

APPENDIX C

Shooting Federation of Canada - Team Selection Procedures

2026 Championships of the Americas Lima 22/11/2026 - 2/12/2026

1. Event Overview

The Championships of the Americas 2026 (“2026 CAT Championships”) are a continental Major Competition governed by the Shooting Confederation of the Americas and sanctioned by the ISSF. The 2026 CAT Championships are expected to take place from 22 November 2026 to 2 December 2026 in Lima, Peru.

The 2026 CAT Championships represents a key performance milestone within the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic cycle (LA28) and serves as an important event for qualification to the 2027 Pan American Games and the allocation of Continental Quota for LA28. The event provides an important international benchmark and supports athlete progression within the Shooting Federation of Canada (SFC) High Performance Pathway.

2. Purpose and Alignment with the 2026 Intake & Athlete Ranking Framework

This Appendix establishes the internal team selection procedures used by the SFC to select athletes for the 2026 CAT Championships.

These procedures are aligned with the revised SFC 2026 Athlete Ranking Framework and are designed to ensure that selection decisions are:

- Transparent and objective where performance-on-demand is applied;
- Evidence-based where performance assessment is required;
- Consistent with SFC’s stated performance objectives and selection philosophy.

3. Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the 2026 CAT Championships, athletes must:

- Meet all General Conditions for Selection outlined in the SFC Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028;
- Be a current member in good standing of the SFC High Performance Program (National Team, Development Team, or be an Identified Athlete, where applicable);
- Be fully eligible to represent Canada under ISSF, CAT, and Canadian citizenship regulations at the time of selection;
- Be in good standing with respect to all applicable SFC athlete agreements;
- Not be subject to a period of ineligibility, suspension, or other interim measures by Sport Integrity Canada, any other competent sport organization (including any Anti-Doping Organization with authority over the athlete), or under SFC’s Safe Sport policies, that would remain in force or otherwise impact the athlete’s ability to compete at the 2023 CAT Championships.

Failure to meet eligibility requirements at any point up to final confirmation may result in removal from selection consideration.

4. Team Size

Subject to 2026 CAT Championships quotas, event regulations, and entry limits, SFC may select:

- Up to three (3) full participation Quota Eligible Athletes, able to advance to finals and medal rounds (the “Quota Eligible Team”); and
- Up to two (2) MQS Only Athletes, where this is permitted, entered for MQS scores only and not eligible to progress to finals.

Athletes selected to compete for MQS are not part of the official Quota Eligible Team but may be selected to support athlete development, ranking progression, and depth within the High Performance pathway.

- Where the overall team size is limited by the event organizer, SFC may be required to prioritize athlete selection between events. In such cases, priority will be given to athletes with the highest ranking and the greatest likelihood of securing a quota for the 2027 Pan American Games.

5. Selection Framework

Selection to the 2026 CAT Championships will be determined through a three-part selection framework, combining performance-on-demand, strategic selection, and developmental selection. This framework reflects the principles of the revised SFC 2026 Athlete Ranking Framework.

5.1 Performance on Demand – SFC National Championships

The SFC National Championships will serve as the designated Performance on Demand Trial for the 2026 CAT Championships.

- Two (2) of the three (3) full participation Quota Eligible Team selections per event will be determined by performance at the SFC National Championships.
- Athlete ranking for this purpose will be determined by the average score of the two qualification rounds of fire at the National Championships.
- The top two eligible athletes, based on this average score, will be selected, provided all eligibility requirements are satisfied.
- In the event of a tie the relevant ISSF tie-breaking rules (ISSF Rule 6.15) will apply.

Contingency Provision:

If one or both of the top two athletes decline selection, then selection will proceed to the next highest-ranked eligible athlete(s) from the same National Championships results, in descending order, until the available Performance on Demand selections are filled or no further eligible athletes remain.

This provision ensures continuity of selection while preserving the integrity of the Performance on Demand process.

5.2 Strategic Selection – Full Participation Quota Eligible Team (Third Athlete)

The third full participation Quota Eligible Team selection per event is not automatic and will be determined through a structured discretionary assessment to determine whether making an additional scoring selection best supports the SFC's performance objectives for the 2026 CAT Championships.

In considering whether to select a third full participation Quota Eligible Athlete, the High Performance Committee (HPC), in consultation with the CEO and National Team Coaches, will assess the following non-exhaustive criteria:

- The SFC Athlete Rankings;
- Demonstrated international performance, including results at ISSF-sanctioned events;
- Event-specific depth and quota strategy, including medal and quota potential;
- Athlete health, readiness, and performance trajectory.

Merit Based Threshold Provision:

If, based on the totality of available evidence, the HPC determines that there is insufficient evidence of performance readiness or competitive value to support the selection of a third full participation Quota Eligible Athlete, no third athlete will be selected for that event.

The absence of a full participation Quota Eligible Team selection shall not be interpreted as an error or omission, provided the decision is consistent with the applicable criteria and performance objectives outlined herein.

5.3 Developmental Selection – MQS Only Athletes

Where permitted, up to two (2) additional MQS Only Athletes per event may be selected for the purpose of recording an official score.

MQS Athlete selection is entirely discretionary and developmental in purpose. There is no requirement or obligation for the HPC to select any MQS Only Athletes for any event.

Where the HPC elects to consider MQS Only Athlete selections, decisions will be made by the HPC, in consultation with the CEO and National Team coaches, using an evidence-based assessment that may include:

- The SFC Athlete Rankings;
- Demonstrated international performance, including results at ISSF-sanctioned events;
- Event-specific depth and quota strategy, including future medal and quota potential;
- Athlete health, readiness, and performance trajectory.

MQS Only Athletes must meet all eligibility, conduct, and performance-readiness requirements applicable to the event.

The decision not to select MQS Only Athletes, or to select fewer than the maximum permitted, shall not be grounds for appeal pursuant to the *Appeal Policy*.

6. Mixed Team Events

Where Mixed Team events are contested:

- Athletes must be selected to the 2026 CAT Championships in the corresponding individual event to be eligible;
- Mixed Team pairings will be determined from among selected athletes in accordance with the Mixed Team Selection provisions of the Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028.
- Notwithstanding the foregoing, the HPC may select Mixed Teams in a different order than provided in the Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028 where the HPC determines, in its sole discretion, that an alternate approach better supports the Performance Objectives outlined in the Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025-2028.

7. Selection Approval and Communication

- All selections will be developed through the processes outlined in this Appendix;
- Selections (including MQS Only Athletes) will be reviewed and approved by the HPC;
- Final confirmation of selections will be made by the CEO, subject to HPC approval.

Selection and announcement timelines will be confirmed once CAT entry deadlines are published.

8. Performance Readiness and Substitution

In accordance with the Performance Readiness provisions of the Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028, the HPC retains the right to replace a selected athlete if the athlete's performance, health, conduct, or compliance deteriorates to a degree that it compromises the athlete's competitive readiness or the team objectives.

Any substitution will be made using the same selection principles outlined in this Appendix.

9. Unforeseen Circumstances

Where unforeseen or exceptional circumstances arise that prevent these Team Selection Procedures from being applied as written, selection decisions may be adjusted by the CEO, in consultation with the HPC, in accordance with the Unforeseen Circumstances provisions of the SFC Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028.

Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Athlete injury or illness;
- Late changes to event-specific regulations or schedules;
- Unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that materially impact the SFC National Championships as a suitable Performance on Demand event, including but not limited to adverse weather, venue unavailability, public health restrictions, or industrial or labour disruptions.

Any adjustment to the selection process under this provision will:

- Be made in good faith;
- Be consistent with SFC's stated performance objectives and selection principles;
- Seek, where possible, to preserve fairness, transparency, and competitive integrity;
- Be communicated to affected athletes as soon as practicable.

The use of discretion under this section shall not, in itself, be grounds for appeal, provided the decision is consistent with the intent and principles of these Team Selection Procedures

10. Appeals

Selection decisions may be appealed in accordance with the *SFC Appeal Policy*, as referenced in the SFC Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028.

11. Order of Precedence

In the event of any conflict between this Appendix and any other section of the SFC Athlete Selection Criteria for Major Games/Competitions 2025–2028, this Appendix shall prevail with respect to selection for the 2026 CAT Championships.

This document was drafted in English, and the official French document is a translation. When there are issues of interpretation of this selection policy, the English and French versions are equally authoritative and must be read together in order to determine the intended meaning.