



PISTOL NEWS



New ISSF TRAINING SQUAD to be announced soon

The Exco would like to use this newsletter announce a new ISSF Squad Training programme that they intend implementing with immediate effect.

With the SA ISSF Nationals beckoning later this year in September 2018 at Alberton Sports Shooting Club, it is appropriate to provide an incentive to our members to become involved in training and practicing for the 2018 ISSF National Championships.

The decision to introduce an ISSF squad training program is meant recognise and encourage all those ISSF shooters who have reached a realistic level of competence and commitment to ISSF shooting, and can thus be considered for future ISSF SA Federation team selection.

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The ISSF Squad Training program has two distinct components, firstly a component that identifies the top performers in selected ISSF events, which are those events currently deemed by the ISSF to be International events and which are being shot at all World Cup, Olympic and Commonwealth Games championships, and, secondly, a group of members who are deemed to be potential or future ISSF performers, but who will need polish, attention and guidance to reach the desired level of competence in ISSF shooting.

The foundation for selection to the National Training Squad will be the member's current position on the National ISSF log as of 1st May, 2018.

This implies that your performance in the recent Eastern Cape Postal championships and the 2018 Southern Gauteng Provincial Championships, plus you record back to January 2016, will be taken into consideration.

For this reason, the ISSF National Log has been amended to indicate a member's performance during 2016, 2017 and 2018, thereby providing the tools for fair evaluation of all our members ISSF shooting skills.

It is intended to ask all potential training squad members to sign a Letter of Intent and Commitment to participate in all forthcoming ISSF events in this year's shooting calendar, leading up to their actual participation in the ISSF SA National Championships in September, 2018.

The SAPF Exco has already selected an SA Federation team for NPA/PPC, and that team participated in the recent SA NPA/PPC nationals held at the SA NPA/PPC Nationals that were just completed at the Eeufees Military Ranges in Pretoria.

We now intend developing an SA Federation team that will compete in all ISSF events in the future.

To achieve a place in any future SA Federation ISSF team, members will be asked to commit to a training programme that will start in June 2018.

The Training Squad members will also be asked to participate actively in at least two or three of the forthcoming Provincial Championships leading up to the SA ISSF Nationals in September, 2018, where they will eventually compete shoulder to shoulder to qualify for SA Federation colours.

Naturally we recognise that the cost of travel to the upcoming provincial championships is prohibitive for many of our shooters, so we have decided to let the training squad members participate on a Postal basis when actual shoulder to shoulder participation at any provincial Championships is not financially viable or possible for a squad member.

We therefore ask the Provincial EXCO's in each of our provinces to provide an efficient, effective Postal match opportunity for their training squad members, so that they can be part of training programme and be measured in terms of their performances over the coming months, leading up to the ISSF SA Nationals in Alberton.

Four training squads will be selected, i.e. a Mens Squad, a Ladies Squad, a Junior Squad and a Development Squad.

The final selection of squad members is being done at the present moment, and an announcement will be made in the first week of June, 2018.

We look forward to this importance step forward for ISSF shooting.

Best wishes in Shooting.
Shaun Kennedy Vice – President

