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# NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION OF SRI LANKA

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Selection Criteria & Policy for Athletes  
*to represent Sri Lanka in all Disciplines of ISSF Shooting Sports at  
International Competitions*

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## Selection Philosophy

To select athletes whose present performance indicates that the athlete/s are the best in the country capable of being competitive at international level. The exception being the selection of an athlete whose exposure to international competition will provide the athlete with "International match experience" which will help auger well for the sport in general.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Be a member of an affiliated club
- Be a member of the National Pool
- Achieved MQS standard if applicable
- Fulfilling criteria laid out in this policy

### National Pool Approved Methods of Selection

- Multiple Selection Trials
- Scores at Competitions held
- Rankings
- Selection Camp

### Multiple Selection Trials

There will be a series of 3 trials conducted by the NSSF and limited to the national pool. The scores of these trials will be considered for a selection process. It shall be mandatory for all poolists to participate. The best two scores of the 3 trials will be taken into consideration for selection. In the event an athlete has not participated in these trials they may submit an appeal for consideration.

### Competitions Held

The 3 most recent competitions and/or trials conducted by the NSSF held within the last 12 calendar months could be taken into consideration for selection on the basis of 3 competitions and best two scores to count provided the athletes have met the MQS as required. In the event an athlete has not participated in these events they may submit an appeal for consideration. The appeal must be substantiated with full details including previous competition scores achieved within 12 months.

### Rankings

The NSSF Council could set up a ranking system for all competitors. If so, selection from the ranking system is possible provided at least one trial is conducted.

### A Selection Camp and training camps

May be set up by the NSSF together with the national coach at which camp under the auspices of the NSSF 3 trials be conducted for selection purposes. It shall be mandatory for poolists to attend the selection camp for its duration. Overseas Training camps are encouraged and athletes may travel with their coach/official/parent or guardian.

Type of Games/Championships/Competitions which are covered by this criterion are Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, South Asian Games, Commonwealth Championships, South Asian Championships, All published ISSF, ASC, OCA, CSF, NOC calendar events, Invitational Championships.

Athletes are permitted to train overseas provided it is sanctioned by the NSSF.

## Quota Places

Quota Places are country-related: Please see ISSF website for information.

## ISSF MQS

The ISSF MQS (Minimum Qualification Score) is a minimum score that an athlete must have recorded at least once in the set timeframe, in order to become eligible to take part in the Olympic Games or in the Youth Olympic Games. Timeframe is usually one Olympic cycle.

## Wild cards

To receive the wild cards, the organizing federation must apply to the ISSF Headquarters by nominating the athletes designated to receive the cards. Applications must include athletes' names, ID numbers and the event in which they will participate. Please see ISSF website for more information.

## National Pool Selection

*will be as follows:*

The top six athletes who have achieved the below MQS at a competition will form the ...

### **National Pool - Youth**

Air Pistol (M) – 535, Air pistol (W) – 530, Air Rifle (M) -586, Air Rifle (W) – 600

### **National Pool – Junior**

Air Pistol (M) – 540, Air pistol (W) – 535, Air Rifle (M) -586, Air Rifle (W) – 606

### **National Pool - Air Pistol and Air Rifle - Open**

Air Pistol (M) – 560, Air pistol (W) – 555, Air Rifle (M) - 613, Air Rifle (W) – 613

### **National Pool – Shotgun**

**Trap** (M&W) 80/125,

**Skeet** (M&W) 70/125

### **National Pool – 50m Rifle 3x40**

Open (Men) – 1119, Open (Women) – 1118

### **National Pool – 50m Rifle 60 Prone**

Open (Men) – 608, Open (Women) – 602

### **National Pool – 50m Rifle 3x20**

Open (Men) Open (Women)

**National Pool – Free Pistol**

Men (Open) – 520

**National Pool – Standard Pistol**

Men (Open) - 530

**National Pool – Rapid Fire Pistol**

Men (Open) - 535

**National Pool – Sports Pistol**

Women (Open) - 550

The pool will be updated from competition to competition.

Any athletes who qualify by achieving the required MQS in their event may qualify to a higher category for ex, Youth to junior and junior to senior national pool provided their score meets the MQS requirement and is in the top 6 of the relevant pool. The pool will be updated after every sanctioned event and those who have not participated could also be removed from the pool if another athlete produces a better score. The pool will not be more than 6. Scores achieved by any athlete in an international competition approved by the NSSF will also be considered for national pool selection and also to a higher category such as junior to senior.

Where applicable junior and Youth events/athletes would be considered for the Senior National pool. Junior Athletes Ages 18 years to 21 years and youth less than 18 years will follow the selection criteria as mentioned herein. They may participate in all sanctioned matches and be considered for the national pool top 6 provided they have achieved the stipulated NSSF Minimum Qualifying Score.

Priority will be given to the results of the competition before last for selection to the pool in the event of a tie.

NSSF sanctioned competitions are, competitions organized and conducted by member clubs after obtaining NSSF sanction at a Meeting of the Council and under the supervision of the NSSF Judges Committee.

The MQS will be subject to change at the discretion of the NSSF council.

## Overseas Competition results

Scores obtained at International Competitions shall also be considered into the top 6 provided the participation of the athlete has been sanctioned by the NSSF. This score will only be considered if it is an improvement from scores obtained at a local competition.

The National Pool Process will continue into the next calendar year, unless the Pool is disbanded by a decision approved at a meeting of the NSSF Council.

Junior & Youth category athletes may participate in senior events provided they have achieved the NSSF MQS stipulated below at a junior or youth sanctioned event. In keeping with the principle of selecting the best from the best, junior & youth category men & women, shall also be deemed to be included for eligibility to the national pool provided they have participated in a senior event/s and achieved the required standard to be eligible for the pool.

The pool selection criteria may be subject to change as determined by the NSSF, NOC, National Selection Committee, National Selection Committee for shooting and the Ministry for Sports.

## Selection for international Competitions Other than Games

Athletes who are members of the National Pool and who have achieved the NSSF MQS are eligible for selection.

Selection is based on the individual's performance at the last 3 selection trials/competitions. Emphasis will be given to the average of the best 2 scores out of the 3 scores at the trials.

Priority should be considered for juniors/youth showing promise and all athletes' most recent performances. Scores achieved during an Olympic cycle at international matches should be given due priority too.

Selection trials or competitions declared, as selection trials are mandatory and is limited to the national pool.

In the event a selected athlete is unable to participate in the international competition the next best athlete may attend if eligible provided it is not for the Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian Games or as determined by the NOC. Please see MQS for games.

The selection criteria may be subject to change as determined by the NSSF, NOC, National Selection Committee, National Selection Committee for shooting and the Ministry for Sports.

MQS required for participation

### **Youth**

Air Pistol (M) – 542, Air pistol (W) – 537, Air Rifle (M) – 600, Air Rifle (W) – 610

### **Junior**

Air Pistol (M) – 548, Air pistol (W) – 542, Air Rifle (M) – 607, Air Rifle (W) – 613

### **Air Pistol and Air Rifle - Open**

Air Pistol (M) – 570, Air pistol (W) – 565, Air Rifle (M) – 616, Air Rifle (W) – 616

### **Shotgun**

Trap & Skeet (M&W) 90/125

### **Rifle 3x40**

Open (Men) – 1134, Open (Women) – 1134

**Rifle 60 Prone**

Open (Men) – 608, Open (Women) - 602

**Free Pistol**

Men (Open) – 540

**Standard Pistol**

Men (Open) - 535

**Rapid Fire Pistol**

Men (Open) – 555

**Sports Pistol**

Women (Open) – 562

## OLYMPIC, COMMONWEALTH, ASIAN GAMES

MQS required for participation (not applicable if a quota place is given).

### Rifle Disciplines

1. 10m Air Rifle Men – NSSF MQS, 616 (Open).
2. 50m Rifle 3 Position (3x40) Men – NSSF MQS 1150
3. 10m Air Rifle Women – NSSF MQS –616 (Open)
4. 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3x40) Women – INSSF MQS 1150 (Open)
5. 50m Rifle 3 Position (3x20) Men – NSSF MQS
6. 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3x20) Women – NSSF MQS

### Pistol Disciplines

1. 10m Air Pistol Men – NSSF MQS – 575 (Open).
2. 10m Air Pistol Women – NSSF MQS – 570 (Open).
3. 25m Standard Pistol – NSSF MQS - 565.
4. Rapid Fire Pistol – NSSF MQS – 570.
5. Free Pistol – NSSF MQS - 550
6. Sports Pistol – NSSF MQS - 568

### Shotgun Discipline

1. Trap Men – NSSF MQS - 112
2. Skeet Men – NSSF MQS - 114
3. Trap Women – NSSF MQS - 108
4. Skeet Women – NSSF MQS – 110

- ***Olympic games selection will be based on ISSF qualification system***

### ISSF DISCIPLINES - NON OLYMPIC

Event Name Men & Men Junior	Abbrev.	Status
50m Rifle Prone	FR60PR	M, MJ, WCH
25m Standard Pistol (150, 20 and 10 sec. series)	STP	M, MJ, WCH
25m Center Fire Pistol (precision and rapid-fire series)	CFP	M only, WCH
50m Free Pistol	FP	M, MJ, WCH



<b>50m Rifle Prone</b>	<b>R60PR</b>	<b>W, WJ, WCH</b>
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- ❖ M – Men, W – Women, MJ – Men Junior, WJ – Women Junior, WCH – World Championship / World Cup.
- ❖ Mixed team events other than the Olympic mixed team events may be included in an international event

## Extenuating Circumstances

- A. Athletes other than those exempted by the selectors in advance, who fail to compete in the selection events because of illness, injury or family bereavement may be selected provided that all other qualifying conditions have been met in advance of their non-participation. A medical certificate by a doctor nominated by the NSSF will be required in cases of illness or injury.
- B. The National Selection Committee may at its discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances means an inability to compete, attend training camps, or perform at an optimum level arising from injury or illness, travel delays, equipment failure, bereavement or personal misfortune and/or any other factors reasonably considered by the chairman selection committee to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- C. Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria must advise the chairman selection committee in writing of this fact and the reasons thereof as soon as practicable after the extenuating circumstances arise.

## Appeals tribunal

An eligible athlete who fails to be selected may appeal against omission provided that the sole grounds was a result of a failure by the selection criteria set out in this policy or there was no material on which the selection decision could reasonably be based.

On receipt of an appeal to the NSSF a tribunal will be appointed by the NSSF and the chairman of the tribunal shall be the vice president of the NSSF relevant to the discipline and a minimum of two others. An appeal must be accompanied with a protest fee of Rs.10,000.00. The appeal must not in any way hamper the selected individual and or team from preparing for the event.

The Appeals tribunal shall submit their report in not more than 10 days of receipt of the appeal. The appeals tribunal has no power of selection or re-selection. The appeals tribunal may review the matter/s set out in the appeal and may as appropriate refer the matter back to the selection committee for consideration listing logical and substantiated reason/s as to why if so, the appeal should be considered. The parties to an appeal may be represented at a hearing. The appeal and the written record of the tribunal's recommendations will be tabled at the next Council Meeting for the purpose of record.

## Selection of support staff

The aim of the NSSF is to select the best possible representatives for each particular competition. In doing this we must develop a selection process, which allows all the athletes to compete on a level playing field and receive the best support staff at competitions.

## COACHES

Coaches can be formed and recognized in the following categories.

- A. National Coach for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun.
- B. Club coaches, Individual coaches.

Shooting is an individual sport and therefore shooters should be permitted to select their individual coaches/official in preference to the national coach to accompany them for international competitions. If two officials are allowed a coach and an official could be considered.

On the recommendation of the NSSF, national coaches too are eligible for selection to travel for international competitions provided that at least one selected athlete has nominated him or her as their coach.

The National Coach if attending an international competition shall be overall in charge of all athletes. All athletes shall follow the instructions of the national coach. No individual coaches may travel as coaches if the national coach is accompanying the athletes unless recommended and approved by the NSSF as an Assistant National Coach for the duration of the competition and on the recommendation of the National Coach.

National coaches may be foreign nationals, Parents of athletes or Athletes themselves.

It is recommended that the NSSF conduct a level 1 coaching camp for COACHES of Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun only those with a minimum of level 1 certification may be eligible to travel as individual asst. national coaches. This can be done in conjunction with the OC.

## OFFICIALS

Judges, referees etc. may participate at international competitions by invitation as officials but will not form or be a part of the national squad.

It is recommended that any athlete participating at Olympic, Commonwealth and Asian games must have a coach or an official of the NSSF present. This is mandatory to his or her participation. In the case of other international competitions it is not mandatory for a coach and/or an official to attend. If more than 3 and up to 6 athletes are participating it is recommended that a manager be appointed. If more than 6 athletes are participating an assistant manager could be considered. At the request of the national coach, further assistance could be considered which will allow him more time to prepare the athletes.

In the case of representation to Olympics, Asian, Commonwealth and SAF Games the selection criteria maybe changed or determined by the NOC of Sri Lanka.

## Power to Amend

This policy can be amended at any time by the NSSF if the NSSF is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the ISSF, Ministry of Sports, NOC and organizers of the competition guidelines. Also to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of the sport. The NSSF shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of such an amendment.

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