



SCOTTISH TARGET SHOOTING

Commonwealth Games 2010

Athlete Nomination Policy

1. Scottish Target Shooting is the body responsible for the nomination of representatives from the sport of Target Shooting to Commonwealth Games Scotland for consideration for selection to the Scottish Commonwealth Games team. Scottish Target Shooting does not have the power of selection to the Scottish Commonwealth Games team.
2. In making its nominations, Scottish Target Shooting will have regard to the ability of the nominated team to maximise medal winning potential. All athletes nominated must meet Commonwealth Games Scotland eligibility criteria (Appendix 1).
3. Each of the Governing Bodies representing the disciplines of Shotgun, Pistol, Fullbore Rifle & Smallbore Rifle will be invited to nominate the best two athletes for each of the events to be offered at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. These nominations will be put forward to Scottish Target Shooting who, having regard to the ability to maximise the team's medal winning potential and the Minimum Consideration Standards, will make the final nominations to Commonwealth Games Scotland.
4. In deciding medal winning potential, the following factors will be considered:
 - Absolute scores, where and when achieved
 - Consistency of performance at relevant competitions
 - Consistency of achievement of the Minimum Consideration Standard
 - Fitness
 - The coach's report

As a guide, consistency of achievement of the minimum consideration standard is likely to be assessed by the average of the top three scores recorded in the qualification period, only one of which will be in 2009.

Fitness will be reviewed to assess improvement over time, injury history and its likely impact on a CG competition, current medication/s and a report from the team physiotherapist. The overriding consideration is that athletes selected must be fit for the purpose for which they are selected.

Coaches will be asked to report on the following aspects:

- The athlete's attitude to training
- Their receptiveness to coaching
- Ability
- Potential
- Performance as a team member
- Ability to handle the stress of a high level competition
- Suitability of equipment
- Any other relevant issues

Where there are athletes of a similar standard the following may also be considered:

- The athlete's likely contribution to the team's success as a team member
- Potential for performance at future CG
- Other circumstances likely to affect performance at CG

5. The nominations will only be made from members of SCTA/SPA/SRA/SSRA Senior & Fast-track squads for the season 2009/10. Those squads will be selected in September or October 2009, as a condition of selection each athlete must be an individual member of their relevant discipline Governing Body.
6. All scores in relevant events (see Appendix 3) in the period 1st May 2009 to 20th July 2010 will be considered. All performances will be included, but with emphasis being placed on more current form and on performance in international matches. However, consideration will be given to the elimination of scores where the selection committee agree there has been an equipment malfunction, injury or other exceptional circumstances.
7. The Minimum Consideration Standard will be the achievement of at least the eighth place qualification round score based on the individual events at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. Where less than fifteen competitors took place, the MCS Score will be achievement of a top half placing based on the qualification round scores recorded in the individual events at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. No MCS will be reduced from that set for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, except for those events where a major rule change introduced by the ISSF has rendered the 2002 results obsolete.
8. Where two athletes are nominated for an event on the basis of individual performances, these athletes will automatically constitute the team for the respective Pairs event.
9. Where less than two athletes are nominated for an event on the basis of individual performances, consideration will be given to entering one or two additional athletes in order to complete a team for the respective Pairs event.
10. The Minimum Consideration Standard for a Pairs event will be the third placed Pairs score at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, subject to no score being reduced from the equivalent score at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, except for those events where a major rule change introduced by the ISSF has rendered the 2002 results obsolete.
11. In order to demonstrate consistency of performance in a Pairs context, the aggregate of the averages of their best three matches in the qualification period, only one of which will be from 2009, will be compared to the Minimum Consideration Standard. Where the Pairs course of fire is less than that for the corresponding Individual event (i.e. Shotgun), the appropriate number of rounds at the start of Individual competitions will be used to determine if a nomination is to be made.
12. Where an individual has not achieved the MCS, consideration may be given to making a nomination if the individual's selection would enhance the team's medal winning potential. Any such selection must be identified and agreed in principle with Commonwealth Games Scotland in accordance with the overall team selection criteria
13. Consideration will be given by Commonwealth Games Scotland to selecting individuals who, although they may not have achieved the Minimum Consideration Standard, are identified and are agreed to be potential medal winners in the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Any such selection must be identified and agreed in principle with Commonwealth Games Scotland in accordance with the overall team selection criteria.
14. Athletes **will not** be considered under the categories listed in points 12 and 13 above purely as a result of having failed to achieve the Minimum Consideration Standard.
15. The nomination of each athlete should be accompanied by details of performances for the event over the previous 15 months, giving evidence of that athlete's ability to perform to medal winning standard either at this or future Games. Priority will be given to medal potential for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

16. Athletes who are nominated in one or more events in which they have achieved the selection criteria may also be nominated in one or more additional events provided that:
 - the maximum number of athletes has not already been nominated in this event,
 - it is agreed that any such successful nomination will not be detrimental to their performance in the event(s) in which they originally secured a nomination.
17. It should be understood by Governing Bodies and athletes, that achievement of the Minimum Consideration Standard **will not guarantee** a nomination to Commonwealth Games Scotland, nor, if such a nomination is made, will it guarantee selection to the final Scottish Team.
18. All athletes nominated may be subject to a medical assessment before final selection. Nominees must agree with their medical advisor and/or physiotherapist that medical information relevant to their selection will be made available to the management team, coach and Commonwealth Games team management when requested.
19. Scottish Target Shooting and its member Governing Bodies will publicise this selection procedure and the results of that process to all athletes under consideration. Final nominations by Scottish Target Shooting will be published immediately following the selection decision. Any athlete who feels unjustly treated in the Scottish Target Shooting nomination process has the right of appeal to the Chairman of Scottish Target Shooting.
20. The final team nominations will be made by 30th July 2010, with the final team selected by Commonwealth Games Scotland on 19th August 2010.

Eligibility and Conditions for Representation

Competitor eligibility and conditions for representing Scotland shall be as outlined in the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Constitution and Regulations. This is as follows:

ARTICLE 24

Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:

- (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti Doping Code;*
- (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.*

2. Subject to Article 24(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.

3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned.

4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.

5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

In relation this clause, the CGF Executive at its meeting in August 2004 gave the following guidelines.

If an athlete has previously represented a country at a Commonwealth Games they may continue to represent that country at future Games.

Athletes wishing to compete for a country on the basis of residency must show they have resided in that country for five years immediately prior to those Games.

Further guidelines were given in August 2005 as follows

Athlete Eligibility- Athlete Dispensation Criteria

The General Assembly noted the Executive Boards decision that in accordance with Article 25 (5) dispensations would be granted to athletes where common passports exist in that an athlete may represent the new country subject to having fulfilled all the requirements of the relevant International Federation.

Minimum Consideration Scores

	Individual Events	Pairs Events
<u>Shotgun</u>		
Olympic Skeet – Men	117 ex 125	185 ex 200
Olympic Trap – Men	118 ex 125	186 ex 200
Double Trap – Men	134 ex 150	176 ex 200
Olympic Trap – Women	67 ex 75	86 ex 100
<u>Pistol</u>		
10m Air Pistol – Men	573 ex 600	1144 ex 1200
50m Pistol – Men	541 ex 600	1078 ex 1200
25m Rapid-Fire Pistol – Men	551 ex 600	1111 ex 1200
25m Standard Pistol – Men	557 ex 600	1106 ex 1200
25m Centre-Fire Pistol Men	571 ex 600	1142 ex 1200
10m Air Pistol – Women	374 ex 400	750 ex 800
25m Pistol – Women	565 ex 600	1130 ex 1200
<u>Fullbore Rifle</u>		
Fullbore Rifle – Open	399 ex 405	592 ex 600
<u>Smallbore & Air Rifle</u>		
10m Air Rifle – Men	586 ex 600	1177 ex 1200
50m Prone – Men	591 ex 600	1176 ex 1200
50m 3 Positions – Men	1141 ex 1200	2266 ex 2400
10m Air Rifle – Women	391 ex 400	781 ex 800
50m Prone – Women	583 ex 600	1167 ex 1200
50m 3 Positions – Women	567 ex 600	1140 ex 1200

Selection Matches

ISSF courses of fire only will be considered, other than for Fullbore Rifle where only a Queens' I, II and III course of fire will be considered.

Attendance at the British and Scottish Championships run under international rules for the event for which the athlete wishes to be considered is compulsory, unless agreed in advance with the High Performance Manager and Sport Team Manager.

Other matches of a suitable standard may be considered on request by the athlete prior to the event in question.

Pistol

Indoor cartridge matches will not be considered.

The matches which will be considered are:

- The SPA Open Competitions
- The SPA Air Pistol Championships
- The SPA 50m Pistol Championships
- The NSRA Air Pistol Championships
- The NSRA 50m Pistol Championships
- The British Shooting ranking matches
- The NSRA Inter Region matches
- Any International match of an appropriate standard shot under ISSF rules as a representative of Scotland or Great Britain

Rifle

Indoor cartridge matches will not be considered, nor will those shot on NSRA three-card system targets.

The matches which will be considered are:

- The SSRA Grand Prix circuits
- The SSRA 50m Championships
- The SSRA 10m Air Rifle Championships
- The NSRA 50m Championships
- The NSRA Air Rifle Championships
- The British Shooting ranking matches
- The NSRA 3 Positions championships at the NSRA National Meeting
- The NSRA Inter Region matches
- Any international match of an appropriate standard shot under ISSF rules as a representative of either Scotland or Great Britain

Shotgun

The matches which will be considered are:

- All BICTSF ranking events in the chosen discipline
- The Scottish Championship in the chosen discipline
- Home International matches in the chosen discipline
- Any international match of an appropriate standard shot under ISSF rules as a representative of either Scotland or Great Britain

Fullbore

The matches which will be considered are:

- Bisley Clubs' Easter Meeting
- Scottish Meeting
- British Commonwealth Club Meeting
- National Rifle Association Imperial Meeting
- Tayside Meeting
- Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships
- Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships

In view of the limited number of matches run to the relevant courses of fire, additional competitions may be added to this list subject to agreement with the High Performance Manager and Sport Team Manager.