

ISSF MERIT-BASED LICENSE POLICY

1. Core Principle

The Merit-Based ISSF Coach License is intended to recognize coaches who have demonstrated sustained success in developing athletes competing in current ISSF Olympic shooting disciplines at the highest international level.

2. Primary Performance Criteria

- Coached athletes qualified for the Olympic Games.
- Coached athlete reached an Olympic Final.
- Medals at ISSF World Championships, World Cup Finals, or World Cups.
- Success achieved as official National Coach or documented Personal Coach.

Olympic achievements are considered the strongest evidence of coaching merit, followed by World Championships, World Cup Finals, and World Cups.

3. Supporting Criteria Required

- Existing ISSF coach qualification (Level B or Level C).
- Years of coaching experience at international level.
- National team coaching responsibilities.
- Junior national team achievements.
- Recommendation from the National Federation.
- Approval by the ISSF Academy Board.

4. Additional Merits (cannot replace primary merits)

- Success in the disciplines that are currently not in ISSF Olympic program, like Running Target, 300 m rifle events, para events
- Long-term contribution to coach education or ISSF Academy
- Service to national federations.
- Other contributions to shooting sport development.

5. Important Clarification

The Merit-Based License is awarded primarily on demonstrated athlete performance at the highest international level. Additional merits and coaching service strengthen an application but do not replace the primary performance criteria. Meeting some criteria does not automatically guarantee approval. The ISSF Academy Board evaluates the total evidence against the purpose of the license.

6. A Level License

Merit-based route to the coach A License demands proven achievements, support from the national federation and approval process of the ISSF Academy Board. **The proven achievements include:**

1. Having obtained the Level B ISSF Coach License

2. Having actively coached international level athletes for at least four consecutive years with the role of National Coach.
3. Having achieved the qualification of an athlete to the Olympics with the role of National Coach\Team Coach for at least two editions of the Games.
4. Having had an athlete qualify for an Olympic final with the role of National Coach\Team Coach.
5. Having coached a Youth National team with the role of National Junior Coach\Junior Team Coach and winning individual or team medals in a Junior World or Continental Championship.
6. Having achieved at least three individual or Mixed Team medals in WCH or WCF or WC with the role of National Coach\Team Coach.
7. Long-term work for the ISSF Academy or another shooting academy will be seen as an additional merit.
8. If the achievements (points 2 – 5) have been achieved as a personal coach of the athlete, a signed letter with the description of the years of cooperation and medals earned from the athlete is needed to prove that relationship.

7. B Level License

1. Having obtained the Level C ISSF Coach License
2. Having coached international level athletes for at least two consecutive years with the role of National Coach.
3. Having achieved the qualification of an athlete to the Olympics or to the WC finals with the role of National Coach\Team Coach.
4. Having coached a Youth National team with the role of National Junior Coach\Junior Team Coach and reaching finals in a Junior World or Continental Championship.
5. Long-term work for the ISSF Academy or another shooting academy will be seen as an additional merit.
6. If the achievements (points 2 – 4) have been achieved as a personal coach of the athlete, a signed letter with the description of the years of cooperation and medals earned from the athlete is needed to prove that relationship.

A coach seeking for the Merit-based Coach License must provide an application with all the appropriate documents to the ISSF Academy, including a letter of recommendation from the National Federation.