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JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS
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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for selecting participants in the Junior Class Olympic Rifle events for 2027 International competitions. *See Appendix A for a calendar of the 2027 ISSF Junior competitions.*

Selection Procedures for Open Class Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American Games, Para Pan American Games, non-Olympic, and non-Paralympic events are found in separate documents on the USA Shooting website under the Resources tab.

1. ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible to compete in the 2027 Junior international events covered by these Selection Procedures.

- Be a USA citizen with a valid passport.
- Be a USA Shooting member in good standing.
- Abide by the eligibility requirements of the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF), 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).
- Satisfy the definition of Junior as described in ISSF Rule 3.7.4.12: Athletes will remain as Juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age.

2. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP: SUHL, GER

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from the 2027 Junior Olympics.

2.1. Ranking for the 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl Selection

2.1.1. The 2027 USA Shooting Junior Olympics will be used for the 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl Selection. Nominations to compete in the 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl will be based on the final rankings from the 2027 Junior Olympics in each individual event.

2.2. Individual Events

2.2.1. Nominations will be offered to athletes in each individual event in order of ranking until all 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup positions are filled or until all Finalists from the 2027 USA Shooting Junior Olympics (1st place through 8th place) have been offered a nomination, whichever comes first.

2.2.1.1. If the 2027 USA Shooting Junior Olympic Final is run by carrying the qualification scores into the Final, then the top eight (8) for selection are considered to be 1st place through 8th place from the Finals results.

2.2.1.2. If the 2027 USA Shooting Junior Olympic Final is run by starting from zero (qualification scores are not carried over into the Final), then the top eight (8) for selection are considered to be 1st place through 8th place from the qualification scores only; the Final will only be used for Junior Olympic awards.

2.2.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Junior Olympics. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and there is still an unfilled slot available, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete already entered in an in-competition slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

2.3. Mixed Team Events

2.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events. There are no separate Mixed-Team-only selections or slots.

2.3.2. **Air Rifle Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Junior Male and highest ranked Junior Female from the 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl Selection who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.

2.3.3. **Air Rifle Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the 2027 ISSF Junior World Cup Suhl Selection who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.

2.3.4. Athletes may decline a nomination to a Mixed Team and be replaced by the next ranked athlete in attendance at the competition no later than noon two days prior to the start of the Mixed Team event (ISSF Rule 6.18.1.4).

3. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ZIGONG, CHN

Quick view: There are two pathways onto the Junior World Championship Team, the International Results Pathway and the Junior World Championship Tryout Pathway. The Junior World Championship Tryout will be run in conjunction with the Olympic Tryouts 1 and is a closed event; athletes must qualify to compete in the Tryout.

3.1. 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Entries (ISSF Rule 3.7.5)

3.1.1. The maximum number of individual entries is six (6) entries per event. All six (6) entries are in-competition (medal contending), but no more than three (3) athletes from one country can qualify for the Final.
3.1.2. The maximum number of Mixed Team entries allowed is two (2).
3.1.3. The maximum number of Team entries allowed is one (1). These are typically 3-Member Teams.

3.2. Selection Pathway 1: International Results Pathway

3.2.1. Athletes who have medaled in individual events in the following competitions before the nomination acceptance deadline will receive a nomination to the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships in the event in which they medaled:
- Tier 1: Medaled in any previous open ISSF World Championship.
- Tier 2: Medaled in an open ISSF World Cup within 9 months of the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships.
- Tier 3: Medaled in any previous ISSF Junior World Championship.

3.2.2. Only individual medals will be considered; Team medals, including Mixed Team medals, will not count toward qualification.

3.3. Selection Pathway 2: Junior World Championship Tryout Pathway

3.3.1. All 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship slots not filled through Selection Pathway 1 (International Results Pathway) will be eligible to be filled through Selection Pathway 2 (Tryout Pathway), with nominations based on the results of the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout, to be held in conjunction with the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1.
3.3.2. Athletes must qualify to compete in the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout.
3.3.2.1. Athletes can qualify for the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout by being a member of the Rifle National Team System (National Team, National Development Team, or National Futures Team) on August 1, 2027.
3.3.2.2. Athletes can qualify for the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout by qualifying for the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 at the 2027 USA Shooting National Championships. Qualification Standards will be published before the event.
3.3.3. The ranking used for Selection Pathway 2 will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout. Finals will not be used for 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Team selection.

3.4. JWCH Ranking for Selection to the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships

3.4.1. The JWCH Ranking for Selection to the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships will include all athletes who qualify through Selection Pathway 1 (International Results Pathway) and all athletes ranked 1st through 8th place in the Junior Class from Selection Pathway 2 (Tryout Pathway).

3.4.2. Athletes qualifying through Selection Pathway 1 (International Results Pathway) will be ranked the highest on the JWCH Ranking.

3.4.2.1. If more than one athlete qualifies in an event through Selection Pathway 1 (International Results Pathway), those athletes will be ranked according to their medal results in the following order of competition tiers: (Tier 1) an open ISSF World Championship, then (Tier 2) an open ISSF World Cup, then (Tier 3) an ISSF Junior World Championship.

3.4.2.2. Athletes will be ranked first by medals earned at the highest-tier competition, then the next tiers in order if necessary. The ISSF medal-ranking system will be used (the total number of Gold medals is used first, then the total number of Silver medals, then the total number of Bronze medals).

3.4.3. Athletes qualifying through Selection Pathway 2 (Tryout Pathway) will be ranked on the JWCH Ranking after the Selection Pathway 1 (International Results Pathway) athletes and in order of the ranked results from the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout.

3.5. Individual Events

3.5.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of the JWCH Ranking until all 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship positions are filled or until all athletes on the JWCH Ranking have been offered a nomination, whichever comes first.

3.5.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Junior World Championship Tryout. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and there is still an unfilled slot available, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete already entered in a medal contending slot even if ranked higher in the JWCH Ranking.

3.6. Mixed Team Events

3.6.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events. There are no separate Mixed-Team-only selections or slots.

3.6.2. **Air Rifle Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the JWCH Ranking who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.

3.6.3. **Air Rifle Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Male and second highest ranked Female from the JWCH Ranking who are participating in the Individual Air Rifle events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.

3.6.4. Athletes may decline a nomination to a Mixed Team and be replaced by the next ranked athlete in attendance at the Championship no later than noon two days prior to the start of the Mixed Team event (ISSF Rule 6.18.1.4).

3.7. Team Events

3.7.1. Team Events (typically Three-Member Teams) will be filled by athletes who have qualified for the individual events and are in attendance at the competition. There will be no separate Team-only selections or slots.

3.7.2. Teams will be comprised of the three highest ranked athletes from the JWCH Ranking who are participating in the corresponding individual event and who accept the nomination to the Team event.

3.8. Non-Olympic Individual and Team Events

3.8.1. The 50m Smallbore Rifle Prone individual and team events will be filled by athletes who are competing in the individual 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions event at the 2026 ISSF Junior World Championships. There will be no separate Prone-only slots available.

3.8.2. Athletes will be nominated for the 50m Smallbore Rifle Prone individual and team events in order from the 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions Order of Ranking for Selection until all slots are filled or no eligible Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions athletes remain, whichever comes first.

4. SELECTION FOR NON-ISSF 2027 INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

4.1. Ranking for Selection

4.1.1. USA Shooting may nominate athletes as an Official USA Shooting Delegation in any non-ISSF Junior International Competition. These are considered development slots and may be filled by Juniors in the current National Rifle Team System (National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team) at the National Rifle Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days before the competition entry deadline listed by the competition organizing committee.

4.1.2. Remaining open slots in any non-ISSF Junior International Competitions not filled by an Official USA Shooting Delegation may be filled by any

junior athlete by requesting a sanction from the USA Shooting Competitions Manager. The sanctioning request must include how athletes are selected for the competition and how the participating athletes' health and well-being will be ensured (for example, by demonstrating that SafeSport protocols will be followed). Athletes filling open slots are responsible for meeting entry deadlines listed by the competition organizing committee.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

5.1. Substitutions for ISSF Competitions and Non-ISSF International Competitions

5.1.1. **ISSF Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the next ranked eligible athlete will be substituted into that slot in the order of Selection ranking as long as the substitution can be made within the ISSF's and Competition Organizing Committee's entry deadlines.

5.1.2. **Non-ISSF International Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the slot may be filled by Juniors in the current National Rifle Team System (National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team) at the National Rifle Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

5.1.3. If the substitution occurs at the competition, substitutions will come from the athletes already in attendance at the competition. Substitutions will be offered in order of Selection ranking for ISSF Competitions and at the Delegation Leader's discretion for Non-ISSF Competitions.

5.1.4. Reasons for vacating a slot include but are not limited to declining the nomination, withdrawing from the competition, being removed from the competition by USA Shooting for a Code of Conduct violation, and being removed from the competition or deemed ineligible to compete by the ISSF or the Competition Organizing Committee.

6. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.1. Funding Criteria

6.1.1. USA Shooting makes every effort to fund athletes competing in medal contending slots at major international competitions. However, qualifying for a team or a competition does not guarantee funding. USA Shooting may fully fund, partially fund, or not fund an athlete to a competition.

6.1.2. All funding decisions for Junior international competitions will be based on competition priorities and on Selection rankings.

6.1.3. Athletes qualifying for a team or a competition may elect to self-fund their participation. The self-funding process is described in the USA Shooting Self-Funding Policies and Procedures.

7. PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

Performance Standard Scores will not be required to qualify to compete in the Junior ISSF competitions or other on-ISSF Junior international competitions.

8. FORCE MAJEURE CONTINGENCY

8.1. Force Majeure Contingency for USA Shooting Selection Matches
In the event that USA Shooting is unable to conduct a Selection Match as planned due to extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of USA Shooting (such as natural disasters), USA Shooting may alter the selection procedures upon approval by the USA Shooting Selection Committee, to include reducing courses of fire required for selection.

8.2. Force Majeure Contingency for ISSF Competitions and Other Non-ISSF International Competitions
USA Shooting reserves the right to cancel participation in any ISSF competitions or other non-ISSF international competitions to protect the safety and welfare of the athletes and staff. USA Shooting will make these decisions based on the guidance from the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the US State Department. A USA Shooting cancelation applies to the entire delegation.

9. TEAM USA ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Office of the Athlete Ombuds offers independent, confidential advice to elite Team USA athletes regarding their rights and responsibilities in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and assists athletes with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints and concerns.

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APPENDIX A: 2027 ISSF JUNIOR RIFLE COMPETITION CALENDAR

RIFLE 2027 ISSF Junior Competition Schedule

Dates	Event	Location
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr		
May		
Jun 19-27	ISSF Junior Cup	Suhl, GER
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov 19-29	**ISSF Junior World Championships**	**Zigong, CHN**
Dec		