

# Target Pistol Australia (TPA)

## Athlete ISSF Scholarship Fund – Policy & Guidelines

### 1. Purpose

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The TPA Athlete ISSF Scholarship Fund has been established to support developing athletes who are consistently performing at an A Grade level or higher in their chosen event/s.

The aim of the Scholarship is to assist athletes with the financial demands of training, competition and development, helping them continue progressing within the sport in the lead up to 2032.

### 2. Eligibility Criteria

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To be considered for the TPA Athlete ISSF Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a current financial member of an affiliated club of TPA
- Be actively competing in TPA sanctioned competitions
- Demonstrate consistent performance at **A Grade level or above** in their chosen event/s
- Show commitment to ongoing training and competition
- Display good sportsmanship and represent the sport positively

*Note: Athletes must be regularly achieving A Grade standard scores in recognised competitions, not simply classified within the grade.*

### 3. Scholarship Support

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The Scholarship is designed to provide general financial assistance and is not limited to a specific expense.

Funds may contribute towards (but are not limited to):

- Competition entry fees
- Travel and accommodation for coaching and competitions
- Equipment or maintenance
- Training and coaching costs

### 4. Funding Availability

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- Scholarships are awarded twice per calendar year:
  - **Round 1:** Announced at the National Championships
  - **Round 2:** November
- Funding is subject to an allocated budget, and:
  - Not all applicants may be successful
  - Individual amounts may vary depending on available funds and number of applicants

## 5. Application Process

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Applicants will be required to submit:

- A completed application form
- Evidence of recent competition results (demonstrating A Grade standard performance)
- A brief outline of their goals and intended use of the Scholarship

## 6. Assessment Criteria

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Applications will be assessed based on:

- Consistency and standard of performance
- Commitment to the sport
- Potential for future development
- Contribution to and representation of the sport

## 7. Conditions of Award

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Successful applicants:

- Will be required to provide a brief report on how the funds were used
- Are expected to continue representing the sport in a positive manner
- Acknowledge the support of the TPA Scholarship where appropriate

## General Notes

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- The Scholarship is intended to support and encourage athlete development, supplement costs, not fully fund participation
- The TPA selection panel's decision is final
- The program may be reviewed or adjusted based on funding and participation

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## Definitions

- (a) 'Recognised Competitions' – means State Championships; National Championships and Shooting Australia Tier 1 Endorsed Events