## **USHA TEAM SELECTION PROCESS AND TERMINOLOGY**

A **Sanctioned Event** is a USHA-approved and scheduled competition in which USHA members compete in accordance with the <u>USHA Rules</u> and Directives of August 2021.

A **Selection Match** is a single race within that event. Typically, there are two such matches per *Sanctioned Event* (one Saturday, one Sunday). However, a club may choose to only hold one selection match per event and have the other match be a fun event. (For example, Saturday's match could be a selection match and Sunday's match could be a fun event with a slide rule or different gauge or some other variation added). A shooter must compete in seven (7) *Selection Matches* in order to achieve eligibility / ranked status. A shooter may only use three match points from the same venue. Thus, a shooter must shoot at three different venues at a minimum.

Only USHA members in good standing shall see their scores count towards team standings. To be a member USHA must have a signed waiver, contact information and year of birth from a shooter on file.

**Event Weight Factor (EWF)**. A Selection Match's EWF is based upon the number of competitors participating in that particular match. The same EWF shall be applied to all shooters, regardless of category, for a given match. The EWF matrix is as follows:

| <b>#Shooters</b> | EWF  | # Shooters | <b>EWF</b> |
|------------------|------|------------|------------|
| 1-5              | 1.05 | 51-60      | 0.35       |
| 6-10             | 0.90 | 61-70      | 0.33       |
| 11-15            | 0.75 | 71-80      | 0.31       |
| 16-20            | 0.60 | 81-90      | 0.29       |
| 21-30            | 0.50 | 91-100     | 0.27       |
| 31-40            | 0.45 | 101+       | 0.25       |
| 41-50            | 0.40 |            |            |

**Qualifying Points (QP)**. A shooter's QP is equal to his/her finishing place relative to all competitors at a particular *Selection Match*, regardless of category.

**QP** = finishing place, but in points

(1<sup>st</sup> Place = 1pt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 2pts, 6<sup>th</sup> Place = 6pts, etc.)

**Match Points (MP). MPs** are the product of a shooter's Qualifying Points and the Event Weight Factor.

 $MP = QP \times EWF$ 

**Total Match Points (TMP).** TMPs are simply the sum of a shooter's <u>lowest</u> seven (7) Match Points earned throughout the season:

## TMP = Sum of Lowest 7 MPs

**How the Ranking Process Works.** The USHA will rank all of its members from top to bottom using the Team Match Point system. This method will generate the Open Class rankings. From these rankings, the USHA will then sub-rank the Men, Women, Junior, Senior, Veteran, and Master classes.

**USHA Team Standings.** Once there have been at least seven selection matches, the USHA shall publish these rankings after each event. Known as USHA Team Standings, these standing will be organized into the above-mentioned classes on behalf of the membership.

The USHA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the above process as required in order to settle ties or resolve other unforeseen circumstances.

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Based upon the Team Standings, the USHA shall annually select for its national team the top five (5) men, women, junior, senior, veteran and master competitors. Each team will be composed of three (3) primary and two (2) alternate team members.

The USHA shall subsidize only the primary team members for all categories as funds allow.

**Declining a Team Berth.** In the event that a primary or alternate shooter declines his/her berth, the USHA will offer the next shooter *In* 

*Line* said berth until the pre-determined number of team members is established for a given team/category.

**Funding and Entitlements.** The funded teams shall be awarded the following USHA-sponsored entitlements:

- 1. Recognition as a member of the US Helice Team
- 2. Receipt of a personalized US Helice Team shooting vest
- 3. Travel subsidies in the amount of \$1,000.