



TARGET PISTOL AUSTRALIA

2026 AUSTRALIAN ACTION PISTOL TEAM SELECTION

CRITERIA (ATS002)

Target Pistol Australia (TPA) may select an Open Action Pistol team of four (4) members to represent Australia at the 2026 Bianchi Cup. TPA may also select two (2) members if qualified to compete in the ladies category and one (1) to compete in the junior category. Competitors may be selected in more than one category.

1. Nomination for TPA National Team selection

- a. TPA members intending to seek consideration for selection to the 2026 Action Pistol teams are required to submit an official TPA Team Nomination Form prior to or with the submission of their first score nomination.
- b. The Team Nomination Form is available on request from the TPA Sports Administrator or can be downloaded from the TPA website at <http://www.pistol.org.au/selection-criteria>.
- c. In the event that a nominee who has been selected to a Target Pistol Australia Action Pistol Team has subsequently declined that selection and attended and competed either as an individual or for another organisation at the same competition, Target Pistol Australia Management may at its absolute discretion exclude that nominee from consideration for future teams.

2. Qualifying Period

The qualifying period for selection to the 2026 Action Pistol Team begins on 27th October 2024 and concludes at end of the 2025 National Action Pistol Championships.

3. Qualification Requirements

To qualify for team selection, competitors must submit a minimum of three (3) TPA sanctioned "Open" competition match scores attained during the qualifying period, at least one of which must be a State Championships, and obtain a minimum qualifying average of:

- 1900 for the open team
- 1886 for the ladies category
- 1880 for the junior category

4. Submission of Scores

Scores eligible for nomination include the 2025 international competition(s) attended by TPA Teams, and, in Australia, only those shot at TPA-sanctioned open competitions. To achieve TPA sanctioning, open competitions must meet relevant criteria and must be included on the State Associations' calendars of events published on the TPA website. Criteria for TPA sanctioning can also be found on the TPA website at <http://www.pistol.org.au/sanctioning>. Scores nominated for consideration must:

- be accompanied by the final results sheet, signed by the TPA Judge officiating at the respective competition (except in the case of the 2025 international competition(s) as



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described at TPAra.4 above and TPA National Championships when the Judge's signature is not required).

- be submitted to the TPA office within thirty (30) days of the competition, except those scores shot at a competition held within 21 days of the end of the selection period, which must be submitted within five (5) working days of that final competition.
- the 2025 National Championships scores will not be required to be submitted as TPA will automatically include these for merit ranking and tie-breaking; and;
- scores shot at the 2025 NRA Bianchi Cup are eligible for nomination by TPA members unless a position on the TPA-selected Australian team is declined. (Note 1.c.)

5. Selection Process

Team selection will be based on merit ranking determined as follows:

- a. The highest average of the four (4) scores obtained in accordance with the following: three (3) TPA-sanctioned "Open" competition match scores attained during the qualifying period, at least one of which must be a State Championships; and; the 2025 Action Pistol National Championship score
- b. In accordance with above merit ranking, competitors will be offered a position in the Open, Ladies and Junior categories. Ladies and juniors may also be considered for a position on the Open team.
- c. In the event of a tie for merit ranking, the combined results of the four (4) selection scores, including X count, will be considered.
- d. If the selection criteria cannot be met, athletes may apply to Target Pistol Australia for consideration of exceptional circumstances. The outcome of the applicant's request will be determined by the TPA National Council.

6. Team offer and acceptance of a position on the Team

- a. TPA may formally offer each team member a 2026 Action Pistol Team position. Acceptance of this offer must be submitted in writing to TPA within fourteen (14) days of the date of TPA's letter of offer along with the signed TPA Team Agreement.
- b. Written notification of inability to accept a position on the team must be received by TPA within seven (7) days of the date of TPA's letter of offer. In the event that a response is not received or the offer is declined, the position will be offered to the next highest-ranked athlete who has qualified for selection until all positions are filled or no other qualifiers remain. In this instance, where the next highest-ranked athlete is offered a position on the team, acceptance of this offer must be submitted in writing to TPA within seven (7) days of the date of TPA's letter of offer.

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