USA SHOOTING
2027 RIFLE SELECTION PROCEDURES

OPEN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS
OLYMPIC EVENTS

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for selecting participants in the Open Class Olympic Rifle events for 2027 International competitions.

Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games, Junior Class, Paralympic, non-Olympic, and non-Paralympic events are found in separate documents.

See Appendix A for a calendar of the 2027 ISSF competitions.

See Appendix B for a schematic diagram of the Olympic Pathway, including Selection Matches, ISSF Competitions, and Olympic Trials.

1. ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible to compete in the 2027 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).
- Must comply with the new 2026 ISSF Equipment Rules to qualify to compete in international competitions.

2. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF WORLD CUP 1: NEW DELHI, IND

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. The same Selection results will be used for the Munich World Cup, the Baku World Cup, and the Pan American Games.

2.1. Ranking for the 2027 New Delhi World Cup Selection

2.1.1. Nominations to compete in the 2027 New Delhi World Cup will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match.

2.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026

Winter Selection Match, and the one (1) Final at the 2026 Winter Selection Match. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

2.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match based on the aggregate of the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 Winter Selection Match (the aggregate of four (4) total qualification courses of fire).

2.1.2.2. Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). The score from each Finals shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based on the total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots up to that elimination point. *See Appendix C for an example of how the combined qualification and Finals scores will be used for eliminations*.

2.1.3. Only the Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) will be eligible for a nomination.

2.2. Individual Events

2.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until all Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first. Nominations for medal-contending positions (typically three) will be filled first, then Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualification Score Only (MQS) positions (typically two) will be filled next.

2.2.2. Any remaining open slots after all Finalists have been offered a nomination will remain unfilled.

2.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. In the event that there is a remaining open slot, and an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in a medal contending 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.

2.3.2. **Air Rifle Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Male and highest ranked Female from the World Cup New Delhi 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 Male and second highest ranked Female from the World Cup New Delhi 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 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 WORLD CUP 2: MUNICH, GER

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. The same Selection results will be used for the New Delhi World Cup, the Baku World Cup, and the Pan American Games.

3.1. Ranking for the 2027 Munich World Cup Selection

3.1.1. Nominations to compete in the 2027 Munich World Cup will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match.

3.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 Winter Selection Match, and the one (1) Final at the 2026 Winter Selection Match. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

3.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match based on the aggregate of the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 Winter Selection Match (the aggregate of four (4) total qualification courses of fire).

3.1.2.2. Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). The score from each Finals shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based on the total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots up to that elimination point. *See Appendix C for an example of how the combined qualification and Finals scores will be used for eliminations.*

3.1.3. Only the Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) will be eligible for a nomination.

3.2. Individual Events

3.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until all Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first. Nominations for medal-contending positions (typically three) will be filled first, then Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualification Score Only (MQS) positions (typically two) will be filled next..

3.2.2. Any remaining open slots after all Finalists have been offered a nomination will remain unfilled.

3.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. In the event that there is a remaining open slot, and an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in a medal contending slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

3.3. Mixed Team Events

3.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events.

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

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

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

4. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF WORLD CUP 3: BAKU, AZE

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. The same Selection results will be used for the New Delhi World Cup, the Munich World Cup, and the Pan American Games.

Note that World Cup Baku is scheduled immediately before the 2027 Pan American Games. Some athletes may not be able to compete in both competitions, pending the publication of event schedules.

4.1. Ranking for the 2027 World Cup Baku Selection

4.1.1. Nominations to compete in the 2027 Baku World Cup will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match.

4.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 Winter Selection Match, and the one (1) Final at the 2026 Winter Selection Match. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

4.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match based on the aggregate of the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 Winter Selection Match (the aggregate of four (4) total qualification courses of fire).

4.1.2.2. Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). The score from each Finals shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based on the total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots up to that elimination point. *See Appendix C for an example of how the combined qualification and Finals scores will be used for eliminations*.

4.1.3. Only the Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) will be eligible for a nomination.

4.2. Individual Events

4.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until all Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first Nominations for medal-contending positions (typically three) will be filled first, then Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualification Score Only (MQS) positions (typically two) will be filled next..

4.2.2. Any remaining open slots after all Finalists have been offered a nomination will remain unfilled.

4.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. In the event that there is a remaining open slot, and an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in a medal contending slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

4.3. Mixed Team Events

4.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events.

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

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

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

5. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF WORLD CUP 4: ROME, ITA

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. The same Selection results will be used for the 2027 ISSF World Championships.

5.1. Ranking for the 2027 Rome World Cup Selection

5.1.1. Nominations to compete in the 2027 Rome World Cup will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1.

5.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1, and the one (1) Final at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

5.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 based on the aggregate of the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 (the aggregate of four (4) total qualification courses of fire).

5.1.2.2. Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). The score from each Finals shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based on the total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots up to that elimination

point. *See Appendix C for an example of how the combined qualification and Finals scores will be used for eliminations*.

5.1.3. Only the Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) will be eligible for a nomination.

5.2. Individual Events

5.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Cup positions are filled or until all Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first. Nominations for medal-contending positions (typically three) will be filled first, then Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualification Score Only (MQS) positions (typically two) will be filled next.

5.2.2. Any remaining open slots after all Finalists have been offered a nomination will remain unfilled.

5.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. In the event that there is a remaining open slot, and an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline, and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in a medal contending slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

5.3. Mixed Team Events

5.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events.

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

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

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

6. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: DAEGU, KOR

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. The same Selection results will be used for the 2027 ISSF World Cup Rome.

6.1. Ranking for the ISSF World Championships Selection

6.1.1. Nominations to compete in 2027 ISSF World Championships will be based on the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1.

6.1.2. The ranking used for Selection will be from the total aggregate of the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match, the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1, and the one (1) Final at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. The Final from the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match will not be used for Selection.

6.1.2.1. Athletes will qualify for the Final at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 based on the aggregate of the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match and the two (2) qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 (the aggregate of four (4) total qualification courses of fire).

6.1.2.2. Athletes will carry their aggregate qualification score into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). The score from each Finals shot will be added to the aggregate qualification score. Eliminations will occur after the same number of shots as in an ISSF Final but will be based on the total of the aggregate qualification score and all Finals shots up to that elimination point. *See Appendix C for an example of how the combined qualification and Finals scores will be used for eliminations.*

6.1.3. Only the Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) will be eligible for a nomination.

6.2. Individual Events

6.2.1. Nominations will be extended in each individual event in order of ranking until all World Championship positions are filled or until all Finalists (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first. Nominations for medal-contending positions (typically three) will be filled first, then Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualification Score Only (MQS) positions (typically two) will be filled next.

6.2.2. Any remaining open slots after all Finalists have been offered a nomination will remain unfilled.

6.2.3. Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1. In the event an athlete accepts a nomination after the acceptance deadline and that entry can still be accepted by the competition's Organizing Committee, that athlete will not displace an athlete entered in a medal contending slot even if ranked higher in the Selection.

6.3. Mixed Team Events

6.3.1. Mixed Teams will be comprised of athletes competing in the Individual Air Rifle events.

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

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

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

6.4. Team Events

6.4.1. 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 slots available.

6.4.2. Teams will be comprised of the highest ranked athletes in order of Selection ranking who are participating in the corresponding individual event.

6.4.3. If there are not enough athletes available from the corresponding individual event, athletes competing in other individual events can be nominated for a Team Event slot, provided they were a Finalist (athletes ranked 1st through 8th place) in the corresponding individual event at the Selection. Nominations will be offered in the order of Selection ranking in that corresponding event.

6.5. Non-Olympic Individual and Team Events

6.5.1. Selections for all non-Olympic individual and team events are separate from these Selection Procedures and can be found on the USA Shooting website.

6.5.2. 50m Rifle Prone individual and team slots not filled by non-Olympic Event Selections may be filled by athletes who are already competing in the

50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions event at that competition. These athletes will be nominated in order of their ranking in the 50m Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions event until all slots are filled or no eligible Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions athletes remain.

7. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 ISSF WORLD CUP FINAL: DAEGU, KOR

Participation in the 2027 ISSF World Cup Final is by ISSF invitation only and based on performances in the last 12 months of ISSF competitions. Details can be found on the ISSF website at https://www.issf-sports.org/competitions/world-cup-final

8. SELECTION FOR THE 2027 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: LIMA, PER

Quick view: Selections for this competition are from a two-part Selection Match series combining the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match. Finalists will be the Top 8 ranked athletes from the combined qualification scores of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (four (4) qualification scores) and will carry qualifications scores into the Final (the Final will not start from zero). Pan American Games Quotas will be filled in order of ranking in each event. The same Selection results will be used for the 2027 New Delhi World Cup, the 2027 Munich World Cup, and the 2027 Baku World Cup. Detailed Selection Procedures are in a separate document, the 2027 Pan American Games Rifle Selection Procedures.

9. SELECTION FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS REQUIRING ENTRIES THROUGH USA SHOOTING

9.1. Ranking for Selection

9.1.1. The Selection criteria used for nominations to compete in ISSF Grands Prix and non-ISSF international competitions that require entries submitted through a country's federation will depend on the timeframe of the international competition.

9.1.2. **January 1 to September 30, 2027.**

9.1.2.1. Initial nominations for individual and team slots in international competitions starting between January 1 and September 30, 2027, will be based on the two-part Selection that includes the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match qualification scores, the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match qualification scores, and the 2026 USA Shooting Winter

Selection Match Final. Nominations will be given in order of ranking from the total aggregate of the two-part Selection until all slots are filled or until all Finalists (1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first.

9.1.2.2. Any remaining open slots will revert to development slots or remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled by current National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team members at the National Rifle Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

9.1.3. **October 1 to December 31.**

9.1.3.1. Initial nominations for individual and team slots in international competitions starting between October 1 and December 31, 2027, will be based on the two-part Selection that includes the 2026 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match qualification scores, the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 qualification scores, and the 2027 USA Shooting Olympic Trials 1 Final. Nominations will be given in order of ranking from the total aggregate of the two-part Selection until all slots are filled or until all Finalists (1st through 8th place) have received a nomination, whichever comes first.

9.1.3.2. Any remaining open slots will revert to development slots or remain unfilled. Development slots may be filled by current National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team members at the National Rifle Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

9.2. Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be accepted no later than 7 days before the competition entry deadline listed by the competition organizing committee.

10. SELECTION FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS NOT REQUIRING ENTRIES THROUGH USA SHOOTING

10.1. Ranking for Selection

10.1.1. Athletes may enter any international competition that does not require entries submitted through a country's federation by requesting a sanction from USA Shooting. 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).

10.1.2. USA Shooting may enter athletes as a delegation in any international competition that does not require entries submitted through a country's federation. These are considered development slots and may be filled by current National Team, National Development Team, and National Futures Team members at the National Rifle Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

11. SUBSTITUTIONS

11.1. Substitutions for ISSF and Non-ISSF International Competitions

11.1.1. **ISSF Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the next ranked eligible athlete will be substituted into that slot as long as the substitution can be made within the ISSF's and Competition Organizing Committee's entry deadlines. Athletes ranked in the Top Eight of the Selection (the Finalists) are eligible to fill in as substitutions.

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

11.1.3. 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.

11.1.4. 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.

12. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

12.1. Funding Criteria

12.1.1. USA Shooting makes every effort to fund athletes competing in-competition 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.

12.1.2. All funding decisions for international competitions will be based on competition priorities (for example, Olympic Quota opportunities) and on Selection rankings.

12.1.3. Only medal contending slots competing for medals are eligible for funding.

12.2. Self Funding

12.2.1. 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.

12.2.2. Ranking Points Only (RPO)/Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) slots will be self-funded.

13. PERFORMANCE STANDARD SCORES

There will be no Performance Standard Scores required to be qualify to compete in the Olympic events in ISSF competitions or other international competitions.

14. FORCE MAJEURE CONTINGENCY

14.1. 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.

14.2. 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.

15. 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.

Phone: 719-866-5000
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Website: https://www.usopc.org/athlete-ombuds

APPENDIX A: 2027 ISSF RIFLE COMPETITION CALENDAR

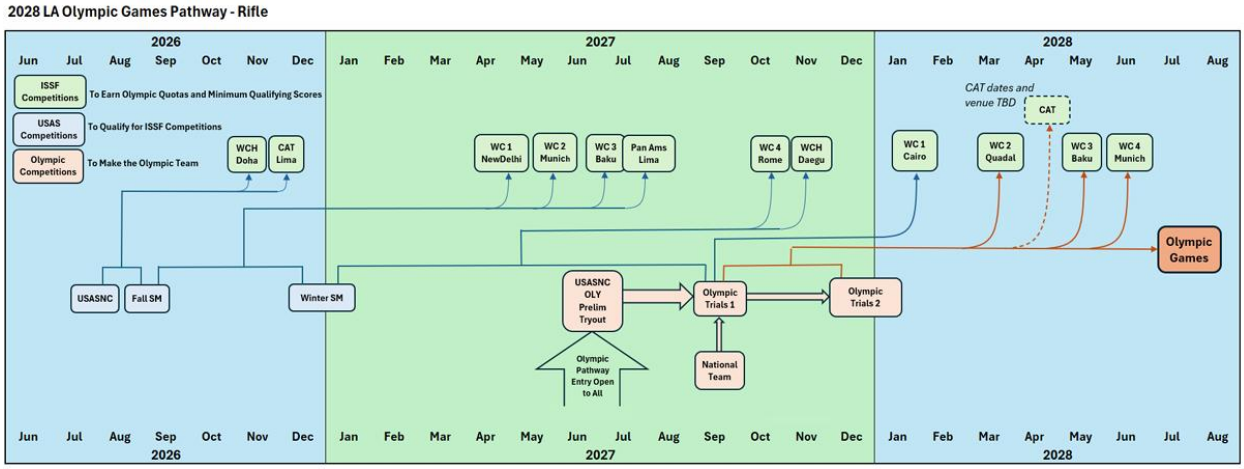
The four ISSF World Cups, the Pan American Games, and the World Championships are LA28 Olympic Quota and Minimum Qualfying Score (MQS) opportunities.

RIFLE 2027 ISSF Competition Schedule

Dates	Event	Location
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr 21-30	ISSF World Cup 1	New Delhi, IND
May 22-29	ISSF World Cup 2	Munich, GER
Jul 15-23	ISSF World Cup 3	Baku, AZE
Jul 23-Aug 8	**Pan Am Games**	**Lima, PER**
Aug		
Sep		
Oct 5-14	ISSF World Cup 4	Rome, ITA
Oct 28-Nov 9	**ISSF World Championships**	**Daegu, KOR**
Nov 10-15	World Cup Final	Daegu, KOR
Dec		

APPENDIX B: THE OLYMPIC PATHWAY

The schematic diagram of all ISSF competitions on the Olympic Pathway and the selections for these competitions.



July 10, 2026

APPENDIX C: USA SHOOTING FINALS ELIMINATION EXAMPLE

Smallbore Rifle 3-Positions with New 2026 ISSF Finals Format

In this example, the following 8 athletes qualified for the Final by having the highest aggregate qualification scores:

Athlete A shot a 594 and a 595 = 1189
Athlete B shot a 594 and a 594 = 1188
Athlete C shot a 593 and a 592 = 1185
Athlete D shot a 593 and a 591 = 1184
Athlete E shot a 592 and a 590 = 1182
Athlete F shot a 591 and a 588 = 1179
Athlete G shot a 590 and a 587 = 1177
Athlete H shot a 588 and a 585 = 1173

In the USA Shooting carry-the-qualification-score Final, Athlete A would retain a 1-point lead over Athlete B going into the Final; Athlete C will have to make up 4 points in the Final to catch Athlete A.

In the first stage of the new 2026 version of the ISSF 3-Position Final, athletes shoot 10 shots kneeling and 10 shots prone within a block time of 22 minutes. In this example, the athletes shoot the following shots in kneeling:

	K1	K2	K3	K4	K5	K6	K7	K8	K9	K10	K Agg
Athlete A	10.5	10.3	10.1	10.8	9.9	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.1	10.0	103.1
Athlete B	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.0	10.7	10.8	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	104.2
Athlete C	9.1	9.8	10.3	10.2	10.6	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.1	9.9	99.4
Athlete D	10.2	10.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.8	10.4	10.7	10.0	10.0	101.4
Athlete E	8.8	9.5	9.4	10.2	10.5	10.1	10.7	9.2	10.3	9.9	98.6
Athlete F	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.1	10.5	10.3	10.8	10.2	10.4	10.4	104.2
Athlete G	9.7	10.5	10.4	10.3	9.6	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.4	10.5	102.0
Athlete H	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.0	10.0	10.6	10.3	10.7	10.2	10.1	102.8

In the USA Shooting carry-the-qualification-score Final, the kneeling aggregate would be added to the qualification score, so the leaderboard would look like this at this point:

	Qual	K Agg	Total
Athlete B	1187	104.2	1291.2
Athlete A	1188	103.1	1291.1
Athlete D	1184	101.4	1285.4
Athlete C	1185	99.4	1284.4
Athlete F	1179	104.2	1283.2
Athlete E	1182	98.6	1280.6
Athlete G	1177	102.0	1279.0
Athlete H	1173	102.8	1275.8

Athlete B has made up 1.1 points on Athlete A so far and now leads Athlete A by 0.1 points. Athlete C, who is struggling a bit, has lost the lead over Athlete D.

The athletes then shoot the following shots prone:

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P Agg
Athlete A	10.4	10.3	10.2	9.8	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.0	10.3	10.2	102.4
Athlete B	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.6	10.7	10.0	10.5	10.5	10.3	10.7	104.5
Athlete C	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.1	10.3	9.9	10.2	9.9	10.3	10.2	100.5
Athlete D	10.0	10.5	10.1	10.2	9.7	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.3	102.2
Athlete E	8.8	9.5	10.4	10.0	10.2	10.4	9.8	10.2	9.9	9.9	99.1
Athlete F	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.9	10.4	10.6	10.8	10.5	10.7	10.5	106.2
Athlete G	10.2	10.7	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.2	10.4	101.9
Athlete H	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.3	10.6	10.5	10.2	10.4	10.6	105.0

In the USA Shooting carry-the-qualification-score Final, the prone aggregate would be added to the qualification score and the kneeling aggregate, so the leaderboard would reflect the ranking based on all of the qualification and Finals shot series fired so far:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	Total
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	1395.7
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	1393.5
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	1389.4
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	1387.6
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	1384.9
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	1380.9
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	1380.8
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	1379.7

Next in the Final are two 5-shot series in standing after which 7th and 8th place are eliminated. In this example, here are shots from these two 5-shot series:

	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S Agg
Athlete A	10.1	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.5	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.0	10.1	102.1
Athlete B	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.7	103.4
Athlete C	9.9	9.8	10.4	10.2	10.3	9.7	10.7	10.1	10.0	10.3	101.4
Athlete D	10.3	10.6	10.0	9.8	10.1	10.4	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.2	102.0
Athlete E	9.7	9.5	10.3	10.4	9.5	10.4	10.0	10.1	9.7	10.2	99.8
Athlete F	10.3	10.8	10.5	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.0	10.4	10.4	10.6	104.5
Athlete G	10.2	10.4	10.8	10.8	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	103.8
Athlete H	8.8	9.7	10.2	10.1	9.7	10.3	10.5	9.9	9.9	10.2	99.3

In the USA Shooting carry-the-qualification-score Final, these ten standing shots would be added to the total so far, and the first elimination would be based on the total of the qualification score + all Finals shot series so far (10 shots kneeling, 10 shots prone, 10 shots standing), with Athlete H (7th) and Athlete E (8th) eliminated:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	1499.1	
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	1495.6	
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	1493.9	
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	1489.6	
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	1486.3	
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	1484.7	
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3	1480.1	Eliminated
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8	1479.5	Eliminated

The Final now goes to single shots standing, eliminating the athlete with the lowest total score after each shot.

After single shot 1:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	1	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	10.4	1509.5	
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	10.1	1505.7	
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	10.6	1504.5	
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	10.1	1499.7	
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	10.2	1496.5	
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	9.7	1494.4	Eliminated
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3		1480.1	Eliminated
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8		1479.5	Eliminated

After single shot 2:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	1	2	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	10.4	10.1	1519.6	
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	10.1	9.8	1515.5	
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	10.6	10.2	1514.7	
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	10.1	10.3	1510.0	
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	10.2	10.4	1506.9	Eliminated
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	9.7		1494.4	Eliminated
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3			1480.1	Eliminated
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8			1479.5	Eliminated

After single shot 3:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	1	2	3	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	10.4	10.1	10.3	1529.9	
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	10.1	9.8	9.7	1525.2	
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	10.6	10.2	10.5	1525.2	
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	1520.3	Eliminated
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	10.2	10.4		1506.9	Eliminated
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	9.7			1494.4	Eliminated
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3				1480.1	Eliminated
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8				1479.5	Eliminated

After single shot 4, Athlete F has moved up to 2nd and Athlete A is eliminated:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	1	2	3	4	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	10.4	10.1	10.3	10.2	1540.1	
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	10.6	10.2	10.5	10.4	1535.6	
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	10.1	9.8	9.7	10.2	1535.4	Eliminated
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	10.1	10.3	10.3		1520.3	Eliminated
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	10.2	10.4			1506.9	Eliminated
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	9.7				1494.4	Eliminated
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3					1480.1	Eliminated
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8					1479.5	Eliminated

After single shot 5, the last shot, the final standings are:

	Qual	K Agg	P Agg	S Agg	1	2	3	4	5	Total	
Athlete B	1187	104.2	104.5	103.4	10.4	10.1	10.3	10.2	10.9	1551.0	1st Place
Athlete F	1179	104.2	106.2	104.5	10.6	10.2	10.5	10.4	10.9	1546.5	2nd Place
Athlete A	1188	103.1	102.4	102.1	10.1	9.8	9.7	10.2		1535.4	3rd Place
Athlete D	1184	101.4	102.2	102.0	10.1	10.3	10.3			1520.3	4th Place
Athlete C	1185	99.4	100.5	101.4	10.2	10.4				1506.9	5th Place
Athlete G	1177	102.0	101.9	103.8	9.7					1494.4	6th Place
Athlete H	1173	102.8	105.0	99.3						1480.1	7th Place
Athlete E	1182	98.6	99.1	99.8						1479.5	8th Place

The medal-contending slots from this Selection would go to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place athletes (and so on, in order, if more medal-contending slots are made available by the competition organizer). If any of those nominations are declined or if there are Ranking Points Only (RPO) or Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) slots available, they would be offered to athletes in the order of this final results ranking until all slots are filled or all Finalists have been nominated, whichever comes first.