

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

GENERAL SELECTION AND APPEALS PROCEDURE FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018

1. Introduction

This document sets out the procedure the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association Limited (“CPSA”) will use to select teams, both for men and women, in all clay target shooting disciplines for the England Team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games (the Event). This document also sets out the procedure for any selection appeals.

It must be read in conjunction with the Detailed Selection Information relating to this particular event, all of which will be published on the CPSA website on or before the time athletes are invited to express an interest in being selected.

2. Objective

The objective of this procedure is to select athletes who will optimise England’s chances of winning medals at the Event for which this selection procedure is being used (“the Event”).

The final number of athletes selected will be limited by the maximum team size permitted for the Event in question and by any financial or other constraints to which the CPSA or other organisations responsible for the team may reasonably have regard.

3. Eligibility

Athletes are eligible for selection provided they can demonstrate that they:

- Are a British citizen with a valid British passport with at least six months’ validity at the time of the return date of travel
- Satisfy nationality requirements to represent England at the Event
- Comply with all other entry requirements for the Event
- Are not subject to a ban, or other disciplinary sanction, that would prevent participation in the Event.

4. Requirements

There will be four Selection Shoots (six in Double Trap), details of which will be set out in the official CPSA calendar, that athletes seeking selection will be expected to attend.

A Minimum Consideration Score (“MCS”) will be specified in the Detailed Selection Information below. The level of the MCS will be set to take account of the likely standard at the Event and will be set for an international competition by reference to scores in other international competitions.

5. The Ratification Panel

The Ratification Panel will consist of three voting members:

- the Deputy Chairman of the CPSA who will act as Ratification Panel Chairman
- the Chief Executive of the CPSA
- one National Director of the CPSA

6. Selection Procedures

- (a) The Ratification Panel (hereinafter referred to as the “Panel”) will normally meet in person but, where necessary, may conduct all or part of its discussions by telephone, email, or other appropriate means.
- (b) The Panel may also regulate its own procedure to facilitate the task, provided that it complies with any other requirements imposed upon it, including by the English Target Shooting Federation, Commonwealth Games England or others.
- (c) Typewritten notes of each ratification meeting will be prepared and circulated amongst members of the Panel for agreement.
- (d) A reserve athlete will also be selected for each event but, unless required to replace a previously selected athlete, will not travel to the Event.

7. De-selection or Removal from Consideration for Selection

The Panel has the right to de-select, or remove from consideration for selection, any athlete who:

- (a) is reasonably believed by the Panel to be medically unfit to compete, through injury or illness.
- (b) does not comply with any requirements for team members imposed by the CPSA, ETSF, CGE or the organisers of the Event.
- (c) fails to pay, in good time prior to departure, any sum required to be paid to attend the event where full funding is not provided.
- (d) fails to comply with any drug-testing requirement of the UK Anti-Doping Association, or any anti-doping requirements imposed by the Event organisers or others with appropriate authority to do so.
- (e) is deemed by their conduct to have brought the sport of clay shooting into disrepute.

Where the original decision has been successfully appealed (see 10 below), the athlete originally selected, and any reserve, will be automatically de-selected.

Where an athlete is de-selected, written reasons will be provided within 72 hours.

8. Selection Notification

All athletes being considered for selection will be notified of their selection as soon as reasonably practicable after the Panel has made its decision. Such notification will usually be by email and it is the responsibility of all athletes under consideration to notify the CPSA of these and other contact details, and update the CPSA promptly of any changes.

9. Confidentiality

All athletes involved in the process will be required to maintain the confidentiality of their selection until it has been publicly announced. This is of particular importance where the selection decision is subject to ratification (eg by Commonwealth Games England), the time for appealing has not expired, or an appeal is in progress.

10. Appeals

Appeals must be made, in writing, to the CEO of the CPSA within five days of the announcement of selection being made.

The sole ground for appeal will be the contention that the Panel did not follow the stated procedure.

The Chairman and any Directors of the CPSA not involved in the original Panel will form the Appeal Panel.

The result of the Appeal shall be determined on written submission from the Appellant.

If the Appellant requests an oral hearing at the time of giving notice of Appeal this must be accompanied by a payment of £500 to cover the costs of an oral hearing and will be refundable if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the Appeal Panel will be conveyed to the Appellant within five days of the Hearing.

Where the original decision has been successfully appealed, the athlete originally selected, and any reserve, will be automatically de-selected.

Where an athlete is de-selected from consideration for selection, written reasons will be provided within 72 hours.

No further appeal will be permitted.

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DETAILED SELECTION INFORMATION

For: The England Clay Target Shooting Team

Disciplines: Olympic Skeet, Olympic Trap, and Double Trap with places for up to two men and two women in each discipline. Please note there are no pairs competitions.

Event: The Commonwealth Games 4th – 15th April 2018 to be held in the Gold Coast City, Australia.

This document contains details of performance criteria which will be considered during the selection process for the above event, and other information about this selection process. It is to be read in conjunction with the document above entitled “General Selection and Appeals Procedure for Commonwealth Games 2018” a copy of the current version of which is maintained on the CPSA website.

1. Performance Information

To be considered for selection an athlete must be eligible to shoot for England and will normally be required to have achieved, at least twice within the 2016 and 2017 selection shoots, the Minimum Consideration Scores (“MCS”) set out below

Minimum Consideration Score

OSK Men:	117	OTR Men:	117	DTR: Men:	138
Women:	67	Women:	68	Women:	106/120* or 132/150*

*Competition format (number of targets) to be decided by the host shooting ground.

Qualifying Competitions for MCS.

Great Britain team domestic selection shoots held in 2016 and CPSA designated Commonwealth Games Selection Shoots as stated on the CPSA Calendar for 2017.

2. Selection Shoots

Those wishing to be considered for selection will be expected to attend the four (six for DTR) CPSA designated Commonwealth Games Selection Shoots set out in the official CPSA Calendar for 2017. Points will be awarded in the qualifying rounds by reference to the High Gun score in that competition, e.g. a shooter recording 115, where the High Gun score is 120, will score 5 points. Shooters who progress to the semi-final/final will then be awarded ‘minus points’ based on their position in the semi-final/final using the contemporary system operated by the BICTSF.

An England Team ranking table will be produced and updated after each selection shoot. The best three ex four scores to ultimately count (four ex six for DTR). No substitution scores will be allowed in place of the selection shoots.

Those having achieved at least two Minimum Consideration Scores (paragraph 1) in the qualifying shoots stated in Section 1 of this document will be considered first and their respective positions in the England ranking table will then be used to determine selection. If there are not two who have achieved the requisite two MCSs, those with one MCS will be considered next and an MCS recorded in 2017 will take precedence over one from 2016.

In the event of two or more shooters being tied on an identical number of points after the fourth selection shoot a shoot-off will take place using the contemporary ISSF Finals procedure. If all tied shooters are present the shoot-off will follow immediately after the GB Selection Shoot Finals. In the event of all the tied shooters being participants in the GB Selection Shoot Finals then that same Final will be used.

If one or more shooters tied on points are not present at the final selection shoot the scores from the English Open/selection shoot of all shooters in tied contention will be used to determine the team place(s) in question.

3. Applications

Applications to be considered for selection should be made on the forms which can be downloaded from the CPSA website. Application should only be made by shooters who are available to attend the Commonwealth Games on the dates shown above. Those selected will also be expected to attend any pre-event training that may reasonably be required.

A shooter may only apply for selection in one discipline.

4. Timing of the Selection Process

The deadline for receipt of applications by the CPSA is 5pm on 30th September 2017. No applications received after the deadline will be considered. Application Forms should be sent to the CPSA's Chief Executive, Nick Fellows, by post (addressed to Clay Pigeon Shooting Association Ltd, Edmonton House, Bisley Camp, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey GU24 0NP), or by email (nick@cpsa.co.uk). Acknowledgment of receipt will be given promptly. If no such acknowledgment is received the applicant should make enquiries. Responsibility for ensuring that application forms are received by the CPSA rests entirely with the applicant

The outcome of the CPSA selection will be announced no later than 6th October 2017.

5. Ratification

All selections made by the CPSA must be viewed as provisional, as they will be subject to ratification by the English Target Shooting Federation and then Commonwealth Games England, and must remain confidential until the team announcement is made by Commonwealth Games England.

Please note Commonwealth Games England may place a restriction on the number of entries from any sport and not all nominations made to CGE may be accepted for final team selection. No appeal against ETSF or Commonwealth Games England selections will be allowed.
