



**USA SHOOTING
2026 NATIONAL PARA TEAM
QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**NATIONAL TEAM
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM
NATIONAL FUTURES TEAM**

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for qualifying for the 2026 USA Shooting National Para Team. The National Para Team consists of the National Team, the National Development Team, and the National Futures Team. All members in the National Para Team system are eligible to receive Team uniforms and an allotment of ammunition and are eligible to represent the USA in international competitions that require entries through USA Shooting.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. National Team

The National Team members are the very best elite athletes as determined by Qualifying Score Averages compared against international benchmarks. The National Team is eligible to compete in WSPS competitions, International Grand Prix competitions, and other International competitions that require entries through USA Shooting.

1.2. National Development Team

The National Development Team members are developing athletes as determined by Qualifying Score Averages compared against international benchmarks. The National Development Team is eligible to compete in WSPS competitions, International Grand Prix competitions, and other International competitions that require entries through USA Shooting.

1.3. National Futures Team

The National Futures Team members are emerging athletes as determined by a variety of pathways described in these Procedures. The National Futures Team is eligible to compete in WSPS competitions, International Grand Prix competitions, and other International competitions that require entries through USA Shooting, provided open slots are available.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible to be a member of the 2026 USA Shooting National Para Team.

- Be a USA citizen with a valid passport.
- Be a USA Shooting member in good standing.

- Abide by the eligibility requirements of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), World Para Shooting Sports (WSPS), the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), the US Center for SafeSport, the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- There is no age restriction for membership on the National Team, National Development Team, or National Futures Team.

3. NATIONAL TEAM – PARA

3.1. National Team Qualification Standards

- 3.1.1. The National Team will be all athletes, regardless of event, who have a rolling Qualifying Score Average that meets or exceeds the National Team Performance Standard Score. *The Qualifying Score Average and designated Ranking Matches are described and listed in Appendix A. The National Team Performance Standard Scores are listed in Appendix B.*
- 3.1.2. Athletes must submit Training Plans and Training Reports to the National Team Manager upon first qualifying for the National Team and at least quarterly (no less than every four months). The Training Plans and Training Reports must be approved by the National Team Manager. Any disputes about the approval of Training Plans or Training Reports will be mediated by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 3.1.3. Failure to submit approved Training Reports and Training Plans will result in removal from the National Team, regardless of Qualifying Score Average, for a period of one (1) quarter (four (4) months) from the submission deadline.

3.2. National Team Ranking

The National Team athletes will be ranked by the highest percentage of the athlete's Qualifying Score Average (QSA) to the National Team Performance Standard Score (NTPSS) in that event, which is $1 - (NTPSS/QSA) \times 100\%$.

3.3. National Team Membership Period

- 3.3.1. Athletes will remain eligible to be on the National Team for 12 months (1 year) from the date on which they become eligible for the National Team. Athletes can renew their eligibility for the National Team and roll the 12-month period forward after any Ranking Match.
- 3.3.2. Athletes will qualify for the National Team in this 12-month time period as long as approved Training Plans and Training Reports are submitted to the National Team Manager upon first becoming eligible for the National Team and at least quarterly (no less than every four (4) months).

4. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM – PARA

4.1. National Development Team Qualification Standards

- 4.1.1. The National Development Team will be all athletes, regardless of event, who have a rolling Qualifying Score Average that meets or exceeds the National Development Team Performance Standard Score. *The Qualifying Score Average and designated Ranking Matches are described and listed in Appendix A. The National Development Team Performance Standard Scores are listed in Appendix B.*
- 4.1.2. Athletes must submit Training Plans and Training Reports to the National Team Manager upon first qualifying for the National Development Team and at least quarterly (no less than every four months). The Training Plans and Training Reports must be approved by the National Team Manager. Any disputes about the approval of Training Plans or Training Reports will be mediated by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 4.1.3. Failure to submit approved Training Reports and Training Plans will result in removal from the National Development Team, regardless of Qualifying Score Average, for a period of one (1) quarter (four (4) months) from the submission deadline.

4.2. National Development Team Ranking

The National Development Team athletes will be ranked by the highest percentage of the athlete's Qualifying Score Average (QSA) to the National Development Team Performance Standard Score (NDTPSS) in that event, which is $1 - (\text{NDTPSS}/\text{QSA}) \times 100\%$.

4.3. National Development Team Membership Period

- 4.3.1. Athletes will remain eligible to be on the National Development Team for 12 months (1 year) from the date on which they become eligible for the National Team. Athletes can renew their eligibility for the National Development Team and roll the 12-month period forward after any Ranking Match.
- 4.3.2. Athletes will qualify for the National Development Team in this 12-month time period as long as approved Training Plans and Training Reports are submitted to the National Team Manager upon first becoming eligible for the National Development Team and at least quarterly (no less than every four (4) months).

5. NATIONAL FUTURES TEAM – PARA

There are a variety of pathways to the National Futures Team.

5.1. 2025 National Futures Team Pathway

Athletes who qualified for the National Futures Team in 2025 will remain on the National Futures Team through the conclusion of their qualification period as outlined in the 2025 National Futures Team policies and procedures.

5.2. Junior Olympics Pathway

Juniors finishing in 1st Place in Paralympic events at the Junior Olympics will qualify for the National Futures Team. Juniors qualifying through the 2026 Junior Olympics Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 Junior Olympics.

5.3. 2026 USA Shooting National Championships Pathway

Juniors finishing in 1st Place in Paralympic events at the USA Shooting National Championships will qualify for the National Futures Team. Juniors qualifying through the 2026 USA Shooting National Championships Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team through the 2027 USA Shooting National Championships.

5.4. WSPS Selection Pathway

Athletes who qualify to compete in a WSPS international event who are not on the National Team or National Development Team will qualify for the National Futures Team for a period of one (1) year from the date of qualification.

5.5. WSPS Event Pathway

Athletes who represent the USA in a WSPS event who are not on already on the National Team, the National Development Team, or the National Futures Team will be named to the National Futures Team. These athletes will remain on the National Futures Team through the conclusion of that WSPS event.

5.6. National Futures Team Petition Pathway

An athlete with an extraordinary situation may request to be named to the National Futures Team by submitting a National Futures Team Petition. The athlete's National Futures Team Petition, the recommendation of the National Team Manager, and the recommendation of the High Performance Director will be submitted to the USA Shooting Selection Committee. The USA Shooting Selection Committee will review the petition and recommendations and make the final decision. Athletes selected through the Petition Pathway will remain on the National Futures Team for a period of time set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

6. QUALIFYING FOR MORE THAN ONE NATIONAL PARA TEAM POSITION

Athletes will fill all National Para Team positions for which they qualify; positions are not passed down to the next ranked athlete. If an athlete qualifies for more than one level (for example, the National Development Team and the National Futures Team) the athlete will be placed in the highest level for which they are currently qualified.

7. EXTENDED BREAK PETITION

- 7.1.1. Athletes requiring an extended break from training/competing may request a hold on their National Para Team status by submitting an Extended Break Petition. The athlete's Extended Break Petition, the recommendation of the National Team Manager, and the recommendation of the High Performance Director will be submitted to the USA Shooting Selection Committee. The USA Shooting Selection Committee will review the petition and recommendations and make the final decision. Athletes approved for an extended break by the USA Shooting Selection Committee will maintain their current National Para Team status (National Team, National Development Team, or National Futures Team) for a period of time set by the USA Shooting Selection Committee.
- 7.1.2. Athletes on an approved Extended Break will be ranked behind all active athletes on that Team (for example, a National Team member on an approved Extended Break will remain on the National Team but ranked behind all other current members of the National Team until the end of the period of time set by the Selection Committee, or until they re-qualify through a Qualifying Score Average, whichever comes first).
- 7.1.3. Examples of extended breaks include rest and recovery after the Paralympic Games, serious injury, significant health issues or surgeries, pregnancy, extended family emergencies, and military duty.

APPENDIX A: QUALIFYING SCORE AVERAGE AND RANKING MATCHES

The Qualifying Score Average used for ranking athletes within an event for Selection is the average of the Top Five (5) scores in that event from designated competitions over the last 12 months. The Qualifying Score Average refreshes on a rolling basis; for example, on June 10, 2026, scores from June 9, 2026 would roll out of the Qualifying Score Average.

At least three scores in the Qualifying Score Average must come from Tier 1 Competitions. No more than two scores from Tier 2 Competitions can be used in the Qualifying Score Average.

At least one score for Selection ranking is required to be within four (4) months of the official deadline for delegation entries for that competition.

2026 Ranking Matches

Tier 1 Matches

Dates	Year	Event	Location	Discipline
Feb 7	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Mar 24–Apr 1	2026	Para Camp Matches (28, 31)	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Mar 28	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Jun 6-11	2026	USAS National Championships	Anniston/Talladega, AL	Air/Smallbore
Jun 16-22	2026	Novi Sad Gran Prix	Novi Sad, Serbia	Air/Smallbore
Jul 9-16	2026	Arequipa Grand Prix	Arequipa, Peru	Air/Smallbore
Jul 21-31	2026	Novi Sad World Cup	Novi Sad, Serbia	Air/Smallbore
Aug 17-26	2026	Para Camp Matches (22, 25)	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Sept 7-18	2026	Changwon World Champ	Changwon Korea	Air/Smallbore
Oct 12-21	2026	Para Camp Matches (17, 20)	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Oct 17	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Dec 7-19	2026	Al Ain World Cup	Al Ain, UAE	Air/ Smallbore
Dec 10-13	2026	Winter Air Gun	Colorado Springs, CO	Air

Tier 2 Matches

No more than two scores may count toward the Qualifying Score Average

Dates	Year	Event	Location	Discipline
Jan	2026	Camp Perry Open	Camp Perry, OH	Air
Jan 17	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
Mar	2026	CMP Monthly Match	Camp Perry/Anniston	Air
April 8–13	2026	USAS JO Rifle/Pistol	Anniston/Talladega, AL	Air/Smallbore
April	2026	CMP Monthly Match	Camp Perry/Anniston	Air
April	2026	Texas Regional Games	San Antonio, TX	Air
May 16	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore
July	2026	CMP National Championships	Camp Perry, OH	Air/ Smallbore
Sept 19	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore

Sept	2026	Jaguar Marksmanship	San Antonio, TX	Air
Sept	2026	CMP Monthly Match	Camp Perry/Anniston	Air
Oct	2026	CMP Monthly Match	Camp Perry/Anniston	Air
Oct	2026	Jaguar Marksmanship	San Antonio, TX	Air
Oct	2026	Dixie Double	Anniston, AL	Air
Nov	2026	CMP Monthly Match	Camp Perry/Anniston	Air
Nov 21	2026	NTCSC Monthly Match	Colorado Springs, CO	Air/Smallbore

Periodic updates to the designated Ranking Matches are posted on the USA Shooting website.

Other Domestic and International Ranking Matches Through a Petition

Athletes and Match Organizers may petition to have a competition included as a Ranking Match in order to expand opportunities and development of Para Shooting Sports. Athletes may petition to have an international competition designated as a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 Ranking Match. Match Organizers may petition to have a domestic competition designated as a Tier 2 Ranking Match, or to have a match that includes significant international participation designated as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Ranking Match.

Criteria considered will be:

- Tier 1 Ranking Matches should be major international competitions.
- Tier 2 Ranking Matches should be Regional or National in scope.
- A match approved through a petition should be considered a major competition of the year, not part of a weekly or monthly series. A Match Organizer may declare one match of a series to be the major competition of the year.
- The match should include a high level of competition, defined as including competitors capable of shooting National Team Performance Standard scores.
- The course of fire must be the current ISSF/WSPS course of fire.
- Paralympic Classification Rules and equipment requirements must be enforced.
- Range facilities should be world-class and must use electronic targets.
- Submitting results from previous years that demonstrate the level of the competition is preferred.

A Petition to have a competition designated as a Ranking Match can be submitted to USA Shooting and will be reviewed/approved by the National Coach and High-Performance staff. Petitions should include the following information:

- Club or Organization Name:
- Location:
- Dates:
- Expected competitor count:
- Class of competitors:

- Previous results from the competition:
- Awards
- Any other pertinent information we should know

Petitions must be emailed at least 60 days prior to the start of the competition to:

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APPENDIX B: PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

Performance Standard Scores are based on international benchmarks, using average scores from major WSPS competitions over two-year periods from the Paralympic Games to the World Championships or the World Championships to the Paralympic Games. Competitions included in setting the Performance Standard Scores are the Paralympics, WSPS World Championships, and WSPS World Cups.

The 2026 National Team Performance Standard Score is the average 8th place score from the major WSPS competitions within the two-year period from the 2022 WSPS World Championships through the 2024 Paralympics.

The 2026 National Development Team Performance Standard Score is the average 16th place score from the major WSPS competitions within the two-year period from the 2022 WSPS World Championships through the 2024 Paralympics. If a competition had less than 28 competitors, the 50th percentile score was used in the average (for example, if there were 26 competitors, the 13th place score was used).

Athletes are considered to be Performance Standard Score qualified when their Qualifying Score Average is at or above the Performance Standard Score.

2026 Performance Standard Scores

PISTOL Events	NPT (8th Place)	NPDT (16th Place)
P1 Men's 10m SH1	563	555
P2 Women's 10m SH1	552	545
P3 Mixed 25m SH1	563	554
P4 Mixed 50m SH1	527	519

RIFLE Events	NPT (8th Place)	NPDT (16th Place)
R1 10m Men's Standing SH1	613.0	610.5
R2 10m Women's Standing SH1	617.6	614.8
R3 10m Mixed Prone SH1	632.0	629.7
R4 10m Mixed Standing SH2	629.4	626.7
R5 10m Mixed Prone SH2	635.0	632.9
R6 50m Mixed Prone SH1	617.5	613.5
R7 50m Men's 3 position SH1	1138	1130
R8 50m Women's 3 position SH1	1143.0	1110
R9 50m Mixed Prone SH2	620.2	617.4