

**ESSU SELECTION PROCEDURE**  
**For**  
**COMMONWEALTH GAMES - MELBOURNE 2006**

Any individual who wishes to be selected to represent England at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games (CG) must meet and achieve the following criteria:

- a. Be an English citizen for 3 years, in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation rules.
- b. Be a current member of the ESSU.
- c. Declare their intent and for which discipline they wish to be considered for selection. To reach the secretary of the ESSU in writing FOR AIRGUN SHOOTERS BY SEPTEMBER 30 2004 and FOR CARTRIDGE SHOOTERS BY MARCH 31 2005.
- d. Compete in at least 4 England nominated domestic or international events, of which one is to be the compulsory ESSU Championships. The only exception being any individual absent on representative duty for GB at international events, their absence being notified and cleared (by the individual) with the Secretary in advance. In addition they must achieve a Minimum Consideration Score (MCS) for inclusion into the Team England National Squad (TENS). This score is to be achieved at one of these nominated national or international events, to be shot between January and August of each selection year, this being 2005 for the Commonwealth Games. The venue and dates of these nominated domestic and international events are published below and in the ESSU newsletter. The MCS for each discipline is also given below.
- e. Trialists will then be ranked in each discipline according to the average of the **four** highest scores achieved by them at nominated meetings. This order and the achievement of an MCS will determine consideration for TENS selection. Once formed individuals will be invited to attend 6 programmed TENS weekend training camps, held between September 05 and February 06.
- f. Final selection will be objectively based on the performance of individuals at all stages of the selection process, including performance at both nominated meetings and the TENS training camps. Where necessary trials will be held during TENS events to determine final selection. All selections are subject to ETSF ratification and the decision of the ETSF Committee is final.

### **Selection note for StP/Sport/Rapid:**

ESSU selection procedures (as issued 26/07/2004 and republished 4/01/2005) and EPA selection procedures (as published 01/12/2004) remain extant. However, due to the adverse conditions surrounding the conduct of Pistol Cartridge shooting in the UK and to allow maximum opportunity for all; additional Trials will be held for these events in Switzerland from 21-24 September 2005. In principle the ETSF will fund this weekend as far as travel and accommodation is concerned. The top 3 ranked ESSU shooters in each event from the nominated meetings listed will move forward to these Trials. These Swiss Trials will be shot in conjunction with the EPA, who will also select their top 3 individuals in line with their own selection procedures. This shoulder to shoulder Trial will determine final nominations for CG selection in these events, to be forwarded at the latest to ETSF by 1st October 2005. All selection is subject to ETSF ratification and the decision of the ETSF Committee is Final.

### **Addendum**

The ETSF, and therefore the ESSU has been informed by the COMMONWEALTH GAMES COUNCIL for ENGLAND (CGCE) that the Team for the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne 2006 (CG-2006) must be selected by the 1st October 2005. This deadline leaves very little time for Trials to be held upon completion of the selection procedure for TENS at the beginning of September therefore the Team will be selected from the nominated meetings unless Trials are deemed necessary by the Committee. Trials will only take place in disciplines where competition is very close. Should Trials be deemed necessary by the Committee, the scores from these will be used in conjunction with scores attained at the nominated meetings in order to select the Team. The only exception to this will be the Standard Pistol where Trials will be held as they have for the CSF 2005.

The early selection of the Team for the Commonwealth Games 2006 will change the format of TENS. The squad will consist of a "maximum" of 3 per discipline, i.e. the 2 selected for the Team and 1 non-travelling reserve. This may not always be the case and squad selection will be based on Medal winning potential. The reserve will attend all of the training sessions as if attending the Games themselves.

It is understood that at this stage Shooting has only been allocated 20 places to cover all disciplines including Full-Bore and Clay Target. It is conceivable that the ESSU may only have 8 places for 12 disciplines so "Doubling up" will be inevitable. BE WARNED.