

**USA SHOOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**  
**AMATEUR ELIGIBILITY**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

1. The eligibility code of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) are recognized by USA Shooting (USAS). The following is a guide for athletes who desire to:
  - a. retain their amateur status in the shooting sport,
  - b. retain eligibility to compete as a U.S. Shooting Team member,
  - c. retain eligibility for membership on the National Team or National Development Team,
  - d. retain eligibility to compete for championships in the USA Shooting National Championships.

**B. RETENTION OF AMATEUR STATUS**

1. An athlete may accept reimbursement and/or prize money or objects convertible to cash for participation in an event. The athlete should keep a record of costs/expenses incurred and prizes and other profits accrued.
2. An individual shooter may enter into a contract for an individual sponsorship with a commercial firm or an organization in accordance with the USAS Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement. Payments to individual shooters under such contracts may be made either to USAS or to the shooter.
3. Shooters may accept, directly or indirectly, money payments or other prizes as awards or as an inducement to take part in a competition, except that no shooter's participation in the Olympic or Pan American Games may be conditional on any financial consideration (By-law to IOC Rule 45).
4. The athlete must comply with USOC, ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations (ISSF Rules) as well as the USAS Code of Conduct and Athlete Agreement regarding individual sponsorships. As provided for in ISSF Rules, USAS reserves all rights for available commercial markings on competitive, dress or award apparel at USAS supported events and/or activities. Any apparel issued by USOC for Olympic or Pan American Games will fall under USOC sponsorship requirements. Consideration will be given for individual athlete sponsor indicia on apparel worn at USAS supported events and/or activities.