International Precision Rifle Federation World Championships selection process

Centrefire team selection for the 2028 IPRF Precision Rifle World Championships. Federation and Protea colours apply to Centrefire and PR22.

19 October 2026

National team selection

The 2027 Centrefire national series and SA Champs select the Centrefire National Team for the 2028 IPRF Precision Rifle World Championships. The SA Champs is a mandatory match and counts 25% of the selection score: 300 points from the best 3 nationals and 100 points from the SA Champs, 400 points in total.

The National Team(s) will be deliberated on by the selectors within two months after the SA Champs of each year.

- Open Team: 4-6 Athletes
- Factory Team: 3-4 Athletes
- Ladies Open Team: 3-4 Athletes
- Junior Open Team: 3-4 Athletes
- Senior Open Team: 3-4 Athletes
- Limited Open Team: 3-4 Athletes
- Mil/LEO Team: 3-4 Athletes

During the Qualifying Period Athletes in the National Squad may be required to:

- Take part in matches as determined by the Selectors and Exco.
- Compete to the satisfaction of the Selectors at National Matches in order that the Selectors can be satisfied with the fitness of the Athletes.

The Selectors will review all the National Squad Athletes and select, at their discretion, the most appropriate Athletes for the National Team Positions as per the Selectors Evaluation Process.

Where there are insufficient athletes to meet the requirements of a Team, the selectors may, at their discretion selects up to 2 athletes to compete as Individuals.

National Team selection will be published within 7 days after team selection is finalized.

National team fitness

From the end of the Qualification Period until the Precision Rifle World Championships, the National Team may be required to:

- take part in matches as determined by the Selectors and Exco.
- compete to the satisfaction of the Selectors at National Matches in order that the Selectors can be satisfied with the fitness of the Athletes.

Selectors

A selector shall be nominated to a Selection Committee by National EXCo. The chairman of such a committee will be elected from within the committee by majority.

The selectors will be responsible for managing the selection process. Until such time as the Selection Committee is formed, the ExCo committee will manage the selection process.

Athletes earn their position through competition results. The Selection Committee's responsibility is to verify those results, assess clearly defined exceptional circumstances and ensure the strongest eligible team represents South Africa.

Selectors evaluation process

In evaluating the performances of Athletes, the Selectors may take into account, and have the discretion to place a greater emphasis on one or more of the following, or other factors not listed below that are relevant in the opinion of the selectors, in considering athletes for selection:

- The Selectors shall consider performances of athletes at International Matches during the Qualification Period.
- The Selectors may, in their sole discretion, place greater emphasis on results achieved at Nominated and/or Mandatory Competitions.
- Placings in any head-to-head performances will be considered but will not automatically position one Athlete above another for selection.
- Replacing of athletes across divisions will be allowed to select the best possible National team. This is the exception rather than the rule - No athlete who accumulated 85 % and higher in their respective division may be replaced with an athlete from another division.
- Competition-based factors will be taken into consideration when assessing each Athletes performance, these include, but are not restricted to:
  - The performance of the Athletes in relation to the quality and number of competitors.
  - The technical features of the various qualifying matches.
  - The quality of the shooting by an Athlete.
  - The general conditions under which the performance is achieved, such as the weather, wind and other performance influencing factors.
  - The suitability of the Athlete, taking into account the objective of the team and individual competition and the type of Athlete required to achieve the best possible Team results in the expected conditions.
  - Team Suitability - The athlete's ability to contribute positively to team performance, comply with SAPRF requirements, demonstrate appropriate conduct and represent South Africa professionally.

- The ability and experience of the Athlete to compete successfully at high level national competition. Consideration will be given to:
  - The ability, or potential ability, of the Athlete to perform under the stress and pressure of a National Championship.
  - The ability of the Athlete to prepare themselves to peak condition for a major campaign / competition.
  - The ability of the Athlete to contribute towards an effective Team environment.
  - The demonstrated ability of the Athlete that they are a suitable representative.
- Consistency of performance and the likelihood of a suitable performance to contribute towards a team spirit and score may be considered (if applicable).

Note regarding Federation and Protea colours

- SAPRF Federation colours may be awarded to those athletes that represent SAPRF at the IPRF Precision Rifle World Championships.
- SAPRF will provide motivation to SASCOC for Protea Colours for those athletes that achieve the 85 % minimum score in their division to represent SAPRF at the IPRF Centrefire or PR22 Precision Rifle World Championships. Athletes that did not achieve the 85 % minimum score will be awarded Federation Colours.

- The awarding of Protea Colours is the remit of SASCOC, and their decision to award any such colours is final.

There is no guarantee that SASCOC will award Protea colours to all/any athletes that achieve 85 % qualification requirements for Protea colours in their respective divisions.

Appeals

Appeals concerning the non-selection of an Athlete for a Squad, Team and/or Individual positions will be heard by a SAPRF Appeal Committee in accordance with the SAPRF constitution and Judicial Code.

There will be one level of appeal only with the sole grounds for an Appeal being that the Selection Policy process was not properly followed and/or implemented.

Only Athletes may appeal their non-selection.

An Athlete must lodge their notice of intention to appeal in writing with SAPRF within 3 working days from the date of the announcement of the National Squad or any subsequent Squad processes, and such notice must state the specific reason of appeal.

An appeal fee of R5,000.00 (Five Thousand Rands) shall be lodged by the athlete in favor of SAPRF. Such fee shall be refunded to the athlete should their appeal be upheld.

Substitution / replacement of athletes

Following selection of the Squad, or National Team positions if:

- in the opinion of the Selectors, in consultation with the National ExCo, there has been a loss of form or fitness by an Athlete. The loss of form must be assessed to be likely to be sustained and affect performance at the IPRF World Championships; or
- an Athlete contravenes their Athlete Agreement, SAPRF Rules and Regulations, or SAPRF Code of Conduct, or SAPRF Constitution, or SAPRF social media Policy, or any other published SAPRF rule, regulation, code or agreement; or
- an Athlete voluntarily removes themselves,

then that Athlete may be replaced, by another Athlete selected from the National Squad by the Selectors.

Exceptional circumstances

In exceptional circumstances, and only with regards to the National Squad requirements, the Selectors may, having received a written request, provide written advice to an athlete that the Selectors will waive:

- The requirement to achieve the National Squad Requirements. Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations where, in the opinion of the Selectors:
  - a reliable and consistent Athlete would meet the Team Objective of the National Team and provide an effective balance within the Team.
- Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to situations where an athlete could not shoot the mandatory SA Champs match.
  - involving the cancellation or postponement of an IPRF/SAPRF International match.

Power to amend

This policy can be amended at any time by SAPRF if SAPRF is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the National or International guidelines, to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of SAPRF by SAPRF.

SAPRF shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

Any variation, amendments or clarifications to this policy will only be valid when published to the saprf.co.za/documents web page.

Approved and signed



Dr AJ Lategan
Chairman
South African Precision Rifle Federation (SAPRF)

Date: 29 October 2026

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SOUTH AFRICAN PRECISION RIFLE FEDERATION

National team eligibility form

The eligibility form is completed online on the SAPRF website while logged in. Applicants must agree to each of the declarations below online before their application is submitted.

Details	
Name:	
SAPRF/PRS-SA No:	
Address:	
Tel No:	
Mobile No:	
Email:	
ID No.	
Province:	
District:	
Primary Club:	
Division(s)	

I would like to be considered for a National Precision Rifle Team.

1. In the event of my being selected, I will ensure that I will be able to attend the International Precision Rifle World Championships.
2. In the event of ill health of myself, or any other circumstance that might prevent me from attending the Championships, I undertake to inform ExCo immediately.
3. I will make myself available to attend any training, team building and/or competitions to be held prior to the Championship.
4. I agree to actively participate in a manner which reflects true sportsmanship and help build team spirit.
5. I am aware of the financial implications of attending the championships and I am in a position to finance my attendance at this championship.
6. In the event of my obtaining National Colours, I agree to wear these colours proudly and always put the needs of my Nation and my Team ahead of my own.
7. I agree to purchase any required attire.
8. I accept that the decision of the selectors is final and that no further discussions will be entered into.
9. I agree to abide by the decisions made by the Team Manager.