

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION of INDIA

POLICY FOR RANKING and SELECTION of the NATIONAL TEAM in all ISSF Rifle Events

(Small Bore and Big Bore Rifle Events)

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The National Rifle Association of India had announced its policy of the Moving Average Method [MAM] for ranking its shooters on 23.12.2012. In its meeting of 21.11.2013 the NRAI decided to continue with this Method. The general policy along with the ranking method [MAM] was adopted with minor modifications and clarifications. The NRAI further modified the above ranking system in its Technical Meeting held on 17.10.2014 (ratified by the Governing Body on 18.10.2014).

The modified formula of MAM would be applicable from the 58th National Shooting Championship and the same is enumerated below.

The National Rifle Association of India [NRAI] shall apply the Moving Average Method [MAM] for the purpose of Ranking and Selecting Rifle Shooters for participation in all international competitions on the basis of these rankings.

The formula of Moving Average Method [MAM]: [concise version]

The MAM is based on 2 sets of scores. The first set is, the total of the 5 highest of the latest 6 scores and the second set is the average of the latest 2 scores of the 5 highest scores. The average of the 2 highest scores is added to the total of the 5 highest scores.

For the purpose of this formula the latest 6 scores will be considered out of which the lowest will be discarded and that discarded score will remain deleted for the purpose of the calculation of the MAM at that point in time while that sequence of scores is being considered..

- 1. First Set** - Sum Total of the 5 highest of latest 6 scores is called the **BASE TOTAL SCORE [BTS]**
- 2. Second Set** - Average of latest 2 scores of the selected 5 scores is called the **AL2S** [last / latest 2 of the remaining 5 scores above].

The MAM would calculate the Final Average Score in following manner:

BASE TOTAL SCORE + Average of LATEST 2 SCORES / 6 = FINAL AVERAGE SCORE

(1+2) divided by 6 = **FINAL AVERAGE SCORE** i.e. **FAS**

(BTS+ AL2S) / 6 = FAS

The 56th National Shooting Championship Competitions [56th NSCC] was the starting point of this policy. The Moving Average Method is a sustained and continual policy and would continue subject to any changes made in a review prior to a National Championship by the NRAI.

Recognised Competition [RC = (National) NRC + (International) IRC]] Scores achieved in the following competitions would be considered for the MAM

- National Championship
- National Games
- Sardar Sajjan Singh Memorial Masters Shooting Championship.
- Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship
- **Selection Trials** conducted by the NRAI – [the NRAI will hold a minimum of 4 ST's]
- All international recognized competitions [IRC]
- Any other competition which is a National / International Competition - and the NRAI announces that competition as an NRC / IRC - would be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

1. Category and scores to be considered

All scores achieved by a shooter in an RC [NRC and / or IRC] would be considered for the purpose of this Method – No score achieved in an RC will be overlooked - scores achieved in a recognized competition in any category– [Open/Civilian/Junior/Youth]. will be considered for the MAM. All scores of all recognized competitions would be taken into account and no score that has been achieved by the shooter in any recognized competition can be ignored / bypassed or evaded.

All scores shot in an RC would belong to the shooter and s/he would be accountable for that score. All Shooters would have ONE LOG of all recognised competitions of an event. For example a Youth Male shooter's score in the NSCC in the Air Rifle event would be inserted in One Main Log of the Air Rifle Men - event, irrespective of whether the shooter has entered [paid entry fee] in the open senior category. The same rule would apply to the civilian shooter. **However the points for Chart 1 A will be added to the qualification score in the Main Log only if the competition is an Open Senior Category Competition.** Restricted category

competitions/events - even though they fall in the RC group of competitions, would not entitle the shooter to gain points from Chart 1 A. in the Main Log.

Selection Trials conducted for the junior / youth category or IRC exclusively for the juniors /youth or any other restricted category would not entitle, these shooters to benefit from Chart 1 A with respect to the Main Log.

When a shooter shoots a score in an RC - book keepers, responsible for maintaining records [with the help of the respective coaches] will add that score against the Shooter's name in the Main Log, irrespective of the category. Ranking [FAS] of all shooters, would be maintained as if they are competing in the same category. ONE MAIN LOG WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR ONE EVENT.

For the Junior and Youth shooters the scores would then be lifted, from the above Main Log and brought into A JUNIOR / Youth LOG. All shooters including Junior and Youth shooters are advised to participate in senior open category events in domestic recognised competitions, so that they do not lose out, on the opportunity to be in the 'Finals'.

FINALS in restricted competitions: Junior / Youth Shooters or any other category of shooters who shoot 'Finals' in restricted competitions [where the competition is not an open men or women's competition] will get restricted benefit of Chart 1 A, as the points will be added, ONLY to the Log maintained for that category. For example a shooter who shoots 580 in the qualification round of a Junior IRC and wins the Finals in that competition will record 580 in the Main Log, $580 + 2 = 582$ in the Junior Log. However if the Shooter is a Youth shooter who was selected in the Junior Category then s / he will also record 582 in the Youth Log. The advantage of Chart 1 A in a restricted RC will be registered in the specific Log only however this advantage would seep downwards to the next lower / younger category. The benefit of Chart 1A can only move downwards – from Senior to Junior to Youth but never upwards / vice versa.

For Selection Trials - there would be no categories of senior, junior or youth – all shooters would shoot in a common category that is open category.

Event wise Rankings will be maintained only for those shooters who are eligible to participate in the open trials. Rankings of shooters with Wild Card entries, in open trials, will be maintained only after the shooter achieves the requisite score for open trials.

2a. In the case of – **Weapon Breakage [all Events]:** In the case of weapon breakage – where the rifle is incapable of firing the shooter would be allowed to bypass this score,

where it is established [***certified by the range officer immediately on completion of the RC***] that the shooter could not execute one / multiple shot/s due to malfunctioning of the Rifle. This clause may be invoked only after the Chief Range Officer describes in detail the happenings on the range. This particular RC would be considered as not shot - DNS - for the purpose of MAM. If the above described weapon breakage takes place in an IRC, the shooter and coach must get a certificate from the range officer / jury / organisers but if for some reason this is not feasible, then the Rifle coach / or any responsible official of the NRAI must certify the same and inform the NRAI forthwith. However – this relaxation of the rule can only be invoked once in the sequence of scores being considered. Hence the shooter's average would be considered on the basis of preceding 6 scores where the above match would be bypassed and S7 would have to be considered.

2b. In the case of a shooter **withdrawing** from any competition, once s/he has begun the competition [including sighters], zero or the total of the already executed shots would be the score that would be calculated for MAM. The shooter would not be allowed to bypass the score of the competitions in which s/he has withdrawn from the competition. This rule would be relaxed only if there is a medical or other emergency of a very serious nature and the same is certified by the Chief Range Officer supported with Medical reports, in the case of medical emergency.

2c. *A shooter who does not shoot a competition after having sent his / her **entry for an RC** - the above rule will be applied, that is it will be assumed that he has shot the competition and s/ he will not be allowed to bypass that competition. Hence his / her non participation will be treated as **withdrawal** and same above rule will be applied for the calculation of BTS/FAS . A shooter who is not desirous of participating in the selection trials or any other RC is advised not to send his / her entry to the NRAI for that competition. Once a shooter sends his / her entry for a competition it will be assumed that the shooter has shot that competition hence the shooter will not be able to skip that competition for the purpose of calculation of MAM. This rule may be relaxed only in the rarest of rare cases where the General Secretary / President permits the shooter to skip the competition after being convinced of the reason for withdrawal from participation from that competition.*

2d. Any shooter who **cannot** or does not wish to **participate in an international** competition, for which s/he is selected – must inform the NRAI of his/her intentions within three days from the announcement of his/her selection, so that the shooter next in ranking may be selected in his/her place failing which strict disciplinary action shall be initiated against him/her. Disciplinary Action would also be initiated against a shooter who

withdraws/does not shoot in an international competition after she/he arrives at the competition site. In such a case the same rule as above –rule 2 c would be applied for the purpose of calculation of MAM. The shooter would be considered as having shot the competition and 0 / the score at the time of withdrawal, would be a part of the calculation of the averages. This rule would be relaxed only if there is convincing evidence of the shooters inability to participate, due to reasons beyond his/her control.

2e In the case of a shooter who is **disqualified** due to his / her equipment not passing weapon control in a '**random check**' after the match and it is established that this failure to pass the weapon control was beyond his / her control then the shooter's score of that match will be considered as DNS and this score will be bypassed. This rule will apply solely to the Jackets and trousers which were examined and 'passed ' by Equipment Control prior to the commencement of the competition. The shooter must make an application to the NRAI asking for his / her score not to be considered for MAM.

A shooter can bypass only one score at any given time. At no point will the shooter be allowed to bypass more than one score.

3. Time Frame

For the Calculation of the MAM: The 6th score of the shooter [S6] will not be prior to / older than 6 months and the 1st , 2nd and 3rd Score - S1, S2 and S3 will not be older than 3 months. The 3 months must be calculated from the last / latest NRC that is conducted by the NRAI. [For the purpose of calculation of the averages we shall move backwards - starting with the latest – most recent score, hence S1 would be the latest score]. However the time frame clause will be disregarded by the NRAI, if it has not conducted any Recognized Competition/s within the stipulated time frame. In such cases the NRAI would consider even 9 month old scores for BTS.

The NRAI would have the right to go further beyond the stated time frame in special cases of extraordinary shooters who have proved themselves at several important internationals and who have not been able to participate in competitions due to reasons beyond their control. especially if the shooter has taken advance consent from the NRAI. However, for such cases the selection committee would state reasons, in writing, justifying the selection of such shooter.

4. The MAM in detail and the impact of the FINALS

a. The MAM in detail

Total of the Latest Six Consecutive Scores – (minus) 1 Lowest Score = Base Total Score

$$T \text{ of } L6CS - 1LS = BTS$$

$S6 + S5 + S4 + S3 + S2 + S1 = T6S - 1LS$ -one lowest score out of the S1 – S6
S = score T = total BTS= Base Total Score

Once a score is deducted the numbering of 'S' will change hence (for example) if the score of S2 is deducted then for the purpose of BTS and AL2S - S3 will become S2, S4 will become S3 and so forth. **If there are 2 similar lowest scores then the score which is the latest will be deleted**

AVG OF LATEST 2 SCORES **AL2S** = $\frac{T \text{ of } S1 + S2 \text{ (Total of Latest 2 Scores)}}{2 \text{ (divided by 2)}}$
(of the 5 selected scores)

To the BASE TOTAL SCORE we would add the AVERAGE of the LATEST 2 SCORES [AL2S]

FINAL AVERAGE SCORE = Base Total Score + Average of latest 2 scores / 6

$$BTS + AL2S / 6 = FAS$$

S1 would denote the latest / most recent score achieved by the shooter and S6 would denote the oldest of the Consecutive latest Six Scores [L6 S] for the purpose of AL2S – the latest scores will be the latest of the 5 scores selected for the purpose of BTS.

The scores considered would be the last 6 scores shot by the shooter in a period of previous 6 months - where 6 months would be calculated from the latest / most recent competition shot i.e. we would move backwards from S1. A shooter who has a minimum of 6 scores within the stipulated time would be allowed to deduct 1 lowest score. A shooter who has only 5 competitions scores would not be allowed to deduct any score for the purpose of arriving at the Base Total Score. A Shooter who has less than 5 scores would not be considered for the purpose of selection except in the rarest of rare cases where the selection committee would justify, in writing, the reasons for setting aside the norms of MAM.

The average of the latest 2 scores would be calculated by adding S1 and S2 / 2 – where S1 and S2 (would not be older than 3 months of the last Recognised Competition conducted by the NRAI).

Once a score is deleted from the sequence of 6 scores the number of the ‘S’ will change hence (for example) if the score of S2 is deducted then for the purpose of BTS and AL2S - S3 will become S2, S4 will become S3 and so forth. If there are 2 scores which are the lowest [which are the same and they are also the lowest] then the one which is the latest /most recent - will be deleted.

The Ranking of the shooter would be declared on the basis of the FAS.

ON THE 1ST OF EVERY MONTH AND / OR AFTER THE SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, THE NRAI WILL ANNOUNCE THE RANKING WITH AMENDMENTS IF ANY.

b. **FINALS and its impact on calculation of scores of S1 to S6**

Chart 1A indicates the points that a shooter would accrue depending on the competition and the position achieved by him/her in that competition after having shot the Finals. Shooters would gain points of Chart 1 A only in Finals conducted in an RC for the **open senior category**. Also Chart 1 A would apply only to Olympic Events.

Chart 1 B is a chart of merit points which will be added to the FAS of the shooter until the specified time.

The points indicated in the chart 1 A, would be added to the shooters qualification score. For example - if a shooter A has a qualification score of 585 in the Sport Rifle 3 Position at the NSCC and she enters the Finals and achieves the 1st position, she would gain an additional 3 points and the 3 points would be added to the qualification score of 585. Hence the score of shooter A in the Main Log for the Sport Rifle 3 Position - for NSCC would be 588. Consequently the additional advantage [*points*] that the shooter gets for winning a position in the Finals of an RC lasts until that score forms a part of the scores being considered for the calculation of FAS.

Chart 1A - applicable to Open Senior Finals of RC of Olympic Events

And limited benefit for restricted RC

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL							

1. World Cups / WCF	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
2. Asian Games/ASC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
3. NSCC	3	2	1	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
4. Other IRC/NRC	2	1	0.5	0.25				

This will not include 'other' IRC's at own cost.
 Shooters who shoot IRC's at own cost would not get the benefit of Chart 1 A.

For point no 4 in Chart 1 A – 'Other IRC' – a shooter can gain points from this chart, only if – in an IRC - there are a minimum of 3 countries [team] actually participating in that event and not less than a total of 25 participants in that event.

The qualification and the additional points accrued in the Finals – as per chart 1 A, would be added and the total would be the 'S'core of the shooter **solely** for calculating the FAS - this total score attributed to the shooter would not be recognized for any other purpose but for arriving at the ranking of the shooter by the MAM.

Chart 1 B – Merit Chart

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TIME
	Points available for each position in the corresponding RC FINAL								

									<u>Time</u>
Olympic Games	3	2	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 – 2016 OGs
World Championship	3	2	1.5	1	0.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 – 2018 Wch
Quota place	2								Until the 2016 OGs

<u>ISSF - World Ranking –</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	<u>11 - 15</u>	<u>Time</u>
Points for the corresponding ranking	3	2	1	The Ranking of a

shooter - should be available on the ISSF website on the date of team selection, by the selection committee of the NRAI. No retrospective benefit shall be available to any shooter and it shall remain a real time achievement benefit only.

Chart 1 B: will be added to the FAS of a shooter. The difference between Chart 1 A and 1 B is that - points accrued in Chart 1A are added to the qualification score whereas points accrued as per Chart 1 B would be added to the Final Average Score and the corresponding point would continue to be added to the FAS as per the time mentioned in the chart. in the case of the Olympic Games / W Ch / Quota place irrespective of whether the qualification score of that competition forms a part of the latest 6 scores. The time frame for the Olympic Games would be 4 years (from the medal /final position winning Olympic Games to the next Olympic Games and the same would 4 year period would

apply to the World Championship.

5. International Recognised Competition :and participation at own cost [IRC at OC]

A Shooter eligible to participate in Selection Trials – may participate in an international recognised competition [IRC] at his/her own cost and scores achieved in such international recognised competitions would be considered for the purpose of Ranking [MAM]. **HOWEVER THE SHOOTER WILL NOT GET THE BENEFIT OF CHART 1 A.**

ONLY SCORES OF THOSE SHOOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN TRIALS [CONDUCTED BY NRAI] WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RANKING.. There would be a CEILING / CAP on the total number of such participations at 'own cost' in IRC's in a year- THE CAP BEING 2 COMPETITIONS IN ONE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCORES BEING CONSIDERED IN MAM

SHOOTERS WHO HAVE NEVER 'QUALIFIED' FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE National Championship IN THAT PARTICULAR CATEGORY [PISTOL /RIFLE] – AS PER THE NORMS SET BY THE NRAI IN ITS MATCH BOOK - CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION RECOGNISED OR NOT RECOGNISED BY NRAI. ALL AFFILIATED UNITS ARE ADVISED TO INFORM THEIR SHOOTERS OF THIS RULE AND ANY SHOOTER NOT ABIDING BY THE SAME IS LIABLE FOR STRICT DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

For the purpose of participation a 'year' would mean a shooting calendar year - which would commence with the commencement of the National Championship and conclude at the commencement of the next National Championship.

A SHOOTER SHALL PARTICIPATE IN AN IRC AT OC IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY / represent his rifle club / District Association or State Association if they so permit **AND WILL NOT BE REPRESENTING INDIA.** Shooters who participate at international competitions at own cost WILL NOT FORM TEAMS unless the NRAI selects the team members (who must be currently eligible to participate in Open Selection Trials) on the basis of prevalent norms. POINTS ACCRUING FROM CHART 1A WILL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO IRC AT OC.

A shooter **must inform the NRAI** of his/her participation **PRIOR** to his / her participation stating that he intends to participate in an IRC and is desirous of his / her scores being considered for the MAM. **The NRAI will follow this Norm strictly.**

On the completion of such competition IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO ENSURE THAT SCORES SHOT IN SUCH - IRC AT OWN COST [IRC at OC]- ARE INCLUDED IN HIS / HER AVERAGE [MAM] .

PENALTY for failing to inform the NRAI of the results /scores in such IRC at OC: The NRAI will CALCULATE THE RANKING by INCLUDING THAT COMPETITION IN THE AVERAGE AND RECORDING the score of such competition as 'ZERO'. The shooter would further be INELIGIBLE to get scores of such IRC at OC recognised for the purpose of MAM for the NEXT 2 YEARS.

The NRAI will announce a list of IRC prior to the NSCC [list below] but would be free to add new names of competitions to the existing list - announcements would be made at least 70 days prior to the commencement of such competition. ONLY Scores of shooters eligible to participate in such competitions would be considered for MAM.

LIST OF IRCs FOR YEAR 2015 / (post the 58th NSCC and prior to 59th NSCC)

S. No	Name	tentative dates
1	RIAC luxemborg, LUX	
2	Grand Prix of Pilsen, Czech Republic	
3	Meyton Cup Innsbruck, Austria	
4	IWK Munich, Germany	
5	Intershoot Den Haag, Netherlands	
6	Grand Prix Of France, fleury les Aubrias, France	
7	Grand Prix Amir Kuwait City, KUW	
8.	ISAS Dortmund, Germany	
9.	ISCH Hannover, Germany	
10	Grand Prix of Liberation Pilsen, Czech Republic	

The scores of such competitions and the achievement in these competitions can ONLY be used for the purpose of MAM and will not be considered for any other benefits / purpose. No achievements / medals / records made by shooters in these competitions will be considered for any other purpose.

International Competitions Not Recognised by the NRAI: Scores achieved by individuals at international shooting events which are not recognised by the NRAI will not be considered for any purpose WHAT SO EVER. Shooters / state associations / affiliated units are advised to ensure that scores / achievements / participation at such International competitions are not used for any benefits of what so ever nature. The eligible shooter who participates in any international competition [not recognised by NRAI] will not declare the scores / medals / positions achieved in these competitions to any educational institution / corporate / government / semi government organisations or any other individual / organisation for seeking any benefit of what so ever nature failing which s/he shall be liable for disciplinary action. The National Rifle Association of India regards the misuse of such participation most unfavourably.

6. Minimum Travelling Score:[MTS] and WC Participation: It was decided to introduce a Minimum Qualifying Score for Travelling to Internationals – Minimum Travelling Score [MTS], for all events and that score would be applied as an MQS, - mandatory requirement for participation in an international. For each event the travelling score would be devised by calculating the Average of the scores of the Four World Cups 25% position score, of that Year. [25% position is 25% of the total participants; for example – if total participants are 120 and 25% position is the 30th position] Every year the Travelling Score will be announced by the NRAI.

THE SHOOTER MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE TRAVELLING SCORE ATLEAST TWICE IN THE SCORES BEING CONSIDERED FOR MAM [TWO SCORES OUT OF THE 6 SCORES BEING CONSIDERED]. SELECTION WOULD BE MADE WHERE THE SHOOTER HAS TOP 3 RANKING AND Minimum Travelling Score. FOR SELECTION AT GOVT. COST A SHOOTER MUST RANK IN THE TOP 3 AND MUST HAVE ACHIEVED THE MTS TWICE.

If any of the top 3 shooters being considered for the World Cup have not achieved the MTS then s/he will not be selected at GOVT COST and no other / next shooter will be selected in her /his place.

MTS WOULD NOT BE A CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR A GAMES OR A CHAMPIONSHIP. WOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY FOR WORLD CUPS ONLY THOSE SHOOTERS WHO ARE ALREADY SELECTED [OR ARE RANKED 1-3] FOR THE WORLD CUP [WC] IN AN EVENT / S WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER EVENT OF THE WC, WHERE THERE IS A VACANT

SLOT IN THE TOP THREE SLOTS OR MQS. HOWEVER SUCH PARTICIPATION WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE SHOOTER RANKS WITHIN THE TOP 8 IN THAT EVENT [as per the latest ranking] AND IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AT OWN COST.

FURTHER PROVIDED THAT SUCH SHOOTER MAKES A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE NRAI, WITHIN 2 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE SELECTION TRIAL / RECOGNISED COMPETITION, [COMPETITIONS WHICH FORM A PART OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA]. THE NRAI WILL AFTER RECEIVING SUCH APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE STIPULATED TIME, FINALISE WITHIN 6 DAYS, THE NAMES OF THE SHOOTERS, WHO WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE AT OWN COST. ONCE SUCH NAMES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED – NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE

7. Eliminations rounds at world cups / internationals:

The higher of the 2 scores shot by a shooter in the elimination and the qualification round of an RC - will be considered for the purpose of the MAM.

8. Shooting Calendar: The NRAI will announce an annual domestic calendar prior to the NSCC. The NRAI will hold the NSCC every year – in the second week of December. [this would be changed only marginally in the case of reasons beyond the control of the NRAI].

9. Transparency: It was decided to make the system completely transparent. It was essential that the Coaches of the respective section be responsible for verifying the entries and the correctness of the calculations of the shooters in their section and bring to the notice of the NRAI any discrepancy in calculation of FAS. It was also decided that the results of the competitions would be put up on the NRAI website within 12- 18 hrs of the completion of the competition. **It would be responsibility of the shooter to inform the NRAI of any special claims.**

10. Provisional Shooter [PS] : A shooter who desires to shoot a recognized competition for examining/ experimenting / testing of new /changed technique / equipment - under competition conditions, may shoot as a PROVISIONAL SHOOTER and such scores shot for experimental purpose would not be considered in the calculation of MAM. Provided that the shooter requests in writing, prior to the competition – sends entry form with fee - stating in the entry form that s / he wishes to shoot as a Provisional Shooter along with a separate application justifying such request. A Provisional Shooter would be allowed to shoot the Finals in that competition only if s/ he has shot – in that competition – a score that would entitle him / her to be in the Finals and if s / he is a top ranking shooter. Such Provisional shooter would shoot as the 9th shooter who would not be eliminated and neither qualification nor Finals will be considered for MAM.

11. **Wada:** It is clarified that strict compliance to WADA, IOA, ISSF and NRAI rules shall be maintained. Should a shooter be in violation of rules he/she shall not be considered for the selection of team & shall be deemed to have been suspended pending ruling by the established norms of appeal in the forum.

12. **Dress code:** It is clarified that strict compliance to dress code as stated by the ISSF shall be followed at all times at the ranges/competition/international competitions. Shooters shall wear the dress/uniform of their state/country at all official ceremonies. **For prize ceremonies shooters must be in their state / country uniform.**

13. **Exemptions:** The NRAI may grant, (on compelling grounds) and the shooter (on the basis of these compelling reasons) may seek prior exemption, [with justification in writing] from participating in any RC. In the case of the NRAI granting such an exemption to the shooter – MAM would be applied to the shooter but the Time Clause would be relaxed provided that at the time of selection no score of the shooter is older than 12 months.

14. Clarification regarding the Time frame: The time frame clause stated in the policy is solely for the purpose of ensuring that shooters provide the Selectors with the most recent scores and to discourage them from “sitting on” good performances, **This clause comes into play ONLY when NRAI organises an RC and the shooter wants to skip the competition. The option of skipping an RC is available to him / her if s/he has scores within the ‘Time Frame’ Hence a shooter who wishes to skip and NRC must have shot S1 S2 and S3 within 3 months of the last /latest competition conducted by the NRAI.**

In the case of domestic shooters who have no international scores and who have not missed any of the NRAI organised RC – the MAM will be considered on the basis of scores shot in these RC's irrespective of whether they are strictly within the time frame.

In the case of a shooter who has shot S 1, S2 and S3 in an RC and who does not wish to participate in the Selection trials / NRC being conducted by the NRAI then his / her S1, S2, and S3 scores in an IRC must have been shot within 3 months of the latest Recognised Competition being announced by the NRAI – For Example: if the NRAI announces an NRC on the 1st of April, then the shooter must have shot S1, S2, and S3 after 1st of Jan. A maximum margin of 10 days may be considered by the NRAI. Also all other scores also must fall within the time frame.

An effort has been made to make the Original Policy [along with the modification / clarification] exhaustive – however it is possible that in the course of the application of the

policy anomalies arise and in such cases the interpretation of the NRAI of such anomalies would be final.

The Selection Committee/or any other committee so empowered by the Governing Body of the NRAI would base their selection of individuals /teams for participation in International Competitions, largely on the basis of the rankings derived by the Moving Average Method - as stated in this policy. However in extraordinary circumstances, with justification. in writing, the committee would have the authority to deviate from the results of the MAM and under all circumstances the decision of the Selection Committee /NRAI would be final and binding on all concerned parties.

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