



# PISTOL AUSTRALIA INC.

## PISTOL AUSTRALIA TRAIN-ON SQUAD POLICY DOCUMENT

### Purpose

The purpose of the Pistol Australia Train-on Squad (PATS) is:

- To provide a program that is a pathway for developing Pistol Australia (PA) shooters to achieve their potential and gain entry into the Australian International Shooting Limited (AISL) High Performance Program (HPP) Squad and/or AISL Development Squad.
- To provide PA shooters the opportunity for international competition and to represent PA as part of an Australian team.

### Objective

The overarching objective of the PATS program is to establish PA as the leading shooting discipline in Australia and the Commonwealth and to that end build on previous success by nurturing talented PA shooters towards achievement of their shooting goals.

### PATS Membership

Eligibility for PATS membership is through (1) automatic entry or (2) entry by nomination. Final approval by PA Management of all candidates is required.

As PATS is a development program, squad membership is not open to current or former members of the AISL HPP. Genuine reasons for any exception to this provision will be considered and be at the sole discretion of PA Management.

### Eligibility for entry

#### 1. *Automatic Entry:*

- PA members who finish in the highest two (2) places in each of the ISSF matches at the most recent PA ISSF National Championships, excluding current and former members of the AISL HPP Squads.

#### 2. *Entry by Nomination:*

- Nomination by a State/Territory Association of a member, excluding current and former members of the AISL HPP, following achievement of a score equal to or higher than match scores listed below in an ISSF match ratified by the relevant State/Territory Association as having been achieved at a sanctioned open competition since the most recent PA ISSF National Championships.

ELIGIBILITY SCORES FOR PATS ENTRY BY STATE NOMINATION			
MATCH	SCORE	MATCH	SCORE
50m Pistol	550	25m Rapid Fire Pistol	570
25m Pistol Women	575	10m Air Pistol men	573
10m Air Pistol	375	25m Centre Fire Pistol	578
25m Standard Pistol	565		

- Nomination by the PATS Coach and subsequent endorsement by PA Management.

All eligible/proposed members are required to sign a formal letter of acceptance of the terms and conditions of entry and fully commit to the requirements of PATS membership before admittance into the Squad. Failure to formally agree to such conditions will result in non-admittance.

### **Squad Size and Financial Contribution**

Actual squad size will determine funding levels for each individual member. Members may be requested to contribute \$330.00 per PATS camp of which there are currently up to two (2) scheduled throughout the calendar year. Camp contributions will be invoiced by PA and payment will be required prior to commencement of the relevant camps.

### **Membership Duration and Continuation**

PATS membership is valid for two (2) years, commencing from date of offer by PA.

Continuation of membership after the initial two (2) years is considered and/or endorsed by PA Management on the recommendation of the PATS Coach. Candidates recommended for continuation must demonstrate continued improvement in performance during his/her term in PATS by:

- Achieving improvement in performance at sanctioned Open competitions and the National Championships;
- Demonstrating more than a desire to be part of a PA team and to go overseas. Members must demonstrate a commitment to and achievement of continued improvement in competition results both in Australia and overseas.

### **Conditions of Membership**

To maintain PATS membership members must:

- Seek the assistance of the PATS Coach and his/her personal coach to develop a technical and physical training program and competition plan– subject to acceptance by the PATS Coach ;
- Liaise with the PATS Coach on a fortnightly basis with respect to the management of his/her technical training program if he/she does not have a personal coach;
- Develop a personal fitness program in consultation with the PATS Coach or his/her personal coach, within one (1) month of attending the first PATS camp;
- Consult the PATS Coach and/or personal Coach regarding a review of his/her fitness program after the first and each three (3) month period.
- Undertake training and competition as agreed (subject to PATS Coach's review and agreement).
- Undertake technical, sports science and physical testing that must demonstrate achievement of set goals;
- Demonstrate compliance with agreed shooting and physical fitness training programs, and submit report to the PATS Coach on a monthly basis.

Shooters must meet above expectations of Squad membership as failure to do so will result in membership being withdrawn and/or not renewed. Extenuating circumstances may be taken into account by PA Management in decisions regarding withdrawal of PATS membership. Withdrawal and/or non-renewal of squad membership is not an entitlement to refund of any previous PATS camp fees paid.

Shooters may apply for re-entry to the squad by subsequently meeting the eligibility requirements. Any re-entry will be subject to approval of PA Management.

### **PATS Camps**

PATS program to include up to two (2) camps per year funded and/or partly funded by PA.

PATS camps are to be held at appropriately equipped venues in locations where sports science and physical testing can be performed such as the Australian Institute of Sport and similar facilities in the States and/or Territories.

Whenever possible PATS camps are to be held at times when the AISL HPP and/or visiting international coaches may be available to participate.

Camps programs to include:

- Lectures;
- On-the-line coaching;
- Fitness training and testing;
- Technique and Equipment Review; and
- Shoulder-to-shoulder competition.

### **PA Team Selection for International Competitions**

In addition to PA members selected to Australian teams as part of the AISL HPP, there may be opportunities for other PA members to represent Australia internationally

#### ***Eligibility:***

##### **PA**

Selection in PA ISSF international teams will be made only from members of the PA Train-On Squad.

##### **AISL**

Selection in the Australian Team for international competitions such as the Oceania Federation Shooting Championships, Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships, World Cups, World Championships and Olympic and Commonwealth Games will be determined as per AISL selection criteria.

#### ***Selection Criteria:***

Unless otherwise advised by PA, selection ranking for PA teams at international competitions will be in accordance with the published PA ISSF Team Selection Criteria.

All costs associated with participation in these elimination events will be solely at the member's expense.

The number of shooters selected in PA teams will be at the sole discretion of PA Management.

### **Funding and Team Size**

All funding decisions relating to PA teams are at the sole discretion of PA Management.

The number of PA Team members (in addition to those selected in the HPP team) will depend on available funds.

Members in PA teams competing at international competitions may be fully or partially funded depending on team size and available funds.

All funding levels and arrangements will be reviewed and, if warranted, revised by PA Management on an annual basis.

### **State/Territory Team Development Squads**

State associations are encouraged to develop programs and activities that will provide opportunities for their members to seek eligibility to join the PA Train-On Squad.

In order to provide State/Territory Associations the opportunity to “wet their new talent”, associations may submit nomination(s), at least three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant PATS Camp, for their members with potential to participate in that camp.

Individual members who may not necessarily have achieved the required eligibility score as listed above, but has demonstrated an above average level of performance and shown strong potential in their respective State Development Squad will be considered for approval by PA Management to attend one or more PATS Camps. Such approval is at the sole discretion of PA management. Attendance of individuals at PATS camps in such circumstances will be dependent on the objectives, programs and planning of specific camps and at the expense of the respective State association or individual member.

**NOTE: This provision serves only for participation at a PATS camp and is aimed at providing additional experience to promising PA members. It is not to be mistaken for full PATS membership.**

### **Coaches**

Personal coaches of individual PATS members may submit a request for approval to attend PATS Camp(s) and/or international competitions with their shooters. Advance notice of such requests to the PATS Coach is mandatory. Attendance by personal coaches at such events will be on a self funding basis and all necessary arrangements will be the responsibility of the personal coach making the request. Attendance of personal coaches at overseas competitions will be subject to PA Management approval.