



ICTSA Selection Policy – Olympic Games Paris 2024

26 July – 11 August 2024

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the procedure the ICTSA in conjunction with the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI) will use to select the shotgun shooting team to compete at the Olympic Games Paris 2024, which will now take place from 26 July – 11 August, 2024 (the “2024 Olympics”).

Places at the Olympic Games for shooting sports are allocated on a country quota basis (and *NOT* to the athletes that obtain them) by the International Shooting Sport Federation (“ISSF”). For each discipline a fixed number of quotas are made available and competed for in open competition at ISSF World Cups, ESC Continental Championships and World Championships. The ISSF may also award additional quota places through the allocation of MQS scores.

If Ireland holds an IOC Quota place, then, subject to the approval of the ISSF, the IOC Quota will be open to all eligible Athletes who have met the eligibility criteria set out in section 2 below.

The ICTSA is responsible for nominating eligible and selected athletes to the OFI. Nominations can only be made once all nomination appeals have been resolved. The OFI has the final decision in selecting Team Ireland for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection for the Olympic Games in Paris 2024, must agree to adhere to this Selection Policy and the various procedures laid out and to provide such assistance and information as the ICTSA or the OFI reasonably require.

2. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to represent Ireland at the Olympic Games, athletes must:

- Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter
- Hold an Irish Passport and be eligible under the ISSF and IOC rules
- Be a full individual member of the ICTSA in good standing
- Have achieved an ISSF Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) at an Olympic qualifying competition (see appendix 1 & 2) during the Paris 2024 Olympic cycle.
- Be of a level of fitness and health to be able to compete competitively. If required, shall agree to a medical examination to determine his/her fitness to participate. The medical examination will be carried out by a medical professional appointed by the ICTSA Board or the OFI

- Not be the subject of an anti-doping ban, a doping violation and/or a pending doping violation
- Have signed the ICTSA Team Member Agreement.
- Have signed the OFI Team Member Agreement and any other OFI requirements
- Have completed all of the above by the completion of the last ISSF qualifying competition prior to the Paris Olympics.

3. Selection and Nomination Process

Once an athlete has achieved the criteria in Point 2 above for consideration, the ICTSA will use the following process as the basis for shooter selection, at dates to be announced by the ICTSA. Such dates will be after the last ISSF qualifying competition for the Paris Olympics. The same process will be used for selection for both women's and men's events.

- All eligible athletes will compete in a series of three selection shoots per discipline, over three consecutive weekends, at three different shooting grounds selected by the ICTSA.
- Each selection shoot will comprise 125 targets
- The highest two scores from each athlete will be counted and added together to calculate that athlete's Selection Shoot Score
- The athlete with the highest Selection Shoot Score will be nominated for the first quota place in that discipline/event.
- In the event of Ireland being awarded two places in a discipline/event the second place nomination will be to the athlete with the second highest score, and so on for all places in a certain discipline/event.
- In the event of a Selection Shoot Score tie between two athletes, at the end of the third and final selection shoot, there shall be a shoot-off between tied athletes. The shoot-off shall be held immediately after the completion of the third selection shoot, daylight permitting. In the event that daylight does not permit a shoot-off, then the ICTSA shall inform competitors of an alternative date which shall be within 7 days of selection shoot 3. The shoot-off shall comprise a 25 target shoot off, with the highest score in the shoot-off to be selected. In the event of a further tie, then a sudden death shoot-off shall commence, with single targets alternating between athletes until a target is missed, at which point the selected athlete shall be the one who has not missed that target.
- In the event that a tied competitor is not available for the shoot-off, that competitor will be deemed to have lost the shoot-off.

4. Mixed Team Selection

Mixed teams will be comprised of athletes already selected for the individual men or women events.

Where only one gender is selected by the ISSF for a quota place, the ICTSA will run a series of selection shoot using the above process, to select an athlete of the opposite gender. Athletes to compete in the shoot-off will be selected using the top three ranked athletes (according to ISSF world ranking) at that time.

In the event more than one athlete of either gender is nominated or selected for the individual events, the athlete with the highest score in the selection process will be nominated for the mixed team.

5. Selection Panel

The Paris Olympic 2024 selection panel shall comprise three persons, who may be either:

- Members of the ICTSA executive
- Past Irish Olympians in any shooting discipline
- Other persons deemed as appropriate by the ICTSA executive

The Selection Panel shall be responsible for:

- Determining which athletes have met the Selection Criteria and communicating this to the athletes
- Scheduling and running the three selection shoot-off events (or 6 in the event of athletes from both genders competing)
- Communicating results of the selection process and subsequent nominations for athletes to the OFI

6. Communication of Nomination Decision

The ICTSA Chairman will inform eligible athletes and the OFI of the result of the selection process and the subsequent nomination of team members.

7. Team Selection Appeals Procedures

In accordance with the ICTSA Team Selection Appeals Procedure an athlete may wish to appeal their non-nomination to the OFI.

The purpose of the right to appeal is to dispute that the selection procedure and selection criteria have not been followed correctly.

A Nomination Appeal is limited to any one or more of the following grounds:

- (a) That the applicable Nomination Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented;
- (b) Any other reasonable grounds for appeal

An athlete seeking to review a nomination decision by the ICTSA should be aware of the importance of the time limits contained within the ICTSA Team Selection Appeals Procedures.

All parties to an appeal shall bear their own costs.

8. Team De-Selection

The ICTSA reserves the right to de-select, or to remove from consideration for nomination, any athlete, at any time (subject to any event-specific deadlines):

- Who is medically unfit to compete as a result of injury or illness. This will be verified by a medical professional appointed by the ICTSA or OFI for that purpose. Following selection by the OFI, any decision will be in line with the OFI Fit to Compete Policy.
- Who breaches the ICTSA code of conduct for team members or the OFI Team Member Agreement or whose behaviour is otherwise disruptive or potentially damaging to ICTSA and the team and/or undermines, in any way, the objective of winning the best set of medals.
- Who fails to comply with any drug-testing requirement of the Anti-Doping, or any anti-doping requirements imposed by the Event organisers or others with appropriate authority so to do, or who otherwise breaches the WADA Code or other applicable anti-doping regulations.
- Who has either had a Firearm Certificate revoked and not subsequently returned or, been convicted of an offence involving any Firearms.

- The athlete fails to sign up any agreement as required by OFI.

Where an athlete is de-selected, or removed from consideration for selection, written reasons will be provided within 48 hours of such removal and/or de-selection.

9. Athlete Replacement

An eligible reserve athlete can be selected to replace any athlete who is removed based on the above or for any other unforeseen reason. The reserve athlete will be selected in accordance with the criteria set out above, and will have been the next placed athlete in the selection procedure. Any replacement that occurs will be notified to the OFI and conducted in accordance with any applicable OFI procedure.

10. Selection Policy Amendments

The ICTSA reserves the right to amend this selection policy wherever appropriate or necessary, in particular as a result of factors beyond the ICTSA's control. It is the responsibility of athletes to acquaint themselves with the selection policy applicable to the event, and all related documents. Changes to the selection policy will come into effect from the date where they are shown on the ICTSA website.

Appendix 1:

Required Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS)

<i>Men</i>	
Trap Men	112
Skeet Men	114
<i>Women</i>	
Trap Women	92
Skeet Women	92
<i>Mixed Team</i>	
Trap Mixed Team	122

To be updated when 2024 MQS are published by ISSF

Appendix 2:

List of Qualifying events for Paris 2024

To be updated when published by ISSF