



SCOTTISH TARGET SHOOTING
2018 PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

SELECTION POLICY
ISSF PISTOL, RIFLE & SHOTGUN



Introduction

The 2018 Performance Programme for Shooting in Scotland has a number of key objectives:

- To increase the number of Commonwealth Games medals won by Scottish athletes;
- To widen the number of events in which Scottish athletes achieve final places, and win medals, at the Commonwealth Games;
- To achieve final places and win medals at ISSF World Cups, European & World Championships and the Olympic Games.

This programme encompasses four distinct disciplines, each with their own association within Scottish Target Shooting (STS):

- Shotgun (Scottish Clay Target Association)
- Pistol (Scottish Pistol Association)
- Fullbore Rifle (Scottish Rifle Association)
- Smallbore & Air Rifle (Scottish Smallbore Rifle Association)

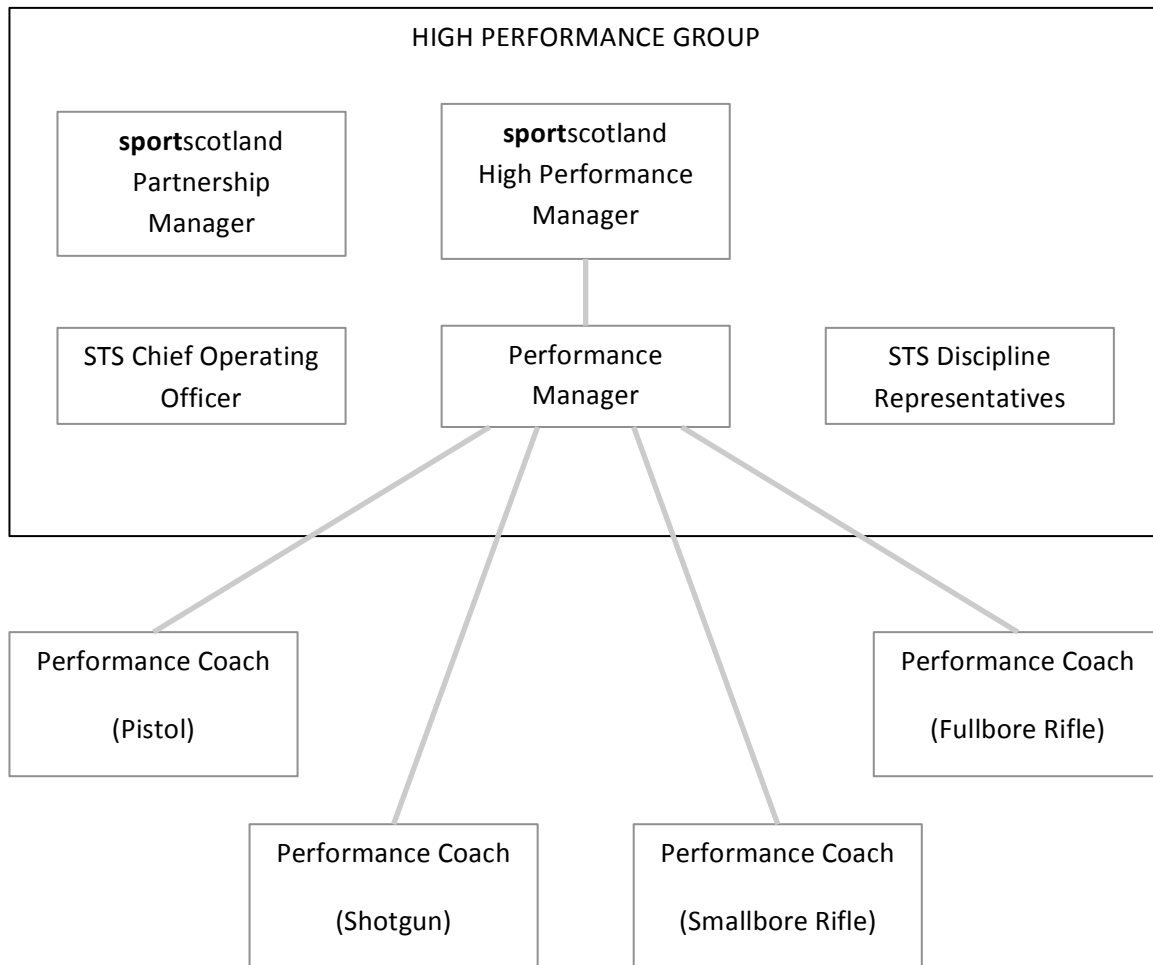
These disciplines encompass seventeen Commonwealth Games events, fifteen of which also feature in the Olympic Games. The events are listed below:

- 50m Rifle Prone Men
- 50m Rifle Three Positions Men
- 10m Air Rifle Men
- 50m Rifle Prone Women (Commonwealth Games only)
- 50m Rifle Three Positions Women
- 10m Air Rifle Women
- 50m Pistol Men
- 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men
- 10m Air Pistol Men
- 25m Pistol Women
- 10m Air Pistol Women
- Trap Men
- Double Trap Men
- Skeet Men
- Trap Women
- Skeet Women
- Fullbore Target Rifle (Commonwealth Games only)

The 2018 Performance Programme will support these seventeen events only. No support will be provided for other events, whether governed by the ISSF or not, unless they are added to the Commonwealth and/or Olympic Games programme.

STS is recognised by British Shooting, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS), the Commonwealth Shooting Federation and **sportscotland** as the National Governing Body for international target shooting in Scotland.

The 2018 Performance Programme is currently administered on behalf of STS by the **sportscotland** Institute of Sport. A Programme Manager is contracted to the Institute, as are Performance Coaches in each discipline. The Programme Manager reports to the High Performance Group (HPG), which includes representatives from STS, CGS and the Institute.



The **sportscotland** policy on Pistol Shooting prohibits financial support to the events carried out with firearms for which licenses cannot be granted in mainland Great Britain. With the recent progress made with regard to Section 5 licenses for a small number of athletes the position of the **sportscotland** board is that “**sportscotland will consider support on a case by case basis for athletes involved in banned disciplines, only if they have received dispensation for training under section 5 from Scottish ministers**”.

This document defines the selection process that will be followed in order to determine those athletes who will be offered membership of the 2018 Performance Programme and those athletes who will be offered additional support by the **sportscotland** Institute of Sport in the ISSF Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun events. The non-ISSF discipline of Fullbore Rifle is covered separately.

2018 Performance Programme Squads

Selections will normally take place annually, at the first available High Performance Group meeting after 1st October in each year. The Performance Manager, in conjunction with the Performance Coaches, will normally make nominations, however additional nominations may be made by members of the HPG, and must be submitted to the Performance Manager at least ten days in advance of the meeting. Details of all nominations will be circulated to the members of the HPG at least one week in advance of the meeting. Additional selections may be made outwith this window in exceptional circumstances.

The HPG may request that an athlete attend an interview prior to them being confirmed on the programme. This will normally be conducted with the Performance Programme Manager and the Performance Coaches from their own and one other discipline.

The final decisions on the athletes to be supported by the programme will be made by the HPG.

Athletes will be required to commit to an agreed training and competition programme, and to sign an Athlete Agreement with the 2018 Performance Programme.

High Performance Squad

The High Performance squad will consist of four discipline specific sub-squads. Normally a limit of four athletes per Olympic/Commonwealth Games event will be applied to this squad, and selection for the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships and Commonwealth Games will normally be made from this and the Fast-track squads only. Additional athletes may be named where there is evidence of strength in depth in a particular event, or where athletes are already included for another event.

Athletes supported by a UK Sport funded World Class Performance Plan (WCPP) at Podium and Podium Potential level will automatically be included in this squad.

The activities of this group will be largely directed towards performances in international matches, representing Scotland and/or Great Britain as appropriate.

Nominations made for selection to this squad should be based on an athlete's proven ability to perform with distinction at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and/or as part of Great Britain teams in major internationals. This will normally be demonstrated by achieving a Minimum Consideration Standard as shown in Appendix A, however the HPG will have discretion to vary this in exceptional circumstances.

Fast-track Squad

Running alongside the High Performance Squad, a Fast-track squad will operate, again split into four discipline specific sub-groups. This squad will train and compete alongside the High Performance Squad and, as the name suggests, is intended to fast-track less experienced shooters through to the Scottish Commonwealth Games and Great Britain teams.

An upper age limit of 25 will be applied to this squad, but this may be varied under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the HPG. A lower age limit of 16 will be applied. Athletes who will compete as senior athletes (under ISSF regulations) in the year for which the squads are being selected will be considered provided that they have been active in their event(s) for four years or less.

Note that this time period allows for athletes transferring from other domestic events, for example DTL or FITASC events in Shotgun; NSRA short-range Rifle or Pony Club/Tetrathlon Air Pistol to bring the experience

gained in those events to the Fast-track programme while still allowing them time to develop their expertise in the new events.

Athletes will normally be given a maximum of four years to qualify for the High Performance squad, and demonstrable progress will be expected on an annual basis.

Athletes who have been deselected from the High Performance Squad cannot be selected for the Fast-track squad in that event.

Normally a guideline of four athletes per Olympic/Commonwealth Games event will also be applied to this squad. Additional athletes may be named where there is evidence of strength in depth in a particular event, or where athletes are already included for another event.

Fast-track squad members may be selected for both the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

Athletes supported by a UK Sport funded World Class Performance Plan (WCPP) at Academy level will automatically be included in this squad if they are not selected for the High Performance Squad as above.

The activities of this group will be largely directed towards performance in the major domestic championships.

Nominations made for selection to this squad should be based on an athlete's potential to perform with distinction at future Commonwealth Games and/or as part of Great Britain teams in major internationals. This will normally be demonstrated by achieving a Minimum Consideration Standard as shown in Appendix A, however the HPG will have discretion to vary this in exceptional circumstances.

Development Squads

Further squads may be operated by the Scottish Target Shooting member bodies, in part acting as feeder squads to the High Performance and Fast-track squads, but these are outwith the scope of this 2018 Performance Programme and will not be supported by this programme.

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Athletes included in either the High-Performance or Fast-track Squads may be additionally selected by the HPG to receive support from the **sportscotland** Institute of Sport.

It is likely that differing levels of support will be provided to the High Performance and Fast-Track squads, and even within these support will potentially be tailored to individual needs, with priority given to those athletes with the highest potential to medal at the next Commonwealth Games and Major international matches for which they are likely to be selected by British Shooting.

Support is generally not available for athletes living furth of Scotland, but may be considered under exceptional circumstances.

International Selection

Athletes included in either the High-Performance or Fast-Track Squads may be selected for international competitions as part of Scottish and British teams, but financial contributions to support attendance at these matches are not guaranteed, and in all cases are subject to overall budget constraints.

Scottish Teams

Athletes in the High Performance Squad are eligible for selection to minor international matches and grand prix events, and selection for these events will be agreed between the relevant Performance Coach and the Performance Manager as part of an annual development plan for each athlete. Normally a financial contribution to the cost of these matches will be made available.

Athletes in the Fast Track squad may be selected for minor international matches, but in general their programmes will focus on improving performance at the major domestic competitions, so international selection is likely to be relatively rare. No firm selection criteria for this are specified, but as a guide achievement of the High Performance Squad MCS score once in the previous 12 months will strengthen their case. A financial contribution may be made available.

British Teams

Athletes selected by British Shooting for minor international matches and grand prix events may receive a financial contribution at the discretion of the Performance Coach and Performance Manager, subject to their assessment of the value of the competition to the athlete's development and value for money.

Athletes selected by British Shooting for major international matches may receive a financial contribution if they have achieved the Major Match MCS, as defined in Appendix C. An athlete who has achieved the relevant standard during the previous 12-month period at a qualifying competition will be considered for a financial contribution, which must be agreed with the Performance Coach and Performance Manager at the point of selection. The achievement of the relevant standard IS NOT a guarantee of funding, and the value in terms of athlete development and value for money of the competition are amongst the factors that will be taken into consideration.

The Programme Manager has the discretion to authorise a financial contribution to an athlete who does not meet the Major Match MCS in exceptional circumstances.

Appeals

The Scottish Target Shooting Appeals Policy will apply in regard to any appeals against non-selection to the Performance Programme.

Appendix A – Minimum Consideration Standards

High Performance Squad

The minimum consideration standards for the High Performance Squad are:

Shotgun		Pistol		Smallbore Rifle	
Trap Men	115	50m Pistol Men	539	50m 3P Rifle Men	1137
Double Trap Men	130	25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men	554	50m Prone Rifle Men	618.3
Skeet Men	117	10m Air Pistol Men	571	10m Air Rifle Men	613.4
Trap Women	64	25m Pistol Women	566	50m 3P Rifle Women	568
Skeet Women	63	10m Air Pistol Women	374	50m Prone Rifle Women	614.4
				10m Air Rifle Women	411.4

An athlete who has achieved the lower of these at least twice during the previous 12-month period at a qualifying competition – as shown in Appendix B – will be deemed to have met the minimum consideration standard for the High Performance Squad.

Fast-Track Squad

The minimum consideration scores for the Fast-Track Squad are:

Shotgun			Pistol			Smallbore Rifle		
	Snr	U21		Snr	U21		Snr	U21
Trap Men	107	105	50m Pistol Men	529	518	50m 3P Rifle Men	1123	1107
Double Trap Men	118	111	25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men	529	525	50m Prone Rifle Men	615.5	610.0
Skeet Men	108	100	10m Air Pistol Men	563	559	10m Air Rifle Men	605.7	601.7
Trap Women	58	53	25m Pistol Women	546	542	50m 3P Rifle Women	561	557
Skeet Women	58	55	10m Air Pistol Women	367	365	50m Prone Rifle Women	609.0	605.0
						10m Air Rifle Women	408.3	405.3

An athlete who achieved the relevant score at least once during the previous 12-month period at a qualifying competition – as shown in Appendix B – will be deemed to have met the minimum consideration standard for the Fast-Track Squad.

In exceptional circumstances, scores shot in domestic Shotgun selection events where only 100 targets are shot may be considered (compared to a pro-rata MCS standard) for ENTRY into the Fast-Track squad only. Aspiring squad members are strongly encouraged to attend domestic qualifying events that comply with the ISSF course of fire.

Appendix B – Qualifying Competitions

Minimum consideration scores can be achieved at the following competitions:

- Olympic Games
- European Games
- Commonwealth Games
- World Championships
- European Championships
- World Cups
- World Cup Finals
- Summer Universiade
- Commonwealth Shooting Championships (including CSF(ED) Championships)
- International matches shot under ISSF rules as a representative of Scotland or Great Britain, subject to prior agreement with the Performance Manager

Additional discipline-specific matches at which the MCS may be achieved are listed below:

Pistol

- SPA Air Pistol Grand Prix circuit
- SPA Air Pistol Championships
- SPA 50m Pistol Championships
- NSRA Air Pistol Championships
- NSRA 50m Pistol Championships
- British Pistol Association Championships
- British Shooting ranking matches

Rifle

- SSRA Grand Prix circuits
- SSRA 50m Championships
- SSRA 10m Championships
- NSRA 50m Championships
- NSRA 10m Championships
- British Shooting ranking matches

Shotgun

- BICTSF ranking matches
- Scottish Championships
- UK Championships
- Home International matches

Other recognised competitions may be considered on request by either the relevant Performance Coach, or by an athlete, subject to agreement by the Performance Manager prior to the event in question.

Scores shot on NSRA 3-Card system (rifle), or any other paper target system which requires the match to be interrupted while targets are changed, will not be considered.

Where the course of fire at some competitions is longer than normal they will be treated as follows:

- Female athletes shooting 60 Shots in Air Rifle or Air Pistol – count the first 40 Shots
- Female athletes shooting 100 or 125 targets in Trap or Skeet – count the first 75 targets
- Female athletes shooting 200 targets in Trap or Skeet – count the first 75 targets on each day



- Male athletes shooting 200 targets in Trap or Skeet – count the first 75 targets on Day One and the first 50 targets on Day Two
- Female athletes shooting a 3x40 Three Positions match will NOT be able to extract a 3x20 score.

Scores recorded in training matches and domestic (Scottish or British) trials will not normally be considered, unless approved in advance by the Performance Manager.

Appendix C – Major Match Standards

The minimum consideration standards in order to benefit from a financial contribution towards attendance at a Major Match as part of a Great Britain team are:

Shotgun			Pistol			Smallbore Rifle		
	Snr	U21		Snr	U21		Snr	U21
Trap Men	118	111	50m Pistol Men	549	529	50m 3P Rifle Men	1154	1131
Double Trap Men	134	122	25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men	569	533	50m Prone Rifle Men	621.2	614.8
Skeet Men	119	112	10m Air Pistol Men	575	563	10m Air Rifle Men	620.9	611.4
Trap Women	68	62	25m Pistol Women	574	550	50m 3P Rifle Women	575	566
Skeet Women	67	57	10m Air Pistol Women	379	369	50m Prone Rifle Women	617.2	610.5
						10m Air Rifle Women	413.6	409.2

Major Matches include all ISSF World Cups (including MQS starts), World Cup Finals, European Championships and World Championships.