



2019 PRS Finale Selection Process

SOUTH AFRICAN PRACTICAL PRECISION RIFLE FEDERATION (NPC)

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OVERVIEW

The following document outlines the selection policy, processes and timelines that will be followed in order that SAPPRF / PRS-SA will fairly and transparently select athletes that are able to achieve the best possible results in team and/or individual capacities at the 2019 PRS Finale.

5 slots have been made available to South African competitors in the 2019 PRS Finale.

It is the aim of SAPPRF / PRS-SA that we send 5 individual competitors to compete at the 2019 PRS Finale with the aim of placing well, gaining skills and experience, and translating those skills and experiences to upskill and develop competitors and competition across South Africa.

DEFINITIONS

SAPPRF	South African Practical Precision Rifle Federation
PRS Points	PRS Points accumulated by athletes on the PRS-SA National Series leader board from 7 days prior to their PRS USA and SAPPRF/PRS-SA membership dates.
PRS-SA	Precision Rifle Series South Africa – a Sub-Discipline/Brand of SAPPRF.
PRS-SA Squad:	The PRS-SA Squad shall comprise of 5 available team positions, of which the number of available positions may vary subject to PRS, SASSCo, SASCOC and SAPPRF/PRS-SA requirements.
SASSCo:	South African Sports Shooting Confederation.
SASCOC:	South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.
Selectors:	The appointed Selectors of SAPPRF.
Selection Process:	The Selection Process will commence from the 1st of January 2019 and continue until the PRS-SA Individual positions are announced.
Finale 2019	PRS International Finale in USA, 16th November 2019.
Provincial Match	A PRS SA Sanctioned Provincial 1 Day PRS Match.
National Match	A PRS SA Sanctioned National 2 Day PRS 'Points Race' Match.
International Match	A PRS SA Sanctioned 2 Day PRS 'Points Race' Match anywhere worldwide.

TIMELINE

The Selection Process will follow a reducing participation format, where:

- 1st April 2019: All athletes interested and eligible to compete at the 2019 PRS Finale must make their intentions clear.
- 1st September 2019 Selection requires need to be met.
- 11th October 2019 PRS-SA Squad announced.
- 16th November 2019: 2019 PRS Finale

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 PRS-SA 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 PRS-SA prior to or at the time of selection for the PRS-SA Team;
- notify PRS-SA that they are suffering any physical or mental impairment that may prevent them from competing at the PRS Finale 2019 to the highest possible standard.

Note: In order to claim PRS Points, a competitor MUST be a member of PRS USA. PRS Points are only able to be claimed back to 7 days prior to the date of membership and onwards.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

For any athlete to be eligible for selection to compete at the PRS Finale 2019, the athlete will by the 1st of April 2019, be required to fulfil and maintain the following for the duration of 2019:

- be a full member of SAPPRF/PRS-SA;
- be a full member of PRS USA/International;
- be a South African Citizen;
- complete the 'Eligibility to Compete' forms and such forms must have been received by the SAPPRF National Executive Committee;

1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 – SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Between 1st September 2019 and the 5th November 2019, Athletes wishing to be selected for the PRS-SA Squad may be required to:

- take part in matches as determined by the Selectors and PRS-SA/SAPPRF.
- compete to the satisfaction of the Selectors at PRS Matches between September and through November of 2019 in order that the Selectors can be satisfied with the fitness of the Athletes.

PRS-SA SQUAD SELECTION – 9TH OCTOBER 2019

The PRS-SA Squad will be selected on the 9th of October 2019 and will be made up of 5 Athletes.

To be considered for selection for the PRS-SA Squad, all Athletes must have achieved the following criteria:

- PRS Qualifications – Athletes must have met both the PRS-SA/SAPPRF South African and PRS International Minimum Eligibility Requirements for competing at the 2019 PRS Finale.
- Completed a minimum of 3 PRS Points (National / International) matches.
- Achieved a minimum of 210 PRS Points during the 2019 Series.

The athletes performance will be ranked by the sum of their 3 highest PRS Points results.

The highest 5 ranked athletes will be invited to join the PRS-SA Squad and attend the 2019 PRS Finale in the USA.

PRS-SA Squad selection will be published by the 11th of October 2019.

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 SAPPRF National Executive committee will manage the selection process.

APPEALS

Appeals concerning the non-selection of an Athlete for the PRS-SA Squad 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 PRS-SA Squad 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 the selection requirements, or selection of the PRS-SA Squad, if:

- in the opinion of the Selectors, in consultation with SAPPRF/PRS-SA, 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 PRS 2019 Finale; 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
- an Athlete voluntarily removes themselves,

then that Athlete may be replaced, by the next ranked Athlete at that point in the selection Process.

POWER TO AMEND & PUBLISHING

This policy can be amended at any time by SAPPRF/PRS-SA if SAPPRF/PRS-SA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the PRS 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/PRS-SA by SAPPRF/PRS-SA.

SAPPRF/PRS-SA 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/ web page.