



The Clay Target Shooting Association of South Africa

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Olympic Sub-Committee



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Dear CTSASA Members and Olympic Athletes

LA28 OLYMPIC GAMES UPDATE

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date with progress concerning the road to LA28. The most important part of this update relates to the SASCOC MOU which is still in draft form.

South African Sports Commission and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been received from SASCOC that covers many international multi-coded events, including the Olympic Games in 2028. We are currently busy working with SASSCo to finalise an agreed MOU. As soon as this is finalised we will publish the details.

South African Sports Shooting Confederation (SASSCo)

A project to write a completely new constitution for SASSCo is currently being undertaken. This process will be finalised towards the end of this year. The regulations governing the structure of the SASSCo Olympic Committee will be reviewed and revised to enable greater efficiency and implementation of Olympic Clay Target Shooting development.

Olympic Games : Confirmed Shooting Events

The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) has confirmed that **15 shooting events** will feature at the **Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**, with **340 athlete quota places**—the same as Paris 2024. This follows approval from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), reflecting strong collaboration between the ISSF and IOC.

Key format changes (effective from 1 January 2026):

- **Finalists increased from 6 to 8** in shotgun and men's 25m rapid fire pistol.
- **50m rifle 3 positions final** will include only the standing position, though qualification remains the same.
- **Mixed team finals** will now follow an elimination format with four teams competing together—removing separate gold and bronze medal matches.

All **qualification rounds remain unchanged** from Paris 2024, and no changes are made to individual 10m rifle/pistol and women's 25m pistol finals. These updates aim to improve media presentation and viewer understanding without adding technical demands.

The **15 confirmed events** include men's and women's:

- 10m air rifle
- 50m rifle 3 positions
- 10m air pistol
- Skeet
- Trap
- 25m rapid fire pistol (men)
- 25m pistol (women)
- Mixed team events in 10m air rifle, 10m air pistol, and trap

ISSF President Luciano Rossi expressed gratitude to the IOC for their continued support, looking ahead to a successful LA28 Games.

Anti-Doping Criteria for LA28

A reminder for all athletes to ensure that they comply with the current Anti-Doping rules.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of the contents of the food, drinks and medications that you ingest. The stipulation is:

“Under the principle of strict liability under anti-doping regulations, as an athlete, you are ultimately responsible for everything that goes into your body, whether it was recommended, prescribed, or even provided by someone else. If an athlete tests positive, the result is a disqualification, and possible sanction or suspension.”

How to check that your medication is not on the banned list

Please use this link to enter the name of your medication to check:

<https://drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/>

Checking dietary or sport supplements

The following is a note on the SAIDS web site:

“NOTE: You cannot search for dietary or sport supplements, herbal formulations, traditional medicines and other non-regulated products (including CBD oils and related products) as they are not subjected to rigorous controls to verify its efficacy, safety, nor that the ingredients, dosages and claims listed on the label are indeed accurate... *As such, you simply don’t know for sure what’s in it and therefore SAIDS, similar to WADA, IOC and other authorities caution athletes against the risk of using these products.”

Frequently asked questions

<https://drugfreesport.org.za/faqs/>

Current National Protea Trial for Olympic Trap for Qualification for ISSF World Championships in Athens, Greece – 8th to 19th October 2025

- The CTSASA has made a preliminary entry for 3 (three) team members for Olympic Trap. There are currently no men or women potential qualifiers in Olympic Skeet and no potential women qualifiers in Olympic Trap.
 - There are **3 more scores** available (1 score at the SA Olympic, 2 scores at the Additional Trial in June).
 - The final trial is the **Additional Trial** on 7th/8th June 2025 at Centurion Gun Club where 2 scores can be obtained.
 - Please click here : https://ctsasa.co.za/national-trials/national-trial-positions/?ctsa_trial_item=646645 for the current trial standings.
 - Please note that **existing trialists** who were registered in 2024 and who renewed their registration by 31st January 2025 are eligible for selection for the World Championships 2025.
 - Please note that **new trialists** who registered by the **16th January 2025** are also eligible for selection for the World Championships 2025.
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Information Source for CTSASA National Olympic Trials

Our national trials are obviously a key factor in qualifying for international Olympic/ISSF championships. It’s vital that all Olympic athletes (new and interested athletes!) understand where to find up to date information on how to qualify for South African teams.

1. **National Protea Trial key information** : <https://ctsasa.co.za/national-trials/national-trial-regulations/>

On this link you will find :

- a) The **National Trial Registration form** and details on **how to register** for national trials
- b) A **link** to take you to the current **National Trial Position schedules** which will show you the scores of all trialists and the details of each national trial.

- c) Additional **information schedules** for each CTSASA Clay Target Shooting discipline which further explains the scores available, scores to count, cut-off dates etc
- d) **Regulations governing National Protea Trials**

2. **Current positions of all national trials :** <https://ctsasa.co.za/national-trials/national-trial-positions/>

3. **How do provincial and national trials work?**

<https://ctsasa.co.za/national-trials/national-and-provincial-team-trials-how-do-they-work/>

If you are unsure as to the broad structure of how national trials work, this is the link to read. This link explains many aspects including :

- a) What is a “designated event”?
- b) How are selection cut-off dates calculated?
- c) How long is a trial period?


Please do feel free to contact Sarah Kalell, CTSASA Executive Officer, should you have any queries – info@ctsasa.co.za or WhatsApp 082 0990 650 or landline 044 620 4178.

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