



## 2024 CAT Games Selection Procedures

### A. GENERAL

1. The USA Shooting, Shotgun CAT Games Team, will be selected using from eligible U.S. citizens under this USA Shooting Policy and Procedure.
2. Athletes selected to the Team must meet International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic & Para Olympic Committee (USOPC) and International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) eligibility criteria. See USA Shooting Policies and Procedures, Section II regarding eligibility criteria. Athletes must hold a current passport that does not expire for six months following the championship. Passports are the responsibility of the athlete. USAS will obtain any required visas.
3. Team members will be determined based on selection performance as outlined within the discretionary selection below. Due to the timing of the event as well as potential for Quota importance USA Shooting has elected to use a fully discretionary selection for this match.
4. All athletes must sign and abide by the current USA Shooting Code of Conduct and USOC Code of Conduct as may be applicable.
5. Athletes will occupy the Team position(s) they are selected for. Team positions that are declined will not be filled. Team members may be selected in Open and Junior categories as provided by ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations as well as the Organizing Committee program.
6. Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, ISSF, USADA and USOC rules, as applicable.
7. USA Shooting reserves the right to change these procedures with advanced notice in the event of unforeseen changes that affect the selection process such as:
  1. Schedule of CAT Games
  2. Entry Restrictions
  3. Government Restrictions
  4. ISSF Changes





## **B. SHOTGUN TEAM SELECTION**

The 2024 CAT Games are expected to be held in February of 2024. Due to this timing USA Shooting does not have a competition between the posting of these procedures and the announced match start date. Due to this fact, as well as this being one of the last chances to earn Olympic Quotas, it is the intent of USA Shooting to be able to select this team based on what provides the best opportunity for Quota opportunity and/or experience.

This CAT Games match represents one of the last chances for USA to earn any remaining 2024 Olympic Quota Places. The last chance for the United States to earn a 2024 Olympic Quota Place is at a 2024 “Last Chance” match that shortly follows the 2024 CAT Games.

### **SELECTION PROCESS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on the criteria below (in no priority order), the selection committee will rank five (5) athletes and the highest ranked athletes, depending on entry regulations set by the ISSF, will be selected to the 2024 CAT Games Team.

- Should USA Shooting need any additional Quotas for the 2024 Olympic Games any athlete from that event whom already possesses a Quota could be removed from consideration.
- Athlete must have demonstrated an ability to qualify for elite international Finals. World Championship finalists and World Cup finalists from the competitions beginning 1/1/2023 – 12/1/2023 will receive strong consideration.
- Athlete must have demonstrated the ability to win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in at least National level finals in the USASNC (USA Shooting National Championships) and Selection competitions in the 2024 Paris quad. National Junior Olympic Results from the 2024 Paris quad may also be used in the case of a tiebreaker or comparison of athlete performance.
- Committee may consider an athlete’s performance at 2023 USAS National Championship, 2023 Spring Selection and overall competitive strength demonstrated as well as finals performance. Athletes demonstrating the ability to move forward in the finals at least 50% of their opportunities and that contend for a medal in at least 50% of the finals they qualify for will receive additional consideration.



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- Athlete must be healthy and able to compete to the best of their ability at the 2024 CAT Games as of December 1, 2023 and be able to participate in any training plan for the 2024 CAT Games.
  - This information will come from the feedback of Chris Lefever and any other physicians that have worked with the athlete(s) in question.

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

#### 2024 CAT Games Discretionary Selection Committee

- Director of High Performance – Alex Szablewski
- Shotgun National Coach – Jay Waldron
- USOPC AAC – Sarah Scherer
- Shotgun Athlete Discipline Representative – Frank Thompson

Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example an assistant coach, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

#### Events to be Selected

1. Men's Trap
2. Women's Trap
3. Men's Skeet
4. Women's Skeet
5. Mixed Skeet (Will come from individual entries of Men's and Women's Skeet)



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### **C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Funding for this trip would be completely budget dependent and would be communicated to the selected athletes upon selection.
2. USA Shooting reserves the right to adjust this process based on changes within the ISSF system and scheduling of the CAT Games.



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