

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

1/11/09

A. CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. An athlete nominee must be a current member of the USA Shooting National Team.
2. The nominee is to have produced winning performances in major ISSF competition with emphasis on that year's performance over several ISSF events to include World Cups, World Cup Finals, and the major ISSF Championship of the year (Pan American Games, Championships of the Americas, Olympic Games, or World Shooting Championships).
3. All nominees must be current with USADA and ISSF (WADA) reporting requirements.
4. All nominees shall have demonstrated exemplary conduct as a person.
5. All nominees must not have any pending Code of Conduct disciplinary actions.

B. NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. The USA Shooting National Coaches will select nominees no later than one month after the final date of the last ISSF competition of the year or as required by USOC, whichever is earlier. Recommendations for nominees will be given to the Director of Operations.
2. One (1) male and one (1) female athlete from each discipline may be nominated and submitted for selection as the Athlete of the Year. Each athlete must have a minimum of ten (10) points based on the grid in paragraph B4 to be forwarded as a nominee from a particular discipline.
3. The discipline National Coach making the nomination will submit a synopsis of the year's accomplishments for each nominee along with the nomination.
4. The following chart will be used to determine point totals. Nominees from each discipline will be the athletes (one male and one female) with the highest point total.

EVENT	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH
USST Selection	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
National Championships	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
World Cup	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
World Cup Final	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0
CAT	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
World Championships	20	18	16	11	9	8	7	5
Pan Am Games	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Olympic Games	40	36	32	21	18	15	12	9
World Clay Target	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

5. ISSF recognized Olympic event New World Records: add five (5) points on to the athlete total.

6. In those years when one discipline has more point eligible matches, nominated athletes from the other disciplines will be given additional points in the following manner:

a. Those nominated athletes gaining more than eighty percent of their points by placing in the top four places will receive an additional seven (7) points.

b. Those nominated athletes gaining more than eighty percent of their points by placing fifth through eighth will receive two (2) additional points.

7. In the event an athlete competes in more than one event, the total number of points earned in each event will be calculated and the event having the highest score will be used. Scores for all events may be forwarded as additional information.

C. SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. The USA Shooting CEO/Executive Director, Director of Operations and National Coach staff, will convene to review the nominations and make the final selection. Athlete selections and point totals will be forwarded Discipline Athlete Representatives for review and concurrence.

2. Ties in point totals for the Athlete of the Year will be broken by determining which nominee had the highest finishes (athlete A won a World Championship and a gold in a World Cup, athlete B was fourth in two World Cups and fifth and seventh on two other; athlete A is chosen). The committee will then determine the respective Athlete of the Year with consideration given to overall performance, effort to promote the sport, community involvement, etc.

3. The nominees from each of the disciplines will be considered the discipline Athlete of the Year (male and female).

D. RECOGNITION

1. The names and biographies of those selected as Athlete of the Year will be forwarded to USA Shooting Media for publication and release to other news agencies.
2. A plaque commemorating their selection will be made and presented during an appropriate ceremony to be determined by the Executive Director.