

SHOOTING FEDERATION OF CANADA

2026 IDENTIFIED TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

INTRODUCTION

Identified team members are athletes at the “Train to Train” stage of the LTD. They need to hone their physical and mental skills, require regular coaching from an NCCP Comp Dev coach, build an understanding to develop a YTP, and attend competitions that are in line with their development level as an athlete. This will assist them in achieving higher stages of long-term development and enter the High-Performance Team.

Identified Team members will be encouraged to participate in provincial, national, USA and International Grand Prix competitions (upon approval of the ID Team Coach) in order to gain experience and develop their potential.

ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviation used in this document have the following meaning:

- ID - Identified Team
- ISSF - International Sport Shooting Federation
- LTD - Long-Term Development Framework
- SFC - Shooting Federation of Canada
- TBD - To be determined
- YTP - Yearly Training Plan

1. IDENTIFIED PROGRAM OVERVIEW & CONDITIONS

- 1.1. Identified Team athletes are acknowledged as those who have met the expectations posted in this document.
- 1.2. The SFC will communicate directly to the athlete only once the athlete has reached the age of majority (18). For those athletes under the age of majority, the SFC will communicate directly with the athlete’s parent or legal guardian on matters pertaining to the Identified Program. The onus is on the athlete and parent to keep each other informed.
- 1.3. These selection criteria and procedures are based on best practices, and are in line with the SFC Long Term Development Framework.
- 1.4. All deadlines are considered firm. The SFC is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected or stolen correspondence directed to the SFC; either submitted online, via fax, electronically, via postal service, commercially shipped or voice activated.
- 1.5. In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the SFC that prevent SFC from fairly implementing these internal nomination procedures as written, the SFC shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that are deemed relevant.
- 1.6. The SFC High Performance Committee shall have full discretion to name athletes to the team based on, but not limited to, ranking, overall desired outcomes, coachability, commitment to training and improving, scores achieved in international events, and regular communication with the Identified Team Coach.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

To be considered and eligible for selection to the SFC Identified Team an athlete must:

- 2.1. Be a member in good standing of the Shooting Federation of Canada and, inherently, pay in full any outstanding accounts receivable owing the SFC.
- 2.2. Be a Canadian citizen in possession of a valid Canadian passport OR be a permanent resident in the process of obtaining Canadian Citizenship; if naturalized, the ISSF international participation rule will be applicable (Article 3.6 Entry and Participation, item 3.6.3.3). Athletes must be fully eligible to compete for Canada at the time of representation at an ISSF World Cup or Major Competition / Games.
- 2.3. Participate at the 2025 National Championships to be eligible for the 2026 Identified Team.
- 2.4. Consent to being subject to the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (the "UCCMS" available at <https://sportintegritycommissioner.ca/uccms>) and the processes required for its administration and enforcement.
- 2.5. Not use or be in possession of, by medical prescription or otherwise unless approved by a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), any drug that is on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List or engage in any method or activity that would be in contravention to the Canadian Anti-Doping Program or World Anti-Doping Code.
- 2.6. Complete CCES True Sport Clean online education module specific to the year of participation.
- 2.7. Complete mandatory Abuse and Harassment training as required by Sport Canada.
- 2.8. Follow an NCCP training and competition plan agreed upon in collaboration with the athlete's personal coach and the applicable National Coach. (YTP spans 48 weeks/ year).
- 2.9. Pay the SFC Administrative Fee of \$300 at the time of team registration.
- 2.10. Athletes are required to submit a yearly training plan and report monthly to the ID Team Coach or their coach assigned to them to remain in good standing. Failure to report may result in suspension from the team until such time as the athlete complies.
- 2.11. Adhere to the SFC Athlete Agreement & all applicable policies

3. ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

- Any athlete who wants to be considered for Identified Team Selection will be required to submit 4 scores online during the Team Selection Intake Period (known as the "Intake Period").
- The four (4) scores must come from a minimum of three (3) different competitions.
- Scores must be achieved between November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2025.
- Scores must be from the list of Eligible Events & Match Criteria - see Annex A
- The online Intake Period will be from November 1-7, 2025.
- Scores must be from events that meet ISSF rules and regulations.
- If an athlete is attempting to qualify in multiple events (e.g. Air Rifle and 3 Position), a separate Intake Form must be filed for each event.
- To be on the 2026 Identified Team athletes MUST attend the National Championships held in 2025 (exact dates TBD).
- Identified Team athletes are expected to review their competition plan with the ID Team Coach or the coach assigned to them to ensure the scores they plan to submit during the Intake Period qualify as outlined above.
- The Intake Period replaces the QSDR process used in previous years.

IMPORTANT: The Performance Objective of the High Performance Program for 2026 is to field full CAT Teams. Identified Team athletes will only be considered for CAT Teams if:

- The athlete submitted 4 scores as outlined in Section 5 (“Qualification Process”) of the 2026 High Performance Selection Criteria (National / Development / Junior Teams)
- Selection would be based on ranking, available entries and at the discretion of the High Performance Committee

4. TEAM SELECTION and RANKING

QUALIFYING SCORES

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*Athletes will remain as Juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age. Any athlete born between the 1st January and the 31st December, will cease to be a Junior on the 31st December of that year (Clause 3.7.4.12, ISSF General Rule Book).

TEAM SELECTION

- 4.1 To qualify for the Identified Team, the average of the 4 scores submitted (called Average Score) must meet or exceed the Qualifying Score (see above).
- 4.2 Average Score Values will be calculated to the 4th decimal place.
- 4.3 Athlete appointment to the 2026 Team is at the discretion of SFC High Performance Committee based on, but not limited to, ranking, overall desired outcomes, commitment to training and improving, and scores achieved in other international events.

The above criteria are final and supersede all other previously issued criteria pertaining to the selection of athletes to the Shooting Federation of Canada Identified Team Program.

If there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, the English version will prevail.

ANNEX A

2026 Eligible Events & Match Criteria

Domestic

Only the following domestic competitions will be accepted as listed below.

National / Development / Junior / Identified Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian National Championships*• Provincially Hosted Competitions**• Canadian National Junior Championships (CNJC)***

**Nationals will follow ISSF rules and regulations to the best of their ability. Refers exclusively to the Pistol / Rifle / Skeet / Trap Canadian National Championships.*

***Provincially hosted competitions must meet the Match Criteria for Qualifying Score Consideration. Only one score from your home province may be used, excluding Canadian National Championships & CNJC.*

****CNJC scores will only be eligible in "In Person" years and must meet the Match Criteria for Qualifying Score Consideration. Scores in "Remote" years are not eligible.*

International

Eligible international competitions are listed below (in no particular order). For events not listed here, please email sverdier@sfc-ftc.ca to see if it is acceptable.

- USA Shooting hosted events; including CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Programs)
- ISCH Hanover
- InterShoot
- IWK Berlin
- H&N Cup
- Liberation of Plzen
- Emir Cup
- Green Cup
- Eley Open
- Denmark Open
- CAT Championships
- International Championships
- Grand Prix (including Canadian Air Gun Grand Prix)
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF World Championships
- Major Games (Olympic / Paralympic / Pan & Para-Pan Am Games)

MATCH CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING SCORE CONSIDERATION

	RIFLE / PISTOL	SHOTGUN
Minimum number of positions	Ten (10) except for 25m Rapid Fire pistol requiring two (2) bays	One (1) ISSF approved Bunker for Trap One (1) ISSF approved field of play for Skeet
Minimum number of Officials	1 ISSF Certified B Licensed Judge AND 1 National Certified Official* , or 2 ISSF Certified B Licensed Judges, or 1 ISSF A Licensed Judge (for each range/field of play in use)	1 ISSF certified Referees or B Licensed Judges AND 1 National Certified Referee* , or 2 ISSF certified Referees or B Licensed Judges, or 1 ISSF certified A licensed Judge (for each range/field of play in use)
Target System	Electronic	International Targets thrown to current ISSF specifications
Match Format	Current ISSF	Current ISSF
<p>*National Certified Official/Referee must be certified for a minimum of 3 years and have been active for the last 2 of the 3 consecutive years (from 2022) at the National Championships. The National Official/Referee must be vetted by the SFC.</p>		

COURSES OF FIRE

At National Championships and any High-Performance Team Trial (as set out by the HPC) where the current standard of two (2) separate courses of fire count as one competition containing two unique opportunities.

Athletes are expected to complete all courses of fire, including finals, if applicable, in any qualifying score match, team trials or international match (including US selection matches) in which they are registered to compete unless there are unforeseen circumstances (examples: illness/injury, equipment malfunction, match rescheduling).