

SCOTTISH TARGET SHOOTING
2014 PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

SELECTION POLICY
ISSF PISTOL, RIFLE & SHOTGUN

Introduction

The 2014 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 increase the number of Scots represented in Great Britain teams at ISSF World Cups, European & World Championships and the Olympic 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 the Scottish Target Shooting Federation (STSF):

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

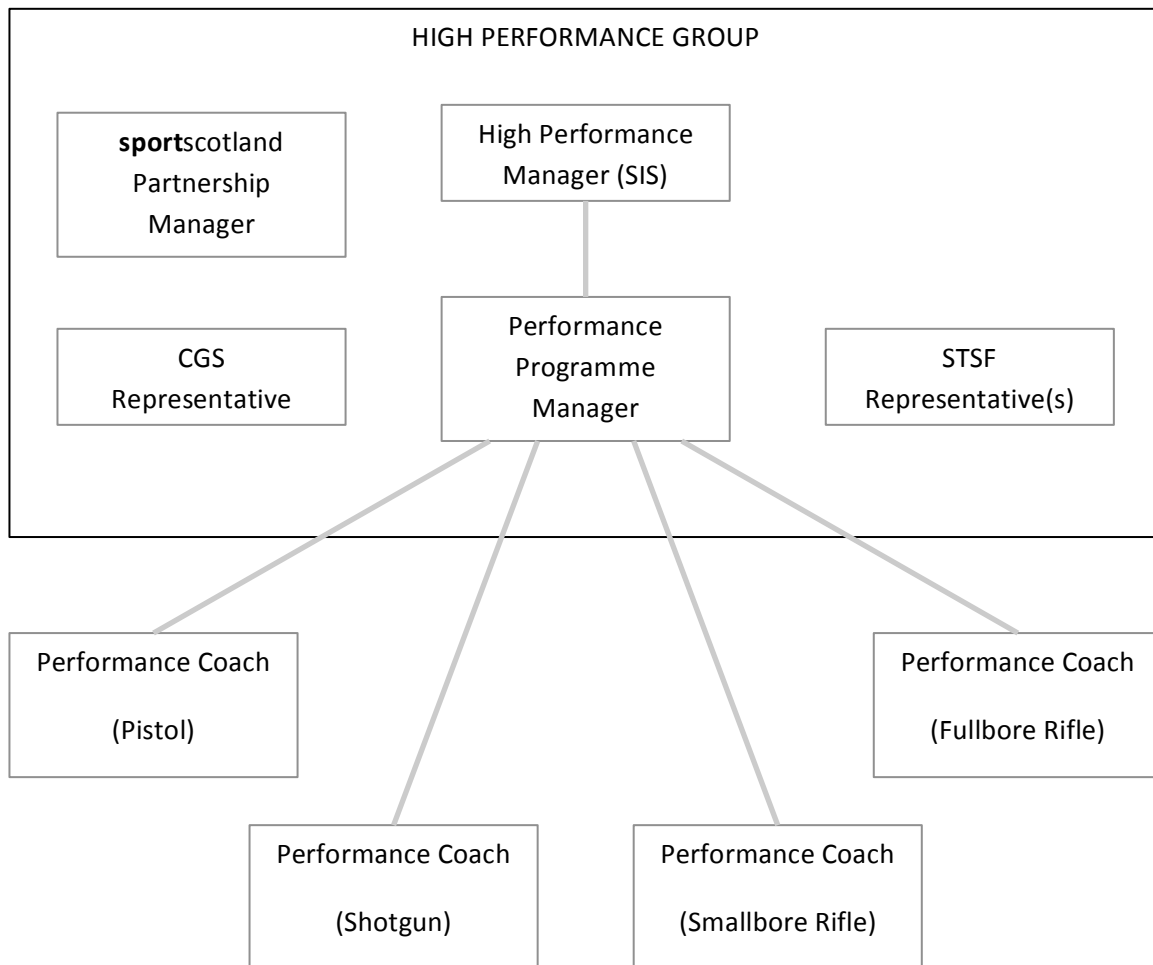
These disciplines encompass seventeen Commonwealth Games events, fifteen of which also feature in the Olympic Games. The events are listed below:

- 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 2014 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.

STSF 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 2014 Performance Programme is currently administered on behalf of STSF 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 STSF, 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 2014 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.

2014 Performance Programme Squads

Selections will normally take place annually, at the first available High Performance Group meeting after 1st October in each year. Nominations must be provided to the members of the HPG at least one week in advance of the meeting, and are the responsibility of the Performance Coaches in conjunction with their respective Association. 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 2014 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 Development 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 to selection to this squad should be based on an athlete's proven ability to perform with distinction at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and/or as part of Great Britain teams in major internationals. This must be demonstrated by achieving a Minimum Consideration Score as shown in Appendix A.

Fast-track Squad

Running alongside the High Performance Squad, a Fast-track squad (formerly known as the Under 25 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.

No upper age limit will be applied to this squad, but 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 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 Talent 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 a combination of performances in international matches, representing Scotland and/or Great Britain as appropriate, and the major domestic championships.

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 2014 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.

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

Appendix A – Minimum Consideration Scores

High Performance Squad

The minimum consideration scores for the High Performance Squad have been derived from:

- The score required to achieve 8th place in the qualification round of each event at the 2006 and 2010 Commonwealth Games (the higher of the two is the applicable score);
- The score required, on average, to achieve 30th place at the ISSF World Cups, European and World Championships and Olympic Games over the last two years (four years for non-Olympic events).

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.

Shotgun		Pistol		Smallbore Rifle	
Trap Men	117	50m Pistol Men	541	50m 3P Rifle Men	1136
Double Trap Men	133	25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men	557	50m Prone Rifle Men	591
Skeet Men	117	10m Air Pistol Men	573	10m Air Rifle Men	588
Trap Women	63	25m Pistol Women	565	50m 3P Rifle Women	569
Skeet Women	64	10m Air Pistol Women	374	50m Prone Rifle Women	586
				10m Air Rifle Women	391

Fast-Track Squad

The minimum consideration scores for the Fast-Track Squad differ for Senior and Junior athletes.

An athlete who achieved the lower of these 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.

Shotgun			Pistol			Smallbore Rifle		
	Snr	U21		Snr	U21		Snr	U21
Trap Men	104	102	50m Pistol Men	532	518	50m 3P Rifle Men	1128	1128
Double Trap Men	116	115	25m Rapid-Fire Pistol Men	548	528	50m Prone Rifle Men	588	586
Skeet Men	104	103	10m Air Pistol Men	562	554	10m Air Rifle Men	580	577
Trap Women	56	45	25m Pistol Women	557	541	50m 3P Rifle Women	563	564
Skeet Women	51	51	10m Air Pistol Women	368	363	50m Prone Rifle Women	585	584
						10m Air Rifle Women	385	385

Appendix B – Qualifying Competitions

Minimum consideration scores can be achieved at the following competitions:

- Scottish Grand Prix events
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- Scottish Championships (under ISSF rules)
- British Championships (under ISSF rules)

- Other domestic competitions and championships designated as selection matches by British Shooting, the British International Clay Target Shooting Federation or Commonwealth Games Scotland

- Commonwealth Games
- Commonwealth Youth Games
- Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships
- Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships
- Other International Matches representing Scotland run under ISSF rules

- Olympic Games
- Olympic Youth Games
- ISSF World Championships
- ISSF World Cups
- ISSF World Cup Finals
- European Championships
- Other International Matches representing Great Britain run under ISSF rules

Other events may be added subject to ratification by the HPG **prior to** the event.

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 be considered.