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Selection Procedures for the 2026 ISSF World Championships and 2026 WSPS World Championships Non-Olympic and Non-Paralympic Events

Dates listed are subject to change if the ISSF or WSPS change the dates of the 2026 World Championships

Events Covered by These Selection Procedures

The following sets of non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events are covered by these Selection Procedures. Each set of non-Olympic events and non-Paralympic events is considered a separate delegation.

- ISSF 50m Smallbore Rifle Prone events
- ISSF 300m Rifle events
- ISSF Non-Olympic Pistol events
- ISSF Moving Target events
- ISSF Target Sprint events
- WSPS Visually Impaired Rifle events
- WSPS Para Trap events

Non-Olympic and Non-Paralympic Event World Championship Selection Matches

Selection Matches for non-Olympic and non-Paralympic events must be sanctioned by USA Shooting. USA Shooting affiliated organizations and clubs may request that a competition be officially sanctioned by USA Shooting as a Non-Olympic or Non-Paralympic Event World Championship Selection Match. Organizations and clubs may run a single Selection Match, a multiple course of fire Selection Match, or a Selection Match Series. To be considered for sanctioning, the competition must follow ISSF/WSPS and USA Shooting rules and must fulfill US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Selection requirements.

Selection Time Frame

Selection Matches may be held from January 1, 2026, through nine (9) weeks before the first official day of the World Championship, or by the following completion dates:

- For the non-Olympic events to be held at the 2026 ISSF World Championships in Doha, QAT, from November 1-15, Selection Matches must be completed on or before August 30, 2026.
- For the non-Paralympic events to be held at the 2026 WSPS World Championships in Changwon, KOR, from September 3-15, Selection Matches must be completed on or before July 5, 2026.

Athlete Eligibility to Compete in a Selection Match

Athletes must be members of USA Shooting before competing in a Selection Match.

Limit on the Number of Selection Matches and Performance Standard Scores

There is no limit on the number of officially sanctioned Non-Olympic or Non-Paralympic Event World Championship Selection Matches in which an athlete may compete. There is no limit on the number of Performance Standard Scores an athlete can shoot.

Performance Standard Score

The most recent ISSF or WSPS World Championship official results are used to set the Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Score in each event.

- For the non-Olympic events to be held at the 2026 ISSF World Championships in Doha, QAT, the Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores are based on the results from the 2025 ISSF World Championships in Cairo, EGY.
- For non-Paralympic events to be held at the 2026 WSPS World Championships in Changwon, KOR, the Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores are based on the results from the 2023 WSPS World Championships in Lima, PER.

The Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Score is the score corresponding to the place in the official results that is ranked at or above the top 40% of all competitors in that event (ranked at or above the 60th percentile) but no higher than the 3rd place score. A Performance Standard Score is any score that is at or above the Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Score.

The following chart lists the Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores for 2026 World Championships.

**Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores (MQPSS)
for the 2026 World Championships**

Event	MQPSS Score	Competition Used to Set MQPSS	Competitors	MQPSS Place
50m Rifle Prone Men	622.2	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	71	28th
50m Rifle Prone Women	619.5	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	66	26th
300m Rifle Prone Men	594	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	32	12th
300m Rifle Prone Women	593	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	16	6th
300m Rifle 3P Men	586	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	26	10th
300m Rifle 3P Women	584	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	15	6th
300m Std Rifle Open	582	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	24	9th
25m Centerfire Pistol Men	576	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	34	13th
25m Std Pistol Men	568	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	40	16th
50m Pistol Men	543	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	47	18th
25m Std Pistol Women	556	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	27	10th
50m Pistol Women	532	2025 ISSF WCH Cairo	20	8th
VIP Mixed 10m Air Rifle VI Prone	604.5	2023 WSPS WCH Lima	11	4th
VIS Mixed 10m Air Rifle VI Standing	543.3	2023 WSPS WCH Lima	10	4th
PT1 Mixed Trap Seated SG-S	96	2023 WSPS WCH Lima	9	3rd
PT2 Mixed Trap Standing SG-L	101	2023 WSPS WCH Lima	11	4th
PT3 Mixed Trap Standing SG-U	95	2023 WSPS WCH Lima	9	3rd

Qualifying for the World Championships in Individual Events

Athletes who shoot at least one Performance Standard Score in an officially sanctioned Non-Olympic or Non-Paralympic Event World Championship Selection Match are eligible to receive a nomination to compete in the 2026 ISSF World Championship or 2026 WSPS World Championship in that event. Nominations will be offered in the order of ranking until all available slots are filled up to the limit set by the ISSF/WSPS or until all eligible athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.

Qualifying for the World Championships in Team Events

Team events will be filled by athletes who have qualified for individual events and are in attendance at the World Championships. There will be no separate team-only slots available. Team slots will be filled in order of ranking in that event from the Non-Olympic or Non-Paralympic Event World Championship Selection Matches from among the athletes at the World Championship until the team is filled. Athletes do not have to participate the same individual event as the team event, but must be at the World Championship and must have achieved a Performance Standard Score in that event. Athletes must accept or decline nominations to a team event no later than two (2) days before team entries are due. If a team nomination is not accepted within two (2) days before team entries are due, the nomination will be considered declined. Replacement athletes nominated to fill declined team slots will have no later than (1) day before team entries are due to accept the nomination.

Ranking Criteria for Nomination to the World Championship Team

If more than one athlete achieves a Performance Standard Score (PSS) in an event, then those athletes will be ranked by applying the following ranking criteria in order until all ties in ranking have been broken:

1. Ranked first by the highest single PSS in that event;
2. If still tied, then ranked next by the highest amount of PSS achieved;
3. If still tied, then ranked next by the most recent PSS;
4. If still tied, then ranked next by the highest score of the most recent PSS. ISSF or WSPS tie breaking rules will be applied. In events that include Finals, the Qualification scores will be used.

Accepting a Nomination

Athletes who are nominated to compete in the 2026 ISSF World Championships or the 2026 WSPS World Championships will have seven (7) days to accept or decline the nomination. Athletes will formally accept a nomination by submitting a \$2000 deposit to USA Shooting. The nomination is considered accepted once the deposit is received by USA Shooting. If the nomination is not accepted within seven (7) days, it will be considered officially declined and offered to the next ranked eligible athlete in that event. If an athlete is nominated in more than one event, the athlete may accept all of the nominations with one \$2000 deposit. The deposit will be applied to the final Delegation Fee.

Delegation

The non-Olympic and non-Paralympic Team USA delegations will include the qualified athletes who have accepted the nomination and a Leadership Team that includes a Coach and a Team Leader selected by USA Shooting.

Funding

All participation in the non-Olympic events in the 2026 ISSF World Championships and non-Paralympic events in the WSPS World Championships will be self-funded. A fixed Delegation Fee will be collected from each athlete by USA Shooting that covers the cost of airfare, hotel, entry fees, local transportation, firearms permits, visas, a shared portion of the cost of the delegation Leadership Team, team uniforms, and administrative costs. The athlete will be responsible for meals, ammunition, additional practice fees, and excess baggage fees, which will not be included in the Delegation Fee. Athletes must submit the balance of the Delegation Fee (minus the deposit) no later than one (1) week before traveling to the competition.

Withdrawal from the World Championships

Athletes may withdraw from participating in the World Championships at any time. If an athlete withdraws before USA Shooting submits entries to the ISSF or WSPS, the deposit will be refunded. If the athlete withdraws after USA Shooting submits entries to the ISSF or WSPS, the deposit will be not be refunded. Failure to submit the balance of the Delegation Fee no later than one (1) week before traveling to the competition will be considered withdrawing from the World Championships and the deposit will not be refunded. If an athlete withdraws from participating in the World Championships, every effort will be made to fill the slot with the next ranked eligible athlete, within the entry and deadline restrictions imposed by the ISSF or WSPS.

Other 2026 International Competitions

These selection procedures apply only to non-Olympic events in the 2026 ISSF World Championships and non-Paralympic events in the 2026 WSPS World Championships. Athletes may compete in any other international competition by applying for sanctioning with the USA Shooting Competitions Manager. To receive sanctioning for international competition, athletes and organizations must demonstrate that a ranking list based on athlete performance will be used to select athletes and that there is plan to ensure the health and wellbeing of participating athletes. Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores can be waived for these events upon request.

Appendix 1: How Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores are Calculated

Minimum Qualifying Performance Standard Scores (MQPSS) are based on the results from the most recent ISSF and WSPS World Championships. The MQPSS are scores that are at or above the top 40% of all competitors in the event (ranked at or above the 60th percentile).

How the total number of competitors is determined

To count as a competitor in the event, there must be a place or ranking listed for that competitor in the official results. Athletes designated as DNF (Did Not Finish) that are listed in official results with a place or rank are counted in the total number of competitors. Athletes designated as DNS (Did Not Shoot) or DSQ (Disqualified) that are listed in official results without a place or rank are not counted in the total number of competitors.

How the MQPSS is determined

The total number of competitors in that event is multiplied by 0.4 to determine the place corresponding to the top 40% of all competitors. The MQPSS is the score at or above that top 40% place.

Example 1: An event with 60 total competitors at the most recent World Championship

The place corresponding to the top 40% of all competitors would be $60 \text{ competitors} \times 0.4 = 24$. The MQPSS for this event would be the score listed for the athlete ranked in 24th place.

Example 2: An event with 29 competitors at the most recent World Championship

The place corresponding to the top 40% of all competitors would be $29 \text{ competitors} \times 0.4 = 11.6$. Since the MQPSS must be at or above the top 40% of all competitors, the MQPSS for this event would be the score listed for the athlete ranked in 11th place. The score listed for the athlete ranked in 12th place would be below the 40% threshold and not be used.

Example 3: An event with 7 competitors at the most recent World Championship

The place corresponding to the top 40% of all competitors would be $7 \text{ competitors} \times 0.4 = 2.8$. The MQPSS for this event would be the score listed for the athlete ranked in 3rd place since the MQPSS cannot be higher than the 3rd place score.

Appendix 2: How Ties are Broken for Selection

If more than one athlete achieves a Performance Standard Score in an event, those athletes will be ranked by applying the Ranking Criteria in order one by one until all ties are broken.

Example: Ranking athletes in the same event who have all shot at least one PSS

The following six athletes from the same event have all shot at least one PSS within the Selection timeframe:

Athlete A shot a 590

Athlete B shot a 589, 587, 586

Athlete C shot a 589, 588

Athlete D shot a 587, then the last PSS of 585 on August 1

Athlete E shot a 587, then the last PSS of 584 on August 1

Athlete F shot a 587, then the last PSS of 585 on July 1

Apply the First Ranking Criterion: Highest PSS

The athletes would first be ranked by the highest PSS:

1. Athlete A (590)
- 2.(tie) Athlete B and Athlete C (589)
- 4.(tie) Athlete D, Athlete E, Athlete F (587)

Athlete A is ranked first and is done with tie-breaking procedures. Since there are still ties in the ranking, the second ranking criterion is applied next to the tied athletes.

Apply the Second Ranking Criterion: Most PSS

Applied to the 2nd place tie:

2. Athlete B (has 3 PSS)
3. Athlete C (has 2 PSS)

Applied to the 4th place tie:

- 4.(still tied) Athlete D, Athlete E, Athlete F (all have 2 PSS)

The ranking is now:

1. Athlete A (from the 1st Ranking Criterion)
2. Athlete B (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
3. Athlete C (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
4. (tie) Athlete D, Athlete E, Athlete F

The ranks for Athletes A, B, and C are set and they are done with tie-breaking procedures. Since there is still a tie in the ranking, the third ranking criterion is applied next to the tied athletes.

Apply the Third Ranking Criterion: Most recent PSS

Applied to the 4th place tie:

4. (still tied) Athlete D, Athlete E (last PSS was on the same date, more recent than Athlete F)

6. Athlete F (last PSS was earlier than Athlete D and Athlete E)

The ranking is now:

1. Athlete A (from the 1st Ranking Criterion)
2. Athlete B (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
3. Athlete C (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
4. (tie) Athlete D, Athlete E
6. Athlete F (from the 1st followed by the 2nd followed by the 3rd Ranking Criterion)

The rank for Athlete F is now set and this athlete is done with tie-breaking procedures. Since there is still a tie in the ranking, the last criterion is applied next to the tied athletes to produce the final ranking list in this event.

Apply the Final Tie Breaker: Highest Score of Most Recent PSS

Applied to the 4th place tie:

4. Athlete D (higher 585 for the last PSS)
5. Athlete E (lower 584 for the last PSS)

The final ranking list for this event is now:

1. Athlete A (from the 1st Ranking Criterion)
2. Athlete B (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
3. Athlete C (from the 1st followed by the 2nd Ranking Criterion)
4. Athlete D (from the 1st followed by the 2nd followed by the 3rd followed by the Final Ranking Criterion)
5. Athlete E (from the 1st followed by the 2nd followed by the 3rd followed by the Final Ranking Criterion)
6. Athlete F (from the 1st followed by the 2nd followed by the 3rd Ranking Criterion)

World Championship nominations would be offered to these six athletes in this ranking order until all available World Championship slots in this event are filled or until all six athletes have received a nomination, whichever comes first.