponsored by NRAI, is participating in that competition.
- d. Prior permission from NRAI is mandatory for participation in any international competition. The permission shall be subject to submission of ATP, as stated under(a).
- e. Shooters must submit their request for participation to NRAI through respective Chief Coach/Foreign Coach/ HPD.
- f. Scores achieved in a competition, shall not be considered for ranking, if NRAI is not sponsoring any team.

This rule will also be applicable in competitions for junior 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.

11. 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 international competitions]. One Shooting Calendar Year would begin from the 1st day of one National Championship and end on the day prior to the 1st day of the next National Championship.

12. 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 3 days.**

13. Zero Shooter [ZS]

A TOP shooter who desires to shoot a recognized competition for examining/ experimenting /testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a PROVISIONAL / 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 and ONLY IF the shooter has sent an email application along with a written recommendation of the National coach of that event. The application must reach the NRAI at- least 15 days prior to commencement of the competition.**

14. Dress Code

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

15. 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.

16. Coaching Camps, Foreign Coaches, National Coaches and Personal Coaches

It would be mandatory for NSQ Members / Selected Shooters to attend Coaching Camps and ensure a minimum attendance of 85% - failing which s/ he would not be permitted to go to the next international competition. The goal of the NRAI National Coaching camps is to prepare athletes with the Vision of a Gold Medal Profile. This profile is based on the latest sport science research which integrates technical, tactical, physical and psychological data with performance data to enhance the development of the shooters. This sport science tracking and monitoring data is shared by the coaches and support science team with the athletes towards the goal of preparing all athletes to achieve their peak potential. It is the responsibility of the athlete to participate fully in this program to ensure we achieve our High-Performance Program goals. The High-Performance Program under the direction of HPD will utilize a five-step program: 1) Assessment, 2) Education, 3) Training, 4) Pressure Simulation, and 5) Evaluation of the process in all foundational elements of Peak Performance (i.e., Technical, Tactical, Physical, & Psychological) as it relates to the Gold Medal Profile.

Personal Coaches [as defined below] would be permitted to join the selected shooters at Coaching Camps only. Parents and other relatives would not be allowed to enter the Field of Play (FPO) during the coaching camps / Domestic / International training / Competitions. No personal coach is permitted to travel abroad with the shooter unless permitted by the President NRAI.

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 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 in the functioning of the coaches /team officials and will not misbehave with them.

In the case of any parent/personal coach not adhering to norms framed by the NRAI or misbehaving with the officials/coaches, the NRAI would be within its right not to consider such a shooter for the next two competitions /selection trials/coaching camps. PARENTS, 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.

ALL PARENTS/PERSON COACHES ARE BOUND TO FOLLOW SOP/NORMS AS STATED UNDER “UNDERTAKING” WHICH EVERY SHOOTER IS REQUIRED TO SIGN BEFORE JOINING THE NSQ/PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. THE PARENTS OF SHOOTERS BELOW THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SIGN THE SAME. THESE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ON THE WEBSITE OF NRAI ON 5th OCTOBER 2023 AND ATTACHED AT “ANNEXURE B”.

17. Personal Coaches / Support Staff

A coach plays a key role in an athlete's entourage. The quality of the relationship between a coach and the athlete has a crucial effect on the athlete's satisfaction, motivation and performance. A good coach is positive, enthusiastic, supportive, trusting, focused, goal-oriented, knowledgeable, able to work within the athlete's team environment with clear, concise communication skills. The SAI/NRAI has designated the Foreign coach with designing yearly and Olympic plans for each athlete. The Chief National coach nominated by SAI/NRAI has the responsibility of coordinating National Camps in India, Pre-event Camps in India and abroad, and organizing schedules/team meetings and transportation for International competitions. In addition, coaches are also nominated by the SAI/NRAI to assist the Chief coaches in their duties. Moreover, personal coaches have the responsibility to share technical/tactical information in the form of reports (i.e., email communication) with SAI/NRAI Head coaches.

NORMS FOR PERSONAL COACHES:

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

Shooters, ranked 1 to 6 in each event will be permitted to utilize the services of a personal coach / support staff during coaching camps/competitions in India. No personal coaches or support staff shall be permitted to accompany any athlete in international competitions, unless exceptional medical circumstances are expressly demonstrated to be vital for such an athlete.

b. Eligibility for nomination as a Personal Coaches

i. For Senior Shooters:

Any Shooter who has won a medal in Olympic Games/Asian Games/Commonwealth Games/ Commonwealth Championship /Asian Championships (in the senior category) and / or any person who has produced several shooters at the International level may, - through the selected shooter-apply to the NRAI requesting to be permitted to serve as a Personal Coach of the selected shooter.

ii. For Junior Shooters:

Persons of below qualification may apply:

A shooter who has participated in any two World Cups "At Govt. Cost" and / or who has attended ISSF Coaches Course and/or who had been a renowned shot, with a coaching experience of minimum 10 years.

The NRAI, on examining all such applications, may accept and permit such persons to serve as a personal coach. The decision of the NRAI would be final and binding on all.

Responsibility of Personal Coaches: All personal coaches (senior and junior) will work in a congenial manner with the Foreign /Indian Core Group coaches (or any other such person that the SAI/NRAI may appoint) and must adopt the program of these coaches. Personal Coaches must periodically provide a written progress report to the Foreign Coach / NRAI / Section Head Coach and also to any High-Performance Coach, High Performance Director and/or Manager. In International events, the personal coach may not enter Filed of Play (FOP) or Final reporting area or shooters preparation area before a Final Hall competition. In all International Final Competitions, the Foreign coach is responsible for all decisions (Senior, Junior, Youth) relating to athlete preparation, Final Hall competition and post-competition debriefs. In the absence of the Foreign Coach, the Chief Coach shall be responsible for all decisions.

NORMS FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Any professional, with an experience of a minimum of five years in sport can perform duties with shooters who are eligible to utilize services of personal coaches/support staff. Similar to personal coaches, they shall not be permitted on the FOP at any time and should remain in the spectator area. In International events, both personal coach and personal support staff may not travel with the team or stay in residence at the same hotel as the National Team athletes and/ or Team.

18. 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.

19. 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 5 domestic competitions /selection trials(DRC)or as many as are required for selecting the most “prepared” shooter/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.

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.**

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 Rifle 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.

20. 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 2024

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

Decimal Scores for Air Rifle and Prone Men and Women events.

All junior scores will be the MQS applicable for Masters and Sr. Masters.

**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 campor 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 equipmentbeing 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) Its 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 castes, 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's/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 coachingcamp/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