



THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CLAY TARGET SHOOTING FEDERATION

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Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) and
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SELECTION PROCEDURE for ISSF EVENTS 2011

PREAMBLE - ISSF Events

ISSF Championships and World Cups are entered by invitation only through British Shooting and the BICTSF. World and European Championships - Team and Individual events, 3 Men, 3 Women, 3 Junior Men, 3 Junior Women.

World Cups - Individual events 3 Men, 3 Women.

Individuals are eligible for selection For World Cups, World and European Championships by virtue of position in the rankings as detailed below.

Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at World Cups. There are 2 places for Men & 2 places for Women in the MQS event. This is part of a World Cup, it is by invitation only and shot contiguously but scores do not count in the World Cup. The purpose of this event is to give an opportunity to people who have not qualified for a World Cup but would benefit from going either for experience or training. MQS is shot ex 125 (ex150 DTR) and shooters are not badged.

The Selection Procedure is revised every year.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Selection for Olympic Skeet (OSK) and Olympic Trap (OTR) disciplines will use a rolling ranking system; the squad-based system will continue for Double Trap (DTR). Self funded shooters may be granted leave by the Board to attend World Cups, World and European Championships, using the selection procedures as set out below.

The Board decides on the venues for selection shoots, which is to include the opportunity for all Home Countries to host selection shoots and will endeavour to have a Board member present at all ISSF discipline selection shoots and be available to check the targets with the Jury prior to the start of competition each day. The Board will choose venues for the selection shoots that will provide the best conditions and targets most similar to international competitions - whenever possible, separate grounds should be used for each competition. Any ground that is deemed not to be able to set satisfactory targets to international standards will be removed from the list of hosting venues for the following year or until the targets are deemed suitable by a Discipline Board member and approved by the Board.

2.0 QUALIFYING EVENTS

Shooters who represent Great Britain in international competitions will be selected by the following system for ISSF Olympic events; the system is based on a series of selection shoots, all candidates shooting under the same conditions and in direct competition with each other (exception see 8.0).

There are a number of selection shoots nominated by BICTSF in all events each year. These events are administered and controlled by the Federation. The selection shoot events for 2011 onwards will comprise of 125 targets for men/junior men and 75 targets for women/junior women in both Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet. The selection shoots for Double Trap will comprise of 150 targets for men/junior men. Flash target Finals will be held after the Qualification Rounds for the top six competitors, further details are given under the respective discipline sections below.

3.0 RANKINGS

To determine the ranking positions, the final four selection shoots from 2010 will be carried forward into 2011, 3 ex 4 to count. After the first selection shoot in 2011 the teams will be based on 2 ex 3 shoots to count for the remaining 2011 shoots.

The ranking lists will be posted on the BICTSF website <http://www.bictsf.com> showing the events from 2010 initially and will be updated after each selection event. A ranking list for each discipline is produced after each selection shoot based upon shooters performance at each event. The rankings are based on a points system, which are awarded based on the winner's score as follows:

3.1 BICTSF will determine the number of selection shoots for each event when possible before 1st January annually or as soon as possible thereafter.

3.2 The points for ranking purposes for the top six competitors in both the men's and women's events will include the final.

3.3 The ranking order shall be determined as follows:

Ranking points will be taken from the scores achieved in the qualification rounds plus the final ex 150 for OTR men and OSK men, ex 200 for DTR men, ex 100 for OTR women and OSK women. The same basis shall apply to juniors.

3.4 The shooter with the highest score or equal highest score in the qualification rounds will be awarded 0 (zero) points. The remaining shooters will be awarded points equal to the difference between the score of the first place shooter(s) and next highest score continuing throughout the ranking.

3.5 The remaining competitor's ranking points will be taken from scores achieved in qualification rounds.

3.6 The top six competitors (Finalists) will be awarded MINUS points based on their scores in the combined Qualification and Final rounds (ex 150 for OTR/OSK men and junior men and ex 100 for OTR and OSK for women/junior women and ex 200 for DTR men) as follows:

Highest total score -	minus (-) 10 (ten) points
Second highest total score -	minus (-) 7 (seven) points
Third highest total score -	minus (-) 5 (five) points
Fourth highest total score -	minus (-) 3 (three) points
Fifth highest total score -	minus (-) 2 (two) points
Sixth highest total score -	minus (-) 1 (one) point

3.7 For example if a shooter has the highest score in the combined OT Qualification and Final Rounds then that shooter will have a total point score of minus ten (-10) points for that competition.

3.8 Remaining shooters in the Finals will have minus points awarded as shown in 3.6 above. All tied scores will be broken according to ISSF Rules to determine places one to six.

3.9 The remaining shooters at all selection events will be awarded points equal to the difference between the score of the first place shooter(s) in the Qualification Rounds and the next highest score continuing throughout the ranking.

3.10 For example, if the highest score in the Qualification Rounds is 120 and the seventh placed shooter scores 117, then he would have three points. The sixth place shooter would have -1 (minus one) point.

3.11 Any competitor who misses the Final (for whatever reason) will be ranked last in the Final with the same points as the seventh competitor and shall not be replaced.

3.12 All Selection Shoots are Open events, i.e. Open to any current member of a Home Country Clay Pigeon Shooting Association or International Federation.

4.0 SELECTION

2011 is exceptional in that all of the remaining Quota Places for the Olympic Games will be available this year; coupled with the fact that the first three World Cups (including entry lead times) are so early in the year and geographically separate that we are unable to hold any prior selection shoots.

It has been decided therefore that teams for the first three World Cups will be chosen from the rankings, 3 ex 4 to count.

Team places for the World Cup in Maribor and the European and World Championships in Belgrade (these include M & F Juniors) will be offered in ranking order 2 ex 3 scores to count.

The teams will be self funded with the exception of entry fees and official training rounds paid by the BICTSF.

4.1 It is Federation's policy to promote a performance based selection procedure.

4.2 There will be a World Standard Score (WSS) (formerly minimum Consideration Score <MCS>) for each discipline that should be achieved during the selection period for each event in order to be considered for team selection; these are detailed under each discipline heading below.

4.3 GBR team members for each ISSF event will be selected from the ranking list after the cut-off event taking into account the following criteria:

4.3.1 Order in ranking list

4.3.2 Be no lower than sixth place in the ranking list for Men and no lower than fourth place for Women and Juniors

4.3.3 Disciplinary record of the shooter

4.3.4 Anti-Doping record of the shooter

4.3.5 Not be indebted to BICTSF

4.4 Selection of the shooting team with Team GBR for the Olympic Games is subject to a separate selection policy and Olympic Qualifying Standards (OQS) agreed between the British Olympic Association (BOA) and British Shooting (BS). The BOA selects the Olympic Shooting Team from nominations made by BS. This policy will be published on the BS website approximately 20 months before the Games.

4.5 The Federation will, at its absolute discretion, determine whether a GBR badge will be awarded to any shooter, attending as an ISSF MQS entry to a World Cup, who has not previously been awarded a GBR badge through outright team qualification.

5.0 FUNDING

5.1 The Federation may decide to fund selected overseas events depending on resources available. The funding will be limited to individual and team entry fees, flights from the team's UK departure airport to the destination airport, local transportation to the venue and shared twin bedded accommodation. All other costs shall be payable by the individual shooter (costs settled in default by BICTSF shall be debited to the shooter who shall not be eligible for future selection until the debt is repaid in full).

5.2 Women's Double Trap is no longer an Olympic event. No financial support from the BICTSF is available.

5.3 Team members' contributions for 2011, payable by all team members to help fund the travel and accommodation costs is £500 for events held in Europe and £700 for the rest of the world, at the discretion of the board and subject to available funds.

6.0 SELF FUNDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 Should a shooter wish to compete in an event, such as a World Cup, not being attended by a GBR team then they may self fund provided they can comply with Clause 4.3 above. The team members for World Cups and Championships may be a Senior or Junior shooter, providing the relevant selection criteria is met.

6.2 A self funding shooter will be responsible for paying all their costs which will include, but not be limited to: visas, entry fee, ammunition, training rounds, flights, accommodation and transportation between airport/hotel and hotel/shooting range etc.

6.3 Entries to ISSF events and reservations for accommodation and transport arrangements provided by the event organisers are usually made via BS on behalf of BICTSF. BS will advise the self funding shooter in advance giving a breakdown of the cost of their trip made on their behalf.

6.4 A cheque signifying acceptance of these terms and conditions for the full amount detailed above must be sent to BS by return of post to be received no later than the specified deadline date. Failure to do so, for whatever reason, will result in their not being entered in the competition by BS. All costs incurred either by BS or BICTSF on their behalf or personally will be entirely at the expense of and charged to the shooter.

6.5 The organisers of the event provide a range of accommodation and, where possible, in order to keep costs down, cheaper hotels will be used in western countries. However, in other countries where health and quality standards are generally lower than higher-grade accommodation will be used at the discretion of BS in consultation with BICTSF.

6.6 Leave to carry ammunition to be granted on a case by case basis. If leave is not granted, the self funding shooter is advised and is responsible to either budget for the purchase of ammunition upon arrival at the event and/or arranges with their preferred supplier to have it delivered direct to the competition venue at their expense.

6.7 Should a self funding shooter, after confirmation to BS of their attendance at an event, decide to withdraw for whatever reason then they shall be liable to BS for any and all expenditure incurred for and on their behalf by BS and or BICTSF.

6.8 It must be noted that BICTSF have a policy of exclusion from events held under their auspices for individuals who are indebted to the BICTSF, for whatever reason, until the debt is cleared. Such a shooter will not be eligible for consideration for selection for future international competitions until the account is settled in full.

6.9 All GBR team members and self funding shooter will be required to sign and adhere to a current BICTSF Athlete's Agreement by a deadline date. Failure to do so (there will be no exceptions) will mean they will not be included in the team or considered for international competitions in the following year. It must be returned to BICTSF prior to the deadline date set out in Clause 6.4 above relevant to their first competition in each calendar year. Failure to do so, for whatever reason, will result in their withdrawal from the competition. They shall be liable to BICTSF for any and all expenditure incurred for and on their behalf by BICTSF and personally for all other expenditure.

6.10 Accompanied ISSF trips by family, friends, personal coaches and the like are not permitted for any shooter, irrespective of funding status. Any such persons attending international competitions as spectators will not be supported by BICTSF. Further, they must not encroach on the team preparation area or layouts during competition or training.

6.11 All competitors are reminded of the ISSF Clothing Rule 9.9.4.1 et al that applies to all team members on the ranges (competition venue) throughout the duration of competition, training and travelling whether competing or not.

7.0 WORLD STANDARD SCORES (WSS)

Formerly known as Minimum Consideration Scores (MCS), The **WSS** are for guidance and listed under the relevant disciplines. The **WSS** are based upon calculations from results data obtained from ISSF international events and are subject to review annually at the end of the international season and may change for the following year.

8.0 EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In circumstances when the date of a selection shoot falls near to that of a nominated major championship event then the ranking points achieved abroad by Team Members may, at the discretion of the Board, be used in the ranking list instead. If a selection shoot is very close to the departure to, or the return from, an international event the shooter may apply to the Board for leave of absence and to substitute the overseas score. A shooter may nominate to count a score from an agreed foreign event providing: there has been a written request (either postal or e-mail) to the BICTSF Secretary and one of the discipline representatives for permission to be granted by the Board; the request made, with written permission granted must be completed a minimum of one month prior to the foreign event. The system for counting overseas scores is detailed below:

8.1 In the case of a shooter substituting ranking points under this clause, points will be awarded against the winning score of that specific event using the formula laid down in clauses 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7

9.0 DEFINITION OF JUNIOR COMPETITORS

The ISSF definition of a Junior is a competitor who will be under the age of 21 on 31st December in the year of competition.

10.0 APPEAL PROCESS CONCERNING NON SELECTION

Any shooter eligible under these rules and complying with the conditions set out above may appeal personally in respect of themselves, only on the following grounds:

10.1 That the selection has not been conducted according to the procedures laid down above.

10.2 That a shooter who has been selected does not meet the eligibility rules on the grounds of either Nationality or membership of a Home Country Clay Pigeon Association and has no membership number'.

11.0 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any shooter who is non compliant with anti doping rules or is or has been subject to disciplinary procedure that has not expired by a Home Country Clay Pigeon Association will not be funded by BICTSF.

12.0 DOPE TESTING

The National Anti Doping Organisation (NADO) may carry out random dope testing at any event without prior notice to BICTSF. Competitors selected by the NADO doping control staff to take part in a dope test are urged to comply with their instructions. Penalties for failure to comply with instruction or the discovery of a prohibited substance in a test sample can result in severe penalties. Competitors should familiarise themselves thoroughly with the information provided on UK Sport's Drug Information Database on their website <http://www.ukad.org.uk/> and www.bictsf.com for their policy that applies to BICTSF activities. Juniors (U21) must also have a parent's signature included in their entry form, to permit U21s who have been selected by UK Sport's doping control staff to take part in a dope test. It is the competitor's PERSONAL responsibility for ensuring compliance with the regulations regarding any and all medications, treatments and supplements, either purchased over the counter or prescribed by a medical practitioner.

13.0 DISCLAIMER

The Federation reserves the right to step outside this system.

14.0 INTERPRETATION

The Federation shall have the power to interpret these rules should there be any ambiguity or difference of opinion concerning the application of the rules.

15.0 OLYMPIC TRAP

15.1 The selection shoot programme for men/junior men will consist of 125 targets shot over two days, 75 targets on the first day and 50 targets on the second day plus a 25 flash target final for the top six competitors.

15.2 The programme for women/junior women will be one day only comprising of 75 targets plus a 25 flash target final for the top six competitors.

15.3 World Standard Scores (WSS) - For Guidance Only

Men 140 ex 150

Women 87 ex 100

Junior Men 115 ex 125

Junior Women 63 ex 75

16.0 DOUBLE TRAP

16.1 The selection shoot programme for men/junior men will consist of 150 targets shot on one day with a 50 flash target final for the top six competitors.

16.2 World Standard Scores (WSS) - For Guidance only. Men 184 ex 200, Junior Men 131 ex 150

16.3 Whenever possible, separate grounds should be used for each competition. In DTR, this may not be possible due to the lack of suitable facilities and 'back-to-back' competitions may be permitted subject to daily target checking.

17.0 OLYMPIC SKEET

17.1 The selection shoot programme for men/junior men will consist of 125 targets shot over two days, 75 targets on the first day and 50 targets on the second day plus a 25 flash target final for the top six competitors.

17.2 The programme for women/junior women will be one day only comprising of 75 targets plus a 25 flash target final for the top six competitors.

17.3 World Standard Scores (WSS) - For Guidance Only

Men 120 ex 125

Women 68 ex 75

Junior Men 118 ex 125

Junior Women 65 ex 75

By Order of the Board of Management

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