



TARGET PISTOL AUSTRALIA INC.

2027 AUSTRALIAN METALLIC SILHOUETTE TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA (ATS003)

Target Pistol Australia (TPA) may select three (3) member Metallic Silhouette teams in each of Big Bore, Small Bore and Field Pistol to represent Australia in 2027. The Metallic Silhouette Field Pistol team will be selected from the members of the Metallic Silhouette Big Bore and the Metallic Silhouette Small Bore teams. 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 Metallic Silhouette 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 <https://pistol.org.au/selection-criteria/>

2. Qualifying Period

The qualifying period for selection to the 2027 Metallic Silhouette Team begins on 21 September 2025 and concludes at the end of the 2026 Target Pistol Australia Metallic Silhouette National 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 selection period, at least one of which must be a State Championship, plus the applicable 2026 Metallic Silhouette National Championships score and obtain a minimum qualifying aggregate of the four (4) match scores as follows:

- Big Bore 530
- Small Bore 525

4. Submission of scores

Scores eligible for nomination include the 2026 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:

- a. be accompanied by the final results sheet, signed by the TPA Judge officiating at the respective competition (except in the case of the 2026 competition(s) described at Para 4 above and TPA National Championships when the Judge's signature is not required);



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- b. 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; and;
- c. the 2026 National Championships scores will not be required to be submitted as TPA will automatically include these for merit ranking and tie-breaking.

5. Selection Process

Team selection will be based on merit ranking as determined by the following process:

- a. The highest average of the four scores in big bore and small bore obtained in accordance with the following: three (3) TPA-sanctioned "Open" competition match scores obtained during the qualifying period, at least one of which must be a State Championship, and the relevant 2026 National Championship score.
- b. The athletes' score shot at the applicable 2026 National Championships will be used to break tied aggregate scores.
- c. In accordance with the 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.
- 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 position on the 2027 Australian Metallic Silhouette Team(s). 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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