

Selection Trials for the Commonwealth Games, Queensland, Australia, 2018

The next Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, in April 2018. The shooting events will be at the Belmont Shooting Centre, Brisbane. At the time of writing, the dates for the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSFC) have not yet been confirmed by the CSF, but it is likely that they will be in the same time frame in 2017. Hence, for the DCRA to have conducted its full-bore trials and selection in time for both events, the process must be concluded at the CFRC in August 2016.

The DCRA Executive Committee has approved the following recommendations of the International Teams Committee with respect to the process to select the two fullbore shooters to represent Canada in 2018.

- a. A two-year Selection Trial be held at the Canadian Championships starting in 2015.
- b. **In 2015**, all eligible Canadians will be regarded as being in the Selection Trial. The Selection Aggregate will be the Canadian Target Rifle Championship, less the 800m and 900m ranges of the Beckett, Alexander and Gibson.
- c. **In 2016**, the top 20 shooters from 2015 will be invited to take part in Part 2 of the Trial. Registration, along with a \$50 registration fee, will be required. Shooters in the top 20 who do not wish to participate will be replaced in order of the scores from 2015. The \$50 fee will go into the Overseas Teams Fund (OTF), which is dedicated to the support of our Commonwealth Games endeavours. All 20 shooters will be squadded as far as is possible in the same relays of the Canadian Championships, so that they will shoot shoulder-to-shoulder. Scores in the Canadian Target Rifle Championship will be added to the scores made in 2015. In addition, there will be an additional full day of shooting, firing Stages II (10 at 300-500-600) and III (15 at 800-900) of the CWG event, held on the Sunday following the conclusion of the Canadian Championships.
- d. After the shooting, with all scores to count, the top two shooters will be named as those selected for the CSFC and CWG. The third shooter will be named as the reserve.
- e. Drugs testing may be required by the SFC and/or CGC following the end of the Trial. Any fees will be paid from the OTF.
- f. It is intended that all three shooters, with the Manager/Coach, will attend the CSFC in 2017, and the top two shooters with the M/C attend the CWG.
- g. Funding, as far as possible, for attendance at the CSFC will come from the Overseas Teams Fund.

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