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USA Shooting Will Complete Olympic Roster This Week in Ft. Benning

FORT BENNING, GA (May 24, 2021) – For the nation’s best smallbore rifle athletes, their time has finally come to compete for the remaining spots on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Team. Four spots (two men and two women) are up for grabs at USA Shooting Smallbore Trials Part 2, May 20-26 in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Scores from Trials Part 1 plus finals points that are awarded based on the finishing position in the final are added to a part two score from this week’s event plus finals points that are awarded based on the finishing position in the Trials Part 2 final to determine the Olympic Team and Olympic Alternates. Part 1 Smallbore Rifle Trials took place September 30-October 4, 2019. USA Shooting earned the maximum number of two Olympic quota places in both men’s and women’s 50m smallbore events.

2016 Olympic Champion, Ginny Thrasher (Springfield, VA) is looking to pick up where she left off in Part 1, as she currently sits at the top of the leaderboard with a score of 2345. Only 10-points separate women’s second through seventh place: Rachel McCollum (Celina, TX) 2342, Mary Tucker (Sarasota, FL) 2338, Sagen Maddalena (Groveland, CA) 2337, Rachel Martin (Lincoln, NE) 2335, Sarah Beard (Danville, IN) 2334, and Anna Weilbacher (Leona Valley, CA) with a score of 2332. This arguably makes for the most exciting competition from now until Tokyo, as anything can happen with these top 8 women. Tucker, fresh off an individual NCAA championship in smallbore rifle, and a Junior Olympic gold medal, looks to add smallbore Olympian to her resume in addition to her already-secured spot on the Olympic Air Rifle Team. Maddalena and Beard, who won alternate Olympic spots in air rifle, will fight to punch their “official” ticket to Tokyo in smallbore rifle.

On the men’s side, Timothy Sherry (Evergreen, CO) leads by 5 points after Trials Part 1 over second-place Patrick Sunderman (Farmington, MN) with a score of 2344. Only five points separate Sunderman from third place Peter Fiori (Lebanon, NJ) and another five points separate Fiori from Nick Mowrer (Butte, MT) in fourth place with a score of 2399. Mowrer, already heading to Tokyo this summer to compete in men’s air pistol looks to make history as the first USAS athlete to make the Olympic team in both pistol and rifle disciplines.

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2021 Smallbore Trials Part 2 Schedule:

May 20- Arrival and testing

May 21- Open training

May 22- Open training

May 23- Open training

May 24- PET

May 25- Match day 1

May 26- Match day 2 and finals

About USA Shooting

USA Shooting, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation was chartered by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the Olympic Shooting Sports in April 1995. The organization develops and implements programs to promote growth in the sport and serves as a sanctioning body for local and national competitions. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the US Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, USA Shooting has a full-time staff dedicated to our sport.