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JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS
OLYMPIC EVENTS

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the procedures for selecting participants in the Junior Class Olympic Shotgun 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: ATHENS, GRE

Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL). The same results will be used for the 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup and the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships.

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

2.1.1. The 2027 ISSF Athens Junior World Cup Selection will be from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

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

CO) and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

2.1.3. Finals will not be used for Selection.

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 Athens Junior World Cup positions are filled or until the top eight (8) ranked athletes from the 2027 ISSF Athens Junior World Cup Selection (1st place through 8th place Junior) have been offered a nomination, whichever comes first.

2.2.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL). 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 Trap events. There are no separate Mixed-Team-only selections or slots.

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

2.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the 2027 ISSF Athens Junior World Cup Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap 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: LARNACA, CYP

Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL). The same results will be used for the 2027 ISSF Athens Junior World Cup and the 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup.

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. Ranking for the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Selection

3.2.1. The 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Selection will be from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

3.2.2. 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 (Colorado Springs, CO) and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

3.2.3. Finals will not be used for Selection.

3.3. Individual Events

3.3.1. Nominations will be offered to athletes in each individual event in order of ranking until all 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship positions are filled or until the top eight (8) ranked athletes from the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Selection (1st place through 8th place Junior) have been offered a nomination, whichever comes first.

3.3.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL). 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.

3.4. Mixed Team Events

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

3.4.2. **Trap Mixed Team USA 1** will be comprised of the highest ranked Junior Male and highest ranked Junior Female from the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 1 nomination.

3.4.3. **Trap 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 Championship Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap events and who accept the Mixed Team USA 2 nomination.

3.4.4. 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).

3.5. Team Events

3.5.1. 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.

3.5.2. Teams will be comprised of the three highest ranked athletes from the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championship Selection who are participating in the corresponding individual event and who accept the nomination to the Team event.

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

Quick view: Selection for this competition is from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL). The same results will be used for the 2027 ISSF Athens Junior World Cup and the 2027 ISSF Junior World Championships.

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

4.1.1. The 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup Selection will be from the combined results of the 2026 USA Shooting Fall Selection Match (Colorado Springs, CO) and the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

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 (Colorado Springs, CO) and the two (2) ISSF qualification courses of fire at the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm Beach, FL).

4.1.3. Finals will not be used for Selection.

4.2. Individual Events

4.2.1. Nominations will be offered to athletes in each individual event in order of ranking until all 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup positions are filled or until the top eight (8) ranked athletes from the 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup Selection (1st place through 8th place Junior) have been offered a nomination, whichever comes first.

4.2.2. Nominations must be accepted no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the 2027 USA Shooting Winter Selection Match (West Palm

Beach, FL). 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.

4.3. Mixed Team Events

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

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

4.3.3. **Trap Mixed Team USA 2** will be comprised of the second highest ranked Junior Male and second highest ranked Junior Female from the 2027 ISSF Suhl Junior World Cup Selection who are participating in the Individual Trap 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 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).

5. SELECTION FOR NON-ISSF 2027 INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

5.1. Ranking for Selection

5.1.1. 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 Shotgun Team System (National Team, National Development Team, National Junior Team, and Junior Olympic Squad) at the National Shotgun 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.

5.1.2. 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.

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

6.1.1. **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.

6.1.2. **Non-ISSF International Competitions:** If an athlete vacates a slot for any reason, the slot may be filled by current members of the National Shotgun Team System (National Team, National Development Team, National Junior Team, and Junior Olympic Squad) at the National Shotgun Manager's discretion upon approval of the USA Shooting Selection Committee.

6.1.3. 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.

6.1.4. 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.

7. FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

7.1. Funding Criteria

7.1.1. 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.

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

7.1.3. 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.

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 SHOTGUN COMPETITION CALENDAR

SHOTGUN 2027 ISSF Junior Competition Schedule

Dates	Event	Location
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr 10-18	ISSF Junior Cup	Athens, GRE
May 7-16	**ISSF Junior World Championships**	**Larnaca, CYP**
Jun 19-27	ISSF Junior Cup	Suhl, GER
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		