



SAPPRF 2021 TEAM  
INTERNATIONAL PRECISION RIFLE FEDERATION  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SELECTION PROCESS DOCUMENT

## Overview

The following document outlines the selection policy, processes and timelines that will be followed in order that SAPPRF will fairly and transparently select athletes that are able to achieve the best possible results in international team capacities at the International Precision Rifle Federation Team Championships in April of 2021.

The following National Team positions are available:

- 3 - 5 Open Team positions
- 3 - 5 Tactical Team positions
- 3 - 5 Factory Team positions
- 3 - 5 Classic Team positions

It's important to remember that:

- A National Team is a representation of the National Federation, and therefore that National Federation may select, within the breadth of this selection policy, the Team to best represent them at the World Championships.
- National Colours require that:
  - The National Federation, applying for colours, has correctly aligned itself with the South African Sport Shooting Confederation and required national frameworks.
  - A high enough standard must have been achieved before South African colours may be considered and awarded.
- South African Colours are a privilege and not a right.

Given the significant different; match conditions at matches across South Africa, the standards and types of matches, the standards of the athletes competing at those matches, the ability for athletes to attend required matches, and including athlete form during the year a wholly objective based system of selecting individuals or teams is impossible. In recognising this, this document attempts to significantly reduce the subjectivity of selection, and yet still allows for the highest standards to be met in fielding the best possible teams to represent the national Federation in achieving its aims.

In this regard the selection policy follows an objective-based policy in meeting capability milestones to determine a National Squad of available athletes. It is envisaged, that by meeting these objective requirements, that the members on the National Squad are all of a high enough standard to represent SAPPRF internationally, and that a panel of National Selectors (constituted by SAPPRF) will subjectively decide the final individuals selected for a National Team, based on criteria laid out herein.

## Definitions

ExCo	The SAPPRF National Executive Committee
SAPPRF	South African Practical Precision Rifle Federation
Selection Points	Points accumulated by SAPPRF athletes at International Matches.
National Squad:	Those athletes achieving the requirements to be selected to the National Team(s).
National Team(s):	An Open, Tactical, Factory or Classic Division Team is made up of the Athletes selected by SAPPRF to represent them at the World IPRF Team Championships.
Qualifying Period	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021
SASSCo:	South African Sports Shooting Confederation.
SASCOC:	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.
Selectors:	The appointed Selectors of the SAPPRF.
Selection Process:	The Selection Process commences from 1 January 2020 to prior to the IPRF World Championships (of 2021) and continues until the National Teams are finalised.
IPRF World Championships	IPRF World Championships – TBD (est April 2021)
Provincial Match	A Sanctioned Provincial 1 Day SAPPRF Match.
National Match	A Sanctioned National 2 Day SAPPRF Match.
International Match	An IPRF sanctioned 2 Day Match worldwide.

## Timeline

The Selection Process will follow an ongoing participation format, where:

All Athletes interested and eligible to compete at the 2021 IPRF World Championships must make their intentions clear before 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021.

4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021:	SAPPRF must have constituted their Panel of Selectors.
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021:	Final match cut-off date. No further qualifying points may be earned after this date.
1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021:	National Teams selection.
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021:	National Teams announced.
April 2021	International Precision Rifle World Championships

## General Selection Process Conditions

At all times throughout the Selection Process, the athlete must:

- be able and willing to undertake any training and competition programs recommended by the Selectors after consultation with the athlete, unless a written exemption has been granted by the ExCo or the Selectors, in response to a timely written request from the athlete for an exemption;
- satisfy any additional preconditions advised in writing to the athlete by ExCo prior to or at the time of selection for the National Team;
- notify ExCo that they are suffering any physical or mental impairment that may prevent them from competing at the International Precision Rifle World Championships 2021 to the highest possible standard.

Note:

- In order to claim Selection Points, a competitor MUST be a full member of SAPPRF.
- Selection Points are only able to be claimed up to 7 days prior to the date of purchase of an 'International Competition Card' and onwards.

## Athlete Eligibility

For any athlete to be eligible for selection to compete at the IPRF World Championships the athlete will be required to fulfil and maintain the following for the duration of 2020:

- be a paid-up Adult Member of SAPPRF in good standing;
- hold an 'International Competition Card';
- be a South African Citizen;
- reside within the Province to which they are affiliated;
- be a member of a SAPPRF recognised Club within the Province to which they are affiliated;
- complete the 'Eligibility to Compete' forms and such forms must have been received by the ExCo.

## *National Squad Qualification*

Eligible Athletes will have to meet the following requirements to progress to the National Squad.

Athletes will, in the Qualifying Period be required to have:

- Completed a minimum of 3 International 2-Day Matches.
- Accumulated over 210 Selection Points.

## *National Team Selection – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021*

The National Team(s) will be selected on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021:

- Open Team: 3-5 Athletes
- Tactical Team: 3-5 Athletes
- Factory Team: 3-5 Athletes
- Classic Team: 3-5 Athletes

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 through 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, Athletes in the National Squad may be required to:

- take part in matches as determined by the Selectors and Exco.
- compete to the satisfaction of the Selectors at National Matches in order that the Selectors can be satisfied with the fitness of the Athletes.

The Selectors will review all the National Squad Athletes and select, at their **discretion**, the most appropriate Athletes for the National Team Positions as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.

National Team selection will be published by the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021.

## Selectors

A selector shall be nominated to a Selection Committee by each SAPPRF Provincial Federation. The chairman of such committee will be elected from within the committee by majority.

The selectors will be responsible for managing the selection process. Until such time as the Selection Committee is formed, the ExCo committee will manage the selection process.

## Selectors Evaluation Process

In evaluating the performances of Athletes, the Selectors **may** take into account, and have the **discretion** to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the following, or other factors not listed below that are relevant in the opinion of the selectors, in considering athletes for selection:

- The Selectors shall consider performances of athletes at International Matches during the Qualification Period. The Selectors may consider performance at Provincial Matches, in particular closer to the IPRF World Championships competition date.
- The Selectors may, in their sole discretion, place greater emphasis on results achieved at Nominated and/or Mandatory Competitions;
- Placings in any head-to-head performances will be considered but will not automatically position one Athlete above another for selection;
- Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each Athletes performance, These include, but are not restricted to:
  - The performance of the Athletes in relation to the quality and number of competitors;
  - The technical features of the various qualifying matches;
  - The quality of the shooting by an Athlete;
  - The general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather, wind and other performance influencing factors;
  - The suitability of the Athlete, taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition and the type of Athlete required to achieve the best possible Team results in the expected conditions.
- The ability and experience of the Athlete to compete successfully at high level national competition. Consideration will be given to:
  - The ability, or potential ability, of the Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a National Championship;
  - The ability of the Athlete to prepare themselves to peak condition for a major campaign / competition;
  - The ability of the Athlete to contribute towards an effective Team environment;
  - The demonstrated ability of the Athlete that they are a suitable representative.
- Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team score may be considered (if applicable).

## *Appeals*

Appeals concerning the non-selection of an Athlete for a Squad, Team and/or Individual positions will be heard by a SAPPRF Appeal Committee in accordance with the SAPPRF constitution and Judicial Code.

There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that the Selection Policy process was not properly followed and/or implemented.

Only Athletes may appeal their non-selection.

An Athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with SAPPRF within 3 working days from the date of the announcement of the National Squad or any subsequent Squad processes, and such notice must state the specific reason of appeal.

An appeal fee of R5,000.00 (Five Thousand Rands) shall be lodged by the athlete in favour of SAPPRF. Such fee shall be refunded to the athlete should their appeal be upheld.

## *Substitution / Replacement of Athletes:*

Following selection of the Squad, or National Team positions if:

- in the opinion of the Selectors, in consultation with the National ExCo, there has been a loss of form or fitness by an Athlete. The loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at the IPRF World Championships; or
- an Athlete contravenes their Athlete Agreement, or SAPPRF Rules and Regulations, or SAPPRF Code of Conduct, or SAPPRF Constitution, or SAPPRF Social Media Policy, or any other published SAPPRF rule, regulation, code or agreement; or
- an Athlete voluntarily removes themselves,

then that Athlete may be replaced, by another Athlete selected from the National Squad by the Selectors.

## *Exceptional Circumstances*

In exceptional circumstances, and only with regards to the National Squad requirements, the Selectors may, having received a written request, provide written advice to an athlete that the Selectors will waive:

- The requirement to achieve the National Squad Requirements.  
Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations where, in the opinion of the Selectors:
  - a reliable and consistent Athlete would meet the Team Objective of the National Team and provide an effective balance within the Team;
- The requirement to complete sufficient IPRF International finishes.  
Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations:
  - where an athlete is entered into an IPRF International match and unable to attend due to acceptable extenuating circumstances;
  - involving the cancellation or postponement of an IPRF International match.

## *Power to Amend*

This policy can be amended at any time by SAPPRF if SAPPRF is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the National or International guidelines, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of SAPPRF by SAPPRF.

SAPPRF shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

Any variation, amendments or clarifications to this policy will only be valid when published to the [www.precisionrifleseries.co.za/documents/](http://www.precisionrifleseries.co.za/documents/) web page.



## 2021 NATIONAL TEAM ELIGIBILITY FORM

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>SAPPRF/PRS-SA No:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Tel No:</b>	
<b>Mobile No:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>ID No.</b>	
<b>Province:</b>	
<b>District:</b>	
<b>Primary Club:</b>	
<b>Division(s)</b>	

I, would like to be considered for a National Precision Rifle Team.

1. In the event of my being selected, I will ensure that I will be able to attend the International Precision Rifle World Championships.
2. In the event of ill health of myself, or any other circumstance that might prevent me from attending the Championships, I undertake to inform ExCo immediately.
3. I will make myself available to attend any training, team building and/or competitions to be held prior to the Championship.
4. I agree to actively participate in a manner which reflects true sportsmanship and help build team spirit.
5. I am aware of the financial implications of attending the championships and I am in a position to finance my attendance of this championship.
6. In the event of my obtaining National Colours, I agree to wear these colours proudly and always put the needs of my Nation and my Team ahead of my own.
7. I agree to purchase any required attire.
8. I accept that the decision of the selectors is final and that no further discussions will be entered into.
9. I agree to abide by the decisions made by the Team Manager.

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Signed

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Location

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Date

Please complete and send to [committee@precisionrifleseries.co.za](mailto:committee@precisionrifleseries.co.za).