

Criteria for the Selection of Paralympic Shooting Team to represent India in all the discipline Of Paralympic Shooting Sport at the Paris Paralympics Games, France 2024

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POLICY STATEMENT

The PCI firmly believes in Para Shooters earning their place in the Paralympic team. The intention is to ensure through this policy, a level, just, & fair playing field for those sportspersons who wish to enter the fray in team or individual events for all shooting disciplines.

1. SCOPE OF THE POLICY

1.1. The scope of this shooting policy is for and only for the Paralympic Games scheduled in Paris in 2024.

1.2 Rifle/Pistol

- (i) This policy will be in force from 1st June 2022 with the commencement of Chateauroux 2022 WSPS World Cup and will be valid only for selection of team for the Paris Paralympics Games 2024.
- (ii) The main National Selection Policy approved by the Governing Body from time to time shall continue to remain in force for National team selection for international competitions.
- (iii) This policy shall cover following events and shooting disciplines for Rifle/Pistol shooters and shall mandatorily be considered for calculation of Final Average Score.

WSPS World Cups 2022, 2023 and 2024
Para-Asian Games
All WSPS World Championship till 2024
Selection Trials in 2024

- (iv) It shall be binding on all para shooters who seek to represent India at the Paris Paralympic Games 2024, in all Rifle/Pistol events.
- (v) The Selection Trials will also include National Para Shooting Championships conducted by STC PCI in 2023/2024.

2. BASIS OF POLICY

2.1 The policy is based on each shooter being awarded points totaling the average performance of four full scores recorded and deemed to be eligible under this policy as illustrated in subsequent pages.

- 2.2 These points shall be ascertained based on performance, achievement, & the current sporting efficiency of the sportsmen under consideration as detailed further in the criterion.
- 2.3 The selection of the venue for Paralympic selection trials is the sole prerogative of the STC Shooting, PCI. Such venue once identified by STC Shooting, PCI shall be chosen & it shall then be binding on all shooter regardless of their personal profile, to present themselves to the test of Paralympic selection trials per the provisions of this policy.
- 2.4 It is desired that as many different venues in the country be utilized as may be possible & deemed fit by the STC Shooting, PCI.
- 2.5 The STC Shooting, PCI is committed to ensuring that at all times standard IPC/ISSF rules are followed.
- 2.6 In case a shooter has fired a single shot as a competitor in the competition/trial & he/she for reasons best known to themselves, then subsequently withdraws from the competition/ trial & does not complete the competition/trial, his or her score shall be deemed for purposes of selection under this policy to be the exact arithmetical total that exists at the point of his or her withdrawal.
- 2.7 The provisions of (2.6) above shall also be applicable to all Paralympic selection trials.

2.8 Rifle/Pistol

The selection of shooters for international competitions under 1.2 (iii) shall be based on the ranking of each individual shooter in each event based on the existing National Selection Policy.

- 2.9 To participate at 2024 Paris Paralympics. Para shooter have to achieve the laid down Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS) by World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) at two (2) WSPS Recognised Competitions (WSPS Championships, WSPS Sanctioned Competitions and WSPS Shooting Approved Competitions) in the same medal event between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024. Para shooter may enter additional medal events, if they have achieved a MQS in the respective medal events in at least one (1) WSPS Recognised Competition between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024.

3. SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

3.1 Rifle/Pistol

- (i) All shooters will be required to shoot a minimum of 5 (Five) scores including scores in competitions as stated under 1.2 (iii) of which 4 (Four) higher scores shall be counted for FAS (Final Average Score).
 - (a) **Two highest scores from Selection Trials 2024**
 - (b) **One Score from June 2022 till June 2023 at the World Cups/World Championship/Para Asian Games, whichever is higher.**
 - (c) **One best Score from July 2023 till commencement of Paralympic 2024 at the World Cups/World Championship.**
- (ii) In case a shooter is unable to shoot in the last two international competitions listed at 3.1(i) c, may be due to equipment malfunction or medical grounds or may other unavoidable circumstance. The Selection Committee may take a view for consideration of an additional score from 2024 selection trials. The Selection Committee reserves the right to verify the validity of such claims from the para shooter before considering the additional score.
- (iii) In the event of Elimination and Qualification rounds in 50M Rifle 3P Men & Women, the score shot during Qualification round shall be considered. If a shooter fails to qualify for Qualification round then the score shot in Elimination round will be considered.
- (iv) The team for Paris Paralympic Games events will be decided as per rankings after the Final Average Score (FAS) plus Quota point (04 points to be included on the final average achieved) have been added and the Final Score has been arrived at upon completion of the four selection scores as per 3.1 (i).
- (v) The FINAL SCORE for consideration of Paris Paralympic team shall comprise the Final Average Score + Quota Point.

- (vi) The Paris Paralympic team will be decided after conclusion of last WSPS approved Competition and Selection Trials, if any.
- (vii) The first three shooters in each event as per ranking shall be eligible, subjected to Latest National Shooting policy to participate in international competitions under 1.2 (iii). There shall be no review of this criterion at any forum. The ranking would be determined on the basis of National Selection Policy for selection of teams for international competitions.
- (viii) Formation of this selection criteria is having sole purpose to select the best para shooter, who could win medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games selection. Further, Selection Committee of PCI would use this fair method to select the best team for India.

3.2 Participation by Quota Holders

- (i) The quota holder winners in that particular events will be eligible to participate in main category at all the International Competitions and will be entitled for merit points except Quota Point.
- (ii) To ensure the maximum participation at 2024 Paris Paralympic. The Quota Holders, as per clause 3.2 (i), might be allowed to shoot in MQS category in other event (Double Start) till Quotas are maximised in that particular event.

4. MERIT & SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR RIFLE/PISTOL

4.1. It has been decided to give due recognition for extra ordinary achievements & land mark sporting victories in International Competitions.

4.2 The benefits of such achievements shall be available to athletes who represent India at these competitions including shooters participating under MQS category.

4.3 Such merit points shall be added to the Qualification Score of the shooters, as detailed below, who qualify to get such points by virtue of their achievement.

4.4 The merit points available to eligible shooters are given below:

For Gold – 1 point to be added in Qualification Score

For Silver - .75 point to be added in Qualification Score

For Bronze - .50 point to be added in Qualification Score

For any rank in Finals - .25 (this will not be additional merit point if a medal is won)

- 4.5 World Record: New/Equal World Record score shot in Elimination/Qualification round - 1 (one) point to be added in Qualification score only if shot in international competitions under 1.2 (iii) and the score is accepted by WSPS as World Record/Equalled World Record.
- 4.6 There will not be any merit points for Mixed Events.
- 4.7 As quotas are won by the para shooters among the elitist of the world. The Selection Committee would give more weightage to Quota Winner Para Shooters for the selection of 2024 Paralympic Games.

5. OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

- 5.1 It is further clarified that strict compliance to WADA, IPC, PCI, NADA and ISSF rules shall be maintained. Should a shooter be in violation of the rules he/she shall not be considered for the selection of teams & shall deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norm of appeal in the above forum.
- 5.2 Shooters who fail to achieve IPC prescribed Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) in WSPS designated competitions will not be considered for selection of Paralympic Games team.
- 5.3 Any shooter who voluntarily or un-voluntarily does not compete in Paralympic selection trial and is hence one score short of the required number of scores shall not be eligible for consideration to the selection committee for consideration of team selection unless provision of 6.4 below applies in such cases.
- 5.4 In the event of medical or other exigency/emergency, the President/Secretary General may grant permission to shoot the trial at a later date. This trial would be conducted at cost to shooter. This clause will be available to the athletes only in the rarest of rare cases and not as a matter of routine recourse and permission will only be issued after due verification of medical record by the Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. In the event permission is sought on grounds other than medical, the President and Secretary General will jointly decide on

merit of such an application and there will no forum of appeal and such a decision will be final and binding.

- 5.5 It may also be clarified that in the event of a tie between two shooters, the principle of count back based upon the WSPS/ISSF rule pertaining to the count back system of assessment shall be employed to the last score submitted for consideration.
- 5.6 Selection Committee should also consider the average of two lowest score shot by the para shooter at the International competition specified in 1.2 (iii), while selection of the para shooter for the Paralympic Games.
- 5.7 In the event of illness or injury to a selected athlete as determined by the competition jury &/or the selection committee of the PCI, the next eligible athlete from the Olympic event selection process shall be added to the team, purely on arithmetical merit alone.
- 5.8 Its discretion of STC Para Shooting to select the Reserve shooters. The selected reserve shooter would also be trained and plans will be prepared for these shooters by the STC, Para Shooting, PCI.
- 5.9 As per Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations, NPC could enter maximum two (2) eligible para shooters per medal event.
- 5.10 The maximum number of events one para shooter may compete is in three (3) only.

6. QUOTA WON FOR PARALYMPIC GAMES

- 6.1 As with the Paralympic Games, the IPC has a clear existent policy that any quota won by an Indian athlete belongs to the National Paralympic Committee (NPC). Though due consideration shall be accorded to such an athlete per provisions of this policy, it does not necessarily imply that merely winning a quota place in its self suggests that only that particular athlete shall eventually represent the country at the Paralympic Games in 2024. Quota place winners alongside other qualified athletes shall have to subject themselves to the test of trials in order to be selected as per the provisions of this policy.
- 6.2 It has been decided in keeping with this policy and its main objective of fielding the best from the best in present form, purely on merit.

- 6.3 The PCI will ensure on the basis of this policy which individual parachooters of that event shall ultimately represent the country at the Paralympic Games on the basis of this policy.
- 6.4 This Committee does not wish to take away the individual achievement of the sportsperson from achieving this laudable milestone of winning an Paralympic quota place, **therefore, it is decided to honor such achievements by individuals whereby the winner of the quota place will be entitled to get Four (4) additional Quota points to add to his Final Average Score arrived as per the provisions listed in this policy. In case of a tie, even after adding 04 additional quota points to the Final Average Score. Preference would be given to quota winning parachooter.** These Quota points shall be exclusive of all other merit points and will be available only to shooters earning a quota place for the nation.
- 6.5 The Quota points will be awarded only once to the Quota winner in Quota winning event and will not be awarded for subsequent performances in that event or in any other event (Double Start) by the Quota holder.
- 6.6 The Quota points will not be awarded to anyone if a Quota has already been won by a shooter in that particular event but the shooters will be eligible for merit points as stated under 4.4 above.
- 6.7 Para Shooter would be eligible to participate in all the events he/she scores MQS as stated in 2.9.
- 6.8 Regardless of anything contained herein the decision of the Selection Committee of PCI shall be final and binding.

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