

# Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation



## Commonwealth Games 2018 Nomination Policy for Shooting Sports

## About us

1. The Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation (IOMTSF) is the body responsible for the nomination of representatives from the sport of Target Shooting to the Commonwealth Games Association of the Isle of Man (CGAIOM) for consideration for selection to the Isle of Man Commonwealth Games team. The IOMTSF is a nominating body only, selection to the Commonwealth Games team is the responsibility of CGAIOM.
2. In making its nominations, the IOMTSF will have regard to the ability of the nominated team to maximise medal winning potential. All athletes nominated must meet the Commonwealth Games Federation's country eligibility criteria.
3. Each of the five National (Isle of Man) Governing Bodies (NGBs) representing the disciplines of Shotgun, Fullbore Rifle, Smallbore Rifle, Cartridge Pistol and Airgun will be invited to nominate their best two athletes for each of the events to be offered at the Commonwealth Games subject to the athlete meeting the Minimum Consideration Standard (MCS) in Appendix 1. NGBs should make use of Appendix 2 of this document to help in making their nominations.
4. Nominations put forward to the IOMTSF by NGBs will be considered and, having regard to the MCS and any particular person's ability to maximise the team's medal winning potential, the IOMTSF will make the final nominations to CGAIOM.
5. Appendix 1 lists the MCS scores that are required to be achieved.
6. The nomination of each athlete should be accompanied by details of performances for the event since the previous Commonwealth Games. Priority will be given to medal potential for the 2018 Games.
7. It should be understood by NGBs, and athletes, that achievement of the MCS will not guarantee a nomination to the CGAIOM, nor, if such a nomination is made, will it guarantee selection to the final Isle of Man team.
8. NGBs should publicise their nomination procedures (including their internal appeals process against not being nominated to the IOMTSF), along with the results of that nomination process, to all athletes under consideration.
9. Final nominations to the CGAIOM by the IOMTSF will be published as soon as practicable. Any athlete who feels unjustly treated in the outcome of the IOMTSF nomination process to the CGAIOM should appeal personally in writing to the IOMTSF Chairman. The Chairman will request the IOMTSF President to convene an appeals panel and may ask that the appellant appears before the panel whose decision on the appeal will be final. See further reference to the appeals process at Page 5.

## Athlete Eligibility

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) eligibility criteria must be met by all nominees. This is a prerequisite for selection to the Isle of Man team. Eligibility criteria are set out in Article 25 of the CGF Constitution, a copy of which is included at Appendix 5.

## **Stage 1**

### **Performance Standards.**

#### **Pathway Performance.**

The Federation has set a Pathway Performance Level to draw aspiring athletes into the Games circle. It helps everyone and especially the athlete to see, with hard work, dedication and support, that they can translate an existing good performance into a great performance, and one capable of securing a nomination by the Federation for the Commonwealth Games Team.

All Athletes for must be capable of already achieving Pathway scores or, within the first year of the qualifying period, being at a high enough level comfortably to stay on the “Pathway” with a view to reaching the Minimum Consideration Standard (MCS) required for nomination in each event.

#### **Consistency and Progress in Training**

It is important that athletes demonstrate a sound level of progress and a consistency of performance. Achieving an MCS once may not be enough for nomination. Athletes now need to show they operate or are progressing to a sustainably high level which will pay dividends at the next Games or the following one.

Having ongoing credible Pathway scores is a track record of work and performance and will ensure athletes have the depth of quality to rank against others who also hope to get nominated.

#### **Reporting**

Prospective Athletes will be recording their own progress and in almost all cases their club, coach or NGB will be monitoring progress too. The IOMTSF committee will be also monitor any candidate hoping to reach, or aspiring to reach, the Games.

Keeping records and translating them into a “return” for the committee will be required on a regular basis during the qualification window.

Prospective athletes will need to work with the IOMTSF’s Performance Manager or an agreed coordinator who will help ensure their hard work is not going unnoticed. Regardless of the personalities within the disciplines or the sport generally, having a standard performance “return” for everyone will ensure visibility and fairness for everyone who is hoping to be nominated.

Whether athletes want to step in or out of the Pathway Programme, the Federation will remain willing to help them meet their goals or help benchmark their progress with a view to furthering their competitive status.

## **MCS Definitions**

A score for the whole course of fire will be required and it must meet the values in Appendix 1.

- Short or different courses of fire will not be accepted (*no factoring up or down*) save as provided for specifically in Appendix 3.
- MCS Electronic Target scores must be shot on ISSF approved equipment.
- In Air Rifle and Prone Rifle only decimal scores will be accepted. Paper Target scores in Air Rifle will only be accepted when produced by electronic target reading equipment. Prone Rifle scores must be shot on electronic targets.
- No MCS scores will be accepted from events organised or run by competitors.
- Only published independent Results will be accepted as proof of MCS.

## **Stage 2**

### **NGB Nominations**

All individual nominations will be made by NGBs at the end of the qualification window. A Ranked list will then be submitted to the IOMTSF along with an Athlete's CV, performance data and competition results.

This generally should reflect direct performance but sometimes other factors come into the mix which affect ranked positions. Any process for Athlete ranking not based on the MCS value and frequency must be declared to the IOMTSF and the Athletes one year before Games.

## **Stage 3**

### **IOMTSF Nominations**

Ranked lists from all the NGBs will be assessed together based on the timeline in Appendix 4. All Athletes will then be ranked irrespective of discipline by the IOMTSF based on the Athletes' performances in meeting the criteria and their Medal/Final potential.

A full list of general factors for consideration is attached in Appendix 2.

In summary:

*The major criteria for improving athletes' rankings are -*

- *MCS obtained in the Higher Level Events.*
- *Repeatable scores at or near the MCS values or above.*
- *Improving performances in the run up to the Games.*

The IOMTSF will use a robust system for ranking to steer the final approach to nominations. This will ensure all selections, rankings and processes are fair and deliver only the best athletes for the Games.

Once a ranked list is prepared by a sub-committee, it will be formally reviewed and ratified at full IOMTSF committee level during a meeting organised for the purpose. The final list will then be submitted to CGAIOM for consideration along with the other sports.

***It should be noted here by Athletes that there is a process within the CGAIOM where sports are competing for limited places at the Games. Therefore, with the likelihood of reduced numbers at the 2018 Games it is highly probable that some athletes will miss the cut in this process when a line is drawn on a ranked list.***

All Athletes, NGBs and the IOMTSF will only know the final team when it is announced by CGAIOM.

## **Appeals**

All athletes submitting scores as part of the MCS or Pathway process agree to submit exclusively any complaint or dispute in relation to any matter connected with or arising out of this Nomination Policy to binding arbitration to be conducted by a panel established for the purpose by the President of the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation. By being party to this Nomination process, athletes agree that they will not commence, continue or maintain any legal challenge to any matter falling within the jurisdiction of this Nomination process to any court of law or any other dispute resolution procedure. The outcome of the arbitration process referred to herein shall be final and binding,

Any appeal against a decision made under the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation's Nomination Policy must be submitted to the Federation's Chairman no later than seven days after the athlete has been notified.

The athlete making the appeal (the "Appellant") shall lodge the appeal in writing. This "Notice of Appeal" should set out in full the basis on which the Appellant wishes to appeal and the remedy sought, and should be accompanied by all relevant documentation which the Appellant wishes to rely on in support of the Appeal. A deposit of £50, payable to the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation, shall also be sent with the Notice of Appeal. In the event of a successful appeal this deposit will be returned to the Appellant. If unsuccessful it shall be retained by the Federation.

The Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation shall have three working days to make its written response to the Notice of Appeal. The Federation may inform athlete(s) whose nomination may be affected by a successful appeal. These athletes may request to be party to the Appeal.

The Appeal shall be heard by way of written submissions unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing at the time of giving Notice of Appeal or the Arbitration Panel so directs. Such hearing shall take place on a date and at a place to be determined by the Arbitration Panel, so far as possible within seven working days of the Notice of Appeal being lodged.

Where the Appeal is considered by way of written submissions the Arbitration Panel shall give its written decision within three working days of the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation's response being received. Where the Appeal is considered by way of oral hearing, the Arbitration Panel shall give his written decision within three working days of the hearing. The hearing shall be held in private. The Federation may publish the written decision after it has been received by the parties. The decision of the Arbitration Panel shall be final and binding on the parties.

## Appendix 1

### Minimum Consideration Standards and Pathway Scores

<b>Event</b>	<b>MCS</b>	<b>Pathway score</b>
<b>RIFLE</b>		
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	1137	1115
50m Rifle Prone Men	618.0	615.0
10m Air Rifle Men	612.0	605.0
50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	566	558
50m Rifle Prone Women	614.0	610.0
10m Air Rifle Women	410.0	406.0
Fullbore Rifle	388	384
<b>PISTOL</b>		
50m Pistol Men	534	526
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	555	525
10m Air Pistol Men	568	562
25m Pistol Women	555	546
10m Air Pistol Women	375	367
<b>SHOTGUN</b>		
Trap Men	112	106
Double Trap Men	125	115
Skeet Men	114	111
Trap Women	65	60
Double Trap Women	91	84
Skeet Women	67	63

**NB: It is possible that ISSF rule changes following the Rio 2016 Olympic Games will affect score potential in any or all of the events. A review of the above MCS will be required if score potential is affected by any such rule change and, should it be considered that amendment is justified, a case will be made to IOMCGA accordingly.**

## Appendix 2

1. NGBs may nominate two people for each event on the basis that they meet the nomination criteria shown.
2. The nomination aim is to maximise the medal-winning potential of the team. In deciding medal-winning potential, the following factors will be considered:
  - a. Absolute scores, where and when achieved.
  - b. Consistency of performance at relevant meetings.
  - c. Consistency of achievement of the nomination standard.
  - d. Fitness.
  - e. Coaches' reports.
3. Competition fitness will be reviewed to assess improvement over time, as will injury history and its likely impact on any Commonwealth Games competition. Current medications and any reports from relevant medical staff should be taken into consideration. All athletes may be subject to a medical assessment before final nomination. Nominees must agree with their medical advisor and/or physiotherapist that medical information relevant to their nomination will be made available to the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation, coach, and Commonwealth Games team management if and when requested. The overriding consideration for any athlete nominated is that they must be fit for their competition(s) and also fit to travel should they be selected.
4. Coaches will be asked to report on the following aspects:
  - a. The athlete's attitude to training.
  - b. His/her receptiveness to coaching.
  - c. Ability.
  - d. Potential.
  - e. Performance as a team member.
  - f. Ability to handle the stress of a high level competition.
  - g. Suitability of equipment.
  - h. Any other relevant issues.
5. Where there are athletes of a similar standard, the following may also be considered:
  - a. The athlete's likely contribution to the team's success as a team member.
  - b. Potential for performance at future Commonwealth Games.
  - c. Other circumstances likely to affect performance at Commonwealth Games.
6. All scores in relevant events as specified in Appendix 3 and achieved in the timeline set out in Appendix 4 will be considered.
7. If any Athlete is in doubt as to the validity of the event they wish to attend they should seek prior written confirmation from their NGB that any MCS achieved at that event will be eligible.
8. Any MCS achieved outside the Isle of Man must be accompanied by an Isle of Man Target Shooting federation MCS verification form and a copy of the official results of the event.
9. It shall be recognised that final nomination will comprise both objective and subjective criteria and any decision made by the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation under this Nomination Policy is made in good faith and, subject to the appeal provisions herein, is final.

## Appendix 3

- **Air Gun (Isle of Man Air Gun Association (IOMAGA))**

MCS scores can be obtained at any competition from the list below where the course of fire and conditions of competition are in accordance with current ISSF Rules.

In the absence of specific Women's events, the first 40 of any qualifying 60 shot course of fire will be accepted provided it is fired within the time limit of the Women's event.

For points of order and/or procedure not covered by the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation's Commonwealth Games 2018 Nomination Policy, IOMAGA Team Nomination & Selection Policy will apply.

Qualifying events:

- World Championships, World Cups, European Championships and other major international ISSF approved events
- British Shooting selection events (including Isle of Man Easter Shooting Festival)
- British National Championships
- Home Nation Open Championships
- Scottish Grand Prix
- North Wales Open Championships
- Surrey Open Championships
- CSF(ED) Championships.

- **Shotgun (Manx Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (MCPSA))**

MCS scores can only be attained at the following events:-

- World Championships, World Cups, European Championships and other major international ISSF approved events
- GB Selection Shoots
- European Grand Prix
- Home Nation Open Championships
- British National Championships
- CSF(ED) Championships
- Manx Championships (formal basis)

Providing all of the above events are run in accordance with current ISSF Rules and any specific condition to be used in the CG2018 events.

On an exceptional basis, where 200 target events in Trap and Skeet are held in any of the events listed above, MCS scores may be established on the following basis –

- Trap Men 179
- Trap Women 173
- Skeet Men 182
- Skeet Women 179

All 8 rounds and all targets must be counted.

- **Cartridge Pistol (Peveril Rifle Club (PRC))**

MCS scores can be obtained at any competition from the list below where the course of fire and conditions of competition are in accordance with current ISSF Rules.

Qualifying events:

- World Championships, World Cups, European Championships and other major international ISSF approved events
- Specific events organised between the countries of the Commonwealth Shooting Federation's European Division



- Northern Ireland and Channel Islands events of appropriate standard
- CSF(ED) Championships
- Isle of Man Easter Shooting Festival
- Formally organised and validated Manx National Championship
- Other appropriate international events

It is recognised that because of the ban in Great Britain on the possession of cartridge pistols, there are no championships organised in which 25m Pistol events are included, thus making the establishment of scores at British national level impossible. For this reason some discretion in the definition of qualifying events is necessary.

- **Fullbore Rifle (Isle of Man Full-bore Club(IOMFC))**  
MCS scores may be established at any Fullbore Rifle event run formally under NRA Queen's Prize or ICFRA conditions over the full three-stage course of fire.
- **Smallbore Rifle (Isle of Man Rifle Association(IOMRA))**  
MCS scores can be obtained at any competition from the list below where the course of fire and conditions of competition are in accordance with current ISSF Rules.

Qualifying events:

- World Championships, World Cups, European Championships and other major international ISSF approved events
- British Shooting selection events (including Isle of Man Easter Shooting Festival)
- British National Championships (Bisley week)
- British ISSF Championships
- Home Nation Open Championships
- Scottish Grand Prix
- CSF(ED) Championships

All scores must be shot on electronic targets and no scores may be submitted from re-entry competitions.

## Appendix 4

### Nomination Timeline

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015</b>	<b>Qualification Window opens for Pathway and MCS scores</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015</b>	<b>Active Athlete Reports reviewed by IOMTSF</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016</b>	<b>Active Athlete Reports reviewed by IOMTSF</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017</b>	<b>Qualification Window closes</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017</b>	<b>Final date for NGB Ranked List submission to IOMTSF</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b>Final date for CGAIOM Ranked List submission</b>
<b>?</b>	<b>CGAIOM Team Announcement</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2018</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>

## Appendix 5

### *(Extract from the Constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation)*

#### “ARTICLE 25

##### Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 25(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:
  - (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
  - (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.
2. Subject to Article 25(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned. Applications under this article must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.
4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 25 (1-3) in its discretion.”

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