

MEYER QUALIFIES FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC SQUAD



Reed Meyer of the Hudson Raiders shooting team senior/varsity division recently competed in the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Shooting olympic-style international trap (also known as bunker trap), Meyer placed fourth overall in the men's division and secured a spot on the National Junior Olympic Squad, earning a coveted USA Shooting Team vest. Meyer also earned a second place medal in the men's J2 age division (15-17 years).

The USA Shooting Team is comprised of the top Olympic-style shooters in the country and is a stepping stone to competing on the Olympic team. As athletes (both junior and open division shooters) deliver top notch performances, they are named to one of the USA Shooting Teams. One of the first steps, which Meyer completed, is earning a spot on the National Junior Olympic Squad and is open for athletes under 20 years of age. This program allows junior athletes to obtain national competitive experience with potential to someday compete in the Olympics.

Meyer is now eligible to make the National Development Team which consists of shooters under 20 years of age. The National Development Team includes athletes who have shown promise as future Olympians.

This team is nominated and approved by a committee comprised of coaches, the executive director of USA Shooting and athlete representatives. The next level would be the National Team, consisting of the top shotgun athletes in the country which have demonstrated consistent success on a national level. The National Team travels around the world representing the USA at various World Cups, World Championships and Intercontinental Championships. Meyer's first competition with the National Junior Olympic Squad will be back in Colorado Springs at the Shotgun National Championships at the end of September.