

NGPSA PROPOSALS FOR A SOUTH AFRICAN SQUAD SELECTION TO THE 2008 IPSC WORLD PRACTICAL PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO THE 2009 WORLD 3-GUN CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SAPSA SPECIAL EXCO MTG 26TH MAY 2007

BACKGROUND

It was decided at the 2007 SAPSA Council Meeting that a National Squad for the 2008 IPSC World Practical Pistol Championships will be selected and may consist of both teams and individuals.

It was also decided that the 2nd and 3rd Nationals of 2007 and the first National of 2008 will be used as selection matches.

The prime consideration in Squad selection is the desirability to bring back medals.

A secondary consideration is the desirability to expose HDI's to International competition for development reasons.

At the SAPSA Exco meeting held on the 21st April it was decided to schedule a Special Exco meeting for 26th May to determine how divisions and individuals will be selected for inclusion into the National Squad for the 2008 IPSC World Practical Pistol Championships and also for the 2009 IPSC World 3 Gun Championship.

At that Exco meeting NGPSA discussed some initial thoughts on how such a National Squad might be constituted.

It was agreed that NGPSA would refine these thoughts at its AGM (held 25th April) and present a formal proposal for discussion at the SAPSA Special Exco.

ANALYSIS

Analysis of the Division profiles at the last SAPSA Nationals in Cape Town shows the following shooter profiles:

Open Division: 94 total, (18 Seniors, 6 ladies, 6 Juniors, 5 Super Seniors).

Standard Division: 97 total, (15 Seniors, 15 ladies, 0 Juniors, 3 Super Seniors).

Production: 28 total, (3 Seniors, 0 ladies, 1 Juniors, 0 Super Seniors).

(Analysis of previous Nationals shows almost identical figures).

Consideration 1: Teams should be selected recognising the number of shooters participating per division.

(This is the only method that is fair to all, i.e. popularity of the division and the contributions to the association, etc).

Consideration 2: For the past 4 world-shoots South Africa has always started with an initial IPSC allocation of 16 slots (based on the total number of SAPSA members affiliated to IPSC) but has ended with much more, typically 30+ slots.

It is therefore reasonable to assume that SA will similarly be awarded 25 to 30 slots for the 2008 WS.

Consideration 3: With the primary goal being to bring back medals, we should select and send the largest possible squad, including all shooters who are considered capable of winning medals.

Consideration 4: The inclusion of Development / HDI shooters is highly desirable.

PROPOSAL for 2008 WS:

It is proposed that a National Squad consisting of teams and individuals be selected as follows and in this order of priority as slots become available and confirmed.

The selection will be based upon the best average performance (based on percentage) at the designated selection matches. In other words 'strictly mechanical')

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| 1= | Men's Standard team | (4 members) |
| 1= | Men's Open team | (4 members) |
| 1= | Men's Production team | (4 members) |
| 1= | Ladies Standard team | (4 members) |
| 5 | Ladies Open team | (3 members) |
| | Note: if there are not enough ladies willing or able to go, then only the top single lady shooter will be sent. | |
| 6 | Men's Senior Standard team | (3 members) |
| 7 | Men's Senior Open team | (3 members) |
| 8 | Top Junior Open shooter | |
| 9 | Top Super Senior Men's Open shooter | |
| 10 | Top 3 Development / HDI Shooters, to be chosen across divisions over the selection matches. (Note: These shooters may not qualify for national colours). | |

This gives a total "squad" of 30 shooters, and the best possible chance of bringing back medals.

It must be recognised, particularly in the case of Ladies Standard, that there may not be enough overseas teams entered to confirm a Category (as in the case of Ecuador). This will not detract from the decision to send such a Team.

Any slots left after allocation to National Squad members are to be made available to SAPSA members on a 'First come, first served basis'.

PROPOSAL for 2009 3G WS:

It is proposed that a National Squad consisting of teams and individuals be selected as follows and in this order of priority as slots become available and confirmed.

The selection will be based upon the best average performance (based on percentage) at the designated selection matches. In other words 'strictly mechanical')

- 1= Men's Standard team (4 members)
- 1= Men's Open team (4 members)

As it is not presently known exactly when this shoot is to take place it is proposed that one 3 Gun shoot in 2007 and two 3 Gun shoots in 2008 serve as selection matches. As dates become more certain we would reserve the right to revisit the proposal.

Any slots left after allocation to National Squad members are to be made available to SAPSA members on a 'First come, first served basis'.