

## **Scottish Team Selection Procedure**

It is the policy of the SCTA to promote a performance-based selection procedure.

Everyone who competes in a selection shoot is a potential team member. There is no requirement to submit a team selection form for any discipline.

Shooters scores and ranking place will be shown in the SCTA database Team Selection table for the relevant discipline. A marked-up points system will be used for the Sporting discipline.

Providing shooters satisfy all selection criteria and general conditions decided by the Management Board of the SCTA or a properly constituted Selection Committee they will be considered for Selection.

It is the shooter's responsibility to ensure they comply with the General conditions of eligibility and eligible scores and all other requirements as laid down by the SCTA.

### General conditions

If a shooter does not have enough scores they will not qualify. If a shooter does not have an area championship score, they will not qualify. If a shooter does not compete in the relevant Scottish Championship they will not qualify. If a shooter does not want to be considered for team selection, they should inform the relevant discipline representative. Members must abide by all discipline specific rules.

The Management Board's decision is final in all selection matters as detailed in section 3 and 4 of the By-laws.

### Membership and Eligibility for Team Selection:

Only fully paid up members of the SCTA are eligible for Team places. Membership starts on the 5th January, and membership renewal should be paid before that date. For existing or lapsed members their membership renewal must be received before the 1st March of the current year for the shooter to be eligible for selection. Membership renewal payments will be accepted up until the 1st March, however scores from selection shoots after the 31st December till the date the membership fee is paid will not count towards team selection.

New members may join the SCTA at any time during the year and if they comply with all other requirements, they will be eligible for Scottish Team selection.

The Management Board reserve the right to refuse a team place to any member who, by previous conduct, is considered by the board to be unsuitable to represent Scotland. The Management Board also reserve the right to select shooters by invitation to make teams up to full numbers or as near as possible full numbers, on recommendation of the relevant discipline selection committee. A

discipline selection committee should consist of Management Board members, discipline representatives, team managers, and if possible, team Captains.

#### International team Dress Code:

Shooting in practice or at the international event, you are required to wear a Scotland Shooting vest. Other than the jacket manufacturer's, the only badges allowed are your name above the breast pocket, a Scotland Team badge on the breast pocket, discipline flashes and year flashes. A blue or white Scotland Shooting Team polo shirt will be required as advised by the team manager, depending on how many days the international is shot over.

ISSF disciplines must comply with the ISSF clothing rules applying at the time.

Trousers, tailored shorts or a Kilt can be worn while shooting but in the case of the latter it must be worn with the correct accompanying accessories. A shirt or jersey with long or short sleeves, not sleeveless and a normal shooting hat. Hearing and eye protection MUST be worn.

For the Team photographs and prize giving banquet, dark blue blazer with Scotland blazer badge, grey trousers, dark socks, black shoes, white shirt with a Scotland Team member tie. Ladies may opt for either a grey or tartan skirt or grey trousers, variances in tartans are acceptable. Ladies may wear a Scotland team member cravat.

New caps will receive a subsidy of £50 towards their first Scotland shooting jacket on application in writing to the Association Treasurer. No patterned camouflage wear or equipment of any sort is permitted. The SCTA has a range of clothing available to order from a link on the website.

#### Home International Team Sizes:

##### DOWN THE LINE

20 Seniors, 5 Ladies, 5 Juniors, 5 Veterans, and 5 Super Veterans

##### NATIONAL SKEET

10 Seniors, 3 Ladies, 3 Juniors, 3 Veterans, and 3 Super Veterans

##### NATIONAL SPORTING

15 Seniors, 3 Ladies, 3 Juniors, 3 Veterans, and 3 Super Veterans

##### AUTOMATIC BALL TRAP

12 Seniors, 3 Ladies, 3 Juniors, 3 Veterans, and 3 Super Veterans

##### OLYMPIC TRAP

9 Seniors, 2 Ladies, 2 Juniors, 2 Veterans, and 2 Super Veterans

##### OLYMPIC SKEET

9 Seniors, 2 Ladies, 2 Juniors, 2 Veterans, and 2 Super Veterans

##### FITASC SPORTING

9 Seniors, 2 Ladies, 2 Juniors, 2 Veterans, and 2 Super Veterans

Scottish Team Categories (DTL, ABT, OTR, OSK, NSP, FSP).

If a shooter does not wish to compete in their default category, then they must inform the discipline representative a month before the Scottish Championship, which category they wish to be considered for. It is the responsibility of the shooter to advise any requested change in category. If no request has been made the default categories will be applied.

For example, a Lady can opt to shoot in the senior team, a Lady Junior may opt to shoot in the Junior and not Lady category, a Veteran may opt to shoot in the Senior category etc., before the Scottish Championship. The relevant number of qualifying scores for that category must be attained to be considered. Once this choice has been made, that shooter will be judged against the other competitors in that category for a team place. If that shooter does not qualify in the chosen category, then that shooter MAY be offered a different category place if there is a place available and their scores qualify them. NB: For NSK: Shooters compete in their default category eg junior lady veteran etc. Any shooter may opt to shoot in the open (senior) category however must notify the discipline rep no less than 1 clear month prior to the Scottish Championship date

Senior (OPEN) teams. There are no gender rules or age limits on shooters for the Senior (Open) Team.

Junior teams. A member must be under the age of 21 on the 1st January in the year of the International to qualify as a Junior. Proof of age is required; other age restrictions apply for Eire and Northern Ireland.

Veteran teams. A member must be over the age of 55 on 1st January in the year of the international to qualify as a Veteran. Proof of age required.

Super Veterans Team: A member must be over the age of 65 on 1st January in the year of the international to qualify as a Super Veteran. Proof of age required

Ladies Teams.

To qualify for the Ladies category a person must be of female gender at birth or be a male to female transsexual. Individuals who have undergone gender reassignment after puberty are eligible for participation in their acquired gender providing that they have lived fully in the acquired gender for at least two years. The individual will be required to provide original documentation or certified copies to be held by the SCTA of the following:

A. Written confirmation from the individual's GP that all required surgical anatomical changes have been completed two years prior to the application and that hormonal therapy has been administered for a sufficient length of time to minimise any gender related advantages whilst clay target shooting. B. The Gender Recognition Certificate. C. The revised Birth Certificate if available.

The above requirements are in accordance with the policy on transsexual competitors issued by the International Olympic Committee and also conform with the recommendations set out in the UK Sport guidance booklet "Transsexual People and Sport" published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the Scottish team each member must comply with at least one of the following criteria:

- i.) Having been born in Scotland.
- ii.) For a parent or grandparent to be, or have been, a Scottish national.
- iii.) To be married to a Scottish national.
- iv.) Having been officially resident in Scotland for a minimum continual period of one year prior to qualification.

## Ties for team places

Ties for team and reserve positions will be resolved by a shoot-off under the relevant discipline rules at the relevant Scottish Championship. Any shoot-off for these places must take place as soon as the results are known.

## Team Captain.

The position of Captain of each Scottish Team will be offered to the team member with the highest score following the completion of the selection procedure (scores for competitions of more than 100 targets will be averaged). Should the shooter decline it will be offered to the next eligible shooter until the vacancy is filled.

Any ties will be decided by a shoot-off in accordance with the rules applying to team places as previously outlined.

In order to be eligible for Team Captain shooters must be a minimum of 18 years of age on the 1st of January of the year of the Home International and have previously represented Scotland.

## DTL Captain(s)

The Overall Scottish Team Captain will be the Captain of the Senior Team, Captains for the remaining categories will be offered to the Team member with the highest aggregate score from each category.

## Team Manager

The position of team manager will be decided by the board. Should you be interested in the role of team manager for any of the disciplines please register your interest with the administrator prior to 1st March.

DTL Team Selection: Members are asked to declare their team intentions to the DTL rep or Administrator prior to the 1st April to assist with organisation and to be added to the DTL HI mailing list.

Scores from other ICTSC affiliated bodies and Events outside Scotland: The best 2 scores a shooter achieves from affiliated bodies will be recognised for team selection providing correct validation is supplied, if from a GB Selection Shoot, Grand Prix, British Open, Home Country Championship, (not Home International) or from a selection shoot held by any recognised clay target governing body. Scores from registered shoots are not eligible to be used for team selection. It will be the responsibility of the competitor to provide the Association via the administrator proof of their score. This can be in paper form verified by an official from the host ground or association or in electronic form provided the results of the competition are in the public domain (i.e., website or internet). The results can be posted by surface mail or by e-mail but must be received by the administrator within 21 days. It will be the responsibility of the competitor to check that the event is valid for team selection.

Penrith Gun Club and Bywell Shooting Ground are affiliated to the SCTA and as such are considered Scottish grounds for the purpose of selection scores. Scores from registered shoots at these grounds will be added to the website, count for both selection and classification and do not need to be submitted to the administrator.

#### National Sporting and FITASC

No shoots out with Scotland will be considered towards Team Selection for National Sporting or FITASC.

Carry forward scores: A maximum of 2 scores can be carried forward from shoots held between the Scottish Championship in the preceding year and 31st December. Otherwise, all the required scores must be obtained between 1st January and before the allotted cutoff date before the relevant Scottish Championship, (see membership and eligibility) this being the end of the open selection period. Where scores are obtained from a 2-day shoot of 200 targets or more, which takes place between the Scottish Championship and 31st December in the preceding year then no further scores may be carried forward.

Members who are Permanently Resident Out with Scotland (MPROS): An MPROS may use a maximum of 3 scores from registered or selection shoots obtained from at least 2 different grounds in their country of residence. (If such scores are used then rules outlined above apply) Failing this the scores in question will be disregarded. MPROS must use a SCTA membership number at shoots out

with Scotland if they intend the score to be used for team selection. An MPROS member must shoot one area championship as part of their selection score. Although ineligible to take area champion they may win high gun. MPROS do not have a designated Scottish area allocated to them and their membership card will reflect this as 'O'.

2 Day shoots: Where a shoot is held over 2 days, the 2 days scores cannot be split if a competitor completes both days. If for any reason a competitor only completes 1 day, then the first day CANNOT be used but the second day CAN be used. Where a 2-day shoot is of less than 200 targets (e.g., Olympic disciplines) the calculated percentage score will be used.)

### Scottish Championship

Members must compete in and complete the requisite number of shoots, including the relevant Scottish Championship. If the Scottish Championship is a 2-day competition, then all categories must compete and complete in both days competition.

### Area Championships

At least 1 (one) Area Championship MUST be included in the required number of shoots. This applies to all disciplines and all categories i.e., Senior, Lady, Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran.

### Dispensation

The requirement to compete in the relevant Scottish Championship may be waived at the discretion of the Management Board on receipt of a request in writing at least 14 days prior to the Championship (unless circumstances prevent this). This dispensation will only be granted after consideration by the Management Board for occasions such as a family bereavement, or if they have been selected to shoot in a clashing International, or if they are representing GB in a team event, or on production of a medical certificate, or other extenuating circumstances. The board reserve the right to request proof of extenuating circumstances. Should a dispensation be granted the shooter will have to shoot a nominated competition as an alternative Championship and have the score witnessed. The nominated competition will be subject to prior SCTA Management Board approval.

### Team Expenses

For Home Internationals on the British Mainland £100. For Ireland, Channel Islands £150.

Number of scores required (not including Scottish Championship)

Discipline	Seniors	Ladies	Juniors	Veterans	Super Veterans
ALL	5	5	5	5	

Number of shoots from any One Ground:

ABT, OT, OS, NSK- disciplines and all categories a maximum of 3 (three) scores from any one ground.

DTL, FITASC- disciplines a maximum of 2 (two) scores from any one ground.

NSP- Five scores from five different grounds, one to be an area championship. Members can carry one score and one area championship from the same ground.

NSP- World Championship Selection- Will be taken from the first six NSP shoots of the year, three scores to count one to be an area championship. Thanks go to James Jamieson for the kind donation of £3,000 for the world sporting team.

#### COMPULSORY AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS EXPLAINED

As a part of the Scottish Team Selection Procedure shooters are required to shoot in at least one compulsory Area Championship. Once a compulsory shoot score has been obtained this will be reflected in our database, for team league placement the highest score attained at an Area Championship will be used for team ranking, any other Area Championship score attained will still be used for Team selection, but these scores will become ordinary selection scores.

In addition to the four normal Area Championships the Management

Board of the SCTA felt it was necessary to accommodate those members who live on the outlying Islands to stay engaged in the team selection process without the need to travel to the mainland on a certain date and as such we have provided these clubs the opportunity to hold one (1) Island Compulsory shoot in each discipline.

All SCTA members can if they wish shoot at an Island compulsory shoot, but their score will be classed as an ordinary selection shoot. Only an Islander may use their score as a compulsory Area shoot. This ensures that everyone can only gain a benefit from an equal number of area compulsories (4). If a shooter who shoots both a compulsory Island shoot and a South Area Championship only the score from the Island compulsory shoot can be used as a team ranking score although the score from the South Area can still be used as an ordinary selection score.