

USA SHOOTING TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 World Championship – Non-Olympic Events
RIFLE AND PISTOL

A. General

1. The 2023 World Championship Non-Olympic events Team will be selected from U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting (USAS) Policy.
2. Athletes selected to the Team must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria. Athletes must hold a current passport that does not expire for six months following the competition. Passports are the responsibility of the athlete. USAS will obtain any required visas.
3. Team members will be selected based on procedures set forth below. There will be no subjective selection unless stated and detailed in procedures outlined below.
4. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct and USOPC Code of Conduct as applicable. SafeSport and Background Checks will be required if applicable for all athletes and staff.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they earn. Team members will be selected as provided by ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations as well as the Organizing Committee program.
6. Funding for Qualifying Athletes will be budget contingent for all competitions. For any spots that are offered as completely self or partially funded USA Shooting will communicate with the athlete(s) who qualifies the expected trip cost as close as possible to the actual cost. This will be communicated before the deadline to accept or deny your position.
7. In the event an athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team due to illness, injury, or other reasons or should be removed, the slot may be filled according to the following competition deadlines:
 - a. If withdrawal occurs before the visa application, gun permit application, or final entry deadline (whichever comes first) the slot will be filled with the next highest ranked athlete eligible for that Team slot.
 - b. If withdrawal occurs after the visa application, gun permit application, or final entry deadline (whichever comes first) the slot may be filled by members already on the Team or left unfilled if no one is able to fill the spot.
8. Should eligible athletes not fill the available spots we will not be extending invitations beyond the threshold described below.

9. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.
10. The 2023 ISSF World Championship schedule is as follows:
 - a. World Championships – August 14 – September 1 – Baku, AZE
11. Should COVID Vaccinations be required in order to travel, whether that be to or from Azerbaijan, athletes must be vaccinated in order to be eligible for selection.
12. Note that as of this writing the ISSF has yet to release match information for the World Championships including maximum entries. USA Shooting reserves the right to change the procedures appropriately should the ISSF limit our entries and team size.

B. 2023 World Championship Non-Olympic Participant Selection

1. World Championship Non-Olympic event Participants will come from the direct methods as expressed below and as follows:
 - a. Pistol
 - a. Standard, Center, Free
 - a. A ranking list will be determined based on the following competition:
 - i. USAS National Championships – June 1 – 10, 2023 Ft. Benning, GA
 - ii. After two courses of fire in each event the scores will be combined to determine a ranking list order for selection. Team spots will be offered to those by way of ranking list with selection spots going to the top 3 finishers and no pass down spots should anyone decline.
 - b. Rifle
 - a. 50m Prone
 - a. Ranking lists from the 50m 3-Position Selection will be used to determine the ranking list for 50m Prone entries. Those with the highest 50m 3-Position score will be first offered the spots.
 - b. If a spot is declined it will be passed down to the next highest individual already in attendance at the World Championships
 - c. Should all 50m 3-Position World Championship entrants already be offered and spots remain they will then be offered to 10m Air Rifle athletes by order of ranking list
 - d. Should this list be exhausted spots will not be filled
 - b. Running Target
 - a. Any interested parties should express their interest to USA Shooting by way of email to Alex Szablewski (Alex.Szablewski@usashooting.org) with their match history.

Should more than the number of eligible entries express interest a panel consisting of the National Rifle Coach, High Performance Director, and Rifle Athlete Rep will convene to determine entries.

c. 300m Rifle

- a. A ranking list will be determined based on the following competition:
 - i. 300m Selection Match – May 23 - 27, 2023 Elk River, Minnesota
 - ii. After two courses of fire in each event the scores will be combined to determine a ranking list order for selection. Team spots will be offered to those by way of ranking list with selection spots going to the top 3 finishers and no pass down spots should anyone decline.
 - iii. Should anyone in the 3 selected decline athletes from the 50m 3-Position event would be able to fill slots based on top of ranking list down in 3-Position.
- c. The ranking list will be used to determine selection to team by starting with the top ranked athlete and working down the ranking list until all spots are filled unless otherwise stated.
- d. Any pass down spots would be filled up to the 8th place finisher in the ranking list unless otherwise stated.

C. 2023 World Championship Mixed Team Start Positions

1. Should there be a Mixed Team Non-Olympic event start positions for these spots will be filled by those selected to compete as individuals described in Section B above.
 - a. The highest ranked individual for men and the highest ranked individual for women in attendance, will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 1.
 - b. The Second highest ranked individual for men and the second highest ranked individual for women in attendance, will earn one mixed Team start position and be paired as USA Team 2.
 - c. If someone were to turn down their entry the Mixed Team start position would go to the next highest entry based on the Ranking List.

D. 2023 World Championship Non-Olympic Three (3) Person Team Start Positions

1. Three Person Team start positions for all Non-Olympic 2023 World Championships will be based on the ranking list created as per section B.
 - a. The highest three (3) ranked individuals for men and the highest three (3) ranked individuals for women in attendance, will earn Team start positions and be entered as Team USA Men & Team USA Women.
 - b. If someone from the top 3 of ranking list withdrawals or chooses not to compete in the competition, the next highest entry on the Rankings List would take their place on the Team.

- c. If withdrawal occurs after the visa application, gun permit application, or final entry deadline (whichever comes first) the slot may be filled by members already on the Team or left unfilled if no one is able to fill the spot.

E. Additional Information

1. It is recognized that changes to the ISSF World Championship may happen. Should this occur USA Shooting reserves the right to amend these procedures as necessary. This includes the event of a maximum team size by age, gender, event, or team that results in the team being full with Olympic event participants only
2. All funding for Non-Olympic events will be self-funded by the athletes. Any athlete that competes in a funded Olympic event would be responsible for the additional cost incurred by them staying extra days to compete in Non-Olympic events including hotels, flights, travel, meals, entries, etc.