

## **Policies for the selection of the Annual Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley**

The DCRA Executive Committee has approved the following policies and procedures for the formation of the Bisley Team. These procedures deal with the selection of both TR and F Class members of the Bisley Team.

1. Appointment of Team Officers: The object is to have the Team Officers (Commandant, Vice-Commandant, if required, and Adjutant) formally announced at the DCRA AGM in the spring two years before their tenure. The appointments for 2014 and 2015 have been made; for 2016, the process is under way; for 2017, nominations will be invited during the winter of 2014-15, and so on. Nominations are made by, and a vote held as required, members of Council. However, there is no requirement that a nominee be a member of Council. All team officers and members of Canadian Teams must be Full (Annual or Life) conjoint members of the DCRA.
2. Once appointed, all Team Officers will be placed on the appropriate DCRA mailing lists and will work along with the DCRA Office for the arrangements of their team.
3. **Formation of the TR Team**: The Canadian Target Rifle Championship (CTRC) is the primary means of selection of the Team. The Commandant is allowed considerable discretion to fill out the team should the CTRC not provide the required numbers. The criteria to be followed for the formation of the TR team are:
  - a. The normal strength of the TR Team is a maximum of 18 shooting members and three coaches. These numbers may only be exceeded with the formal approval of the DCRA Executive Vice-President and Chairman of the International Teams Committee.
  - b. **Primary selection from the CTRC**: immediately after the CTRC, the top 35 shooters in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship will be approached as potential members of the Team. If 18 people (accepted in order of placing in the CTRC) from this 35 accept, the team is then filled. Letters would be sent out immediately after the CTRC, with a return date for acceptances, including first deposit, of 15<sup>th</sup> October. Those who do not respond by this date will be deemed to have declined a place on the Team.
  - c. **Applications** from individuals who are part of the National Training Group: By notices in the Marksman (see below) and on the DCRA web site, and by the encouragement of the Coordinator for the National Training Group, such individuals would be invited to apply for the team whether or not they compete in that year's CFRC or if they finish out of the top 35 of the CTRC. Such applications must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September following the CFRC.
    - i. The National Training Group must be supported and coordinated by the DCRA.
    - ii. It must represent an ongoing commitment to Canadian Team shooting.
    - iii. The DCRA Executive shall appoint a Coordinator for the National Training Group. In the interests of continuity, the Coordinator will normally be the DCRA appointed Captain of the next Team to World Long Range Championships. The Captain may designate another person to act as

Coordinator. Any such designation must be approved by the Executive Committee.

- d. **Nominations** from Provincial Rifle Associations of shooters who have not competed at the CFRC or who finish outside the top 35 of the CTRC: Such nominations, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September following the CFRC.
  - e. **Applications** from any other individuals wishing to be considered as a member of the Team: Such applications, which must include the agreement of the individual to join the Team if selected, must be sent to the DCRA for the attention of the Commandant not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September following the CFRC.
  - f. Any nomination/application for any individual who has not shot the CFRC during the previous five years should contain a brief summary of recent shooting history, e.g., performance in PRA events, participation in goodwill teams, etc.
  - g. Once the replies from the initial invitees (i.e. from the top 35 in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship) have been received, the Commandant has a free hand and may take whatever steps that he/she may deem to be appropriate to fill out the team from any other applications or nominations.
4. **Selection of F Class members of the Bisley Team.**
- a. Performance in the Canadian F Class National Championship is the primary means of selection for F Class members of the Bisley Team.
  - b. Immediately following the FCNC/CFRC in a given year, letters of invitation will be sent out from the DCRA Office, in the name of the Bisley Team Commandant, asking for expressions of interest from F Class shooters in going to Bisley the following year. These letters will go to all on the DCRA's F Class mailing list, and will be posted on the DCRA web site. The deadline for response will be 30<sup>th</sup> September in the given year. The letters will state that preference will be given to those
    - i. who have recently fired in the FCNC/CFRC, and/or
    - ii. who have been members of the most recent Canadian F Class Teams at the F Class World Championships, and/or
    - iii. who have recently fired in the Western or Eastern Canadian F Class Championships.
    - iv. If a National Training Group for F Class shooters is eventually established, the criteria will be similar to those outlined in 3 (c) above.
  - c. Immediately after 30<sup>th</sup> September, the Bisley Team Commandant, in conjunction with the Chairman of the DCRA F Class Sub-Committee, will determine whether the response is such that there should be an official F Class component of the Bisley Team in the following year. The response must be sufficient to allow entry of one Canadian F Class Team, either F-Open or F-TR, into the International F Class Match at Bisley. The maximum total team strength will be 7, as in the NRA Rules. However, as long as there are 4 F Class shooters, a Team can be formed. Members of the TR Team may be available to assist and coach in the F Class International Match.
  - d. If the decision is to have an official F Class component of the Bisley Team in the following year, the Bisley Team Commandant, in conjunction with the Chairman of the DCRA F Class Sub-Committee, will select up to 7 members to join the Bisley Team, and will designate one of these to serve as F Class Vice-Captain of the Bisley Team.

- e. The F Class Vice-Captain will deal with the DCRA-appointed Bisley Team Officers on all matters to do with the F Class component of the Bisley Team. The F Class members would pay the same assessment and have all the same responsibilities and privileges as the members of the TR Team.
  - f. If fewer than four eligible F Class shooters come forward, or if it is not possible to form either an F-Open or F-TR team for the International F Class Match at Bisley, they would be eligible to go to Bisley and compete as individuals in the F Class matches, but they would not formally be members of the Bisley Team. Subject to space being available, they would be eligible to stay in the Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion on the same basis as TR shooters who are not Bisley Team members.
5. A “full” TR Bisley Team will normally have up to 23 members (Commandant, Adjutant, 3 Coaches and 18 shooting members). A “Full” F Class Team might add a further 7 members. So there could be up to 30 Team members resident in the Pavilion. This would still allow some space for non-team shooters, spouses, partners and friends.
6. **Publicity of Selection Process:** In the Spring Marksman of the year before the team in question (i.e. in Spring 2014 for the 2015 Team), the Commandant will write a short article outlining the selection procedures as above, and inviting all those interested to be in touch with him/her. At the same time, the Commandant may wish to announce the names of Coaches, if these have been selected, and to outline any special events. This information will also be placed on the DCRA web site.
7. **In summary,** team selection will remain primarily on the basis of scores made in the CTRC and FCNC at the CFRC, while other opportunities for selection are made more apparent to the membership. F Class shooters are added to the Canadian Bisley Team.

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