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*to the*  
PAN AM  
GAMES



SHOOTING

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## **Venue**

Pan Am Shooting Centre,  
Innisfil, Ont.

## **Venue acronym**

TTS

## **Landmark status**

*Low*

Usually known as the Toronto International Trap & Skeet Club, the centre was branded with a more straightforward name for the Games.

## **Other events at venue**

None

## **Transit options**

Train to Bradford GO station,

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then 68 bus west to Yonge Street at Shore Acres Drive, then walk or taxi 8 km southwest to venue. Driving might be simpler.

For exact directions, try:

[Games Trip Planner](#)

## **Schedule**

*July 12* Men's and women's air pistol qualifications and final

*July 13* Men's trap qualification; women's trap qualification and medal rounds; men's and women's air rifle qualifications and final

*July 14* Men's trap qualification and medal round; men's 25m rapid fire pistol qualifications

*July 15* Men's 25m rapid fire pistol qualifications and final; women's pistol qualification and

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medal round

*July 16* Men's double trap qualification and final

*July 17* Men's 50m pistol qualification and final; men's 50m rifle prone qualification and final

*July 18* Men's skeet qualification; women's skeet qualification and medal round; women's 50m rifle three position qualification and final

*July 19* Men's skeet qualification and medal round; men's 50m rifle three position qualification and final

[See the full competition schedule at the Pan Am website](#)

## **How the sport works**

Hold gun. Aim gun. Shoot gun.  
The fundamentals are simple,

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but the details of each individual shooting discipline are hardly primitive. Shooting is split into pistol, rifle and shotgun events, which are further broken down based on distance from the target — or, in the case of shotgun, how many targets are involved and how many attempts each shooter has to hit them.

In pistol and rifle, targets are stationary, and shooters either stand, kneel or lie down as they aim, from either 10m, 25m (just pistol) or 50m away. Shotgun targets are fired into the air for shooters to peg. Winners are determined through cumulative point totals after a pre-set number of rounds.

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## **Nations competing**

A total of 250 shooters from 26 countries will take aim during the Games. Countries could qualify a maximum of 25 athletes; Canada and the United States reached that allotment.

## **Canada's team**

### *Women*

Aerial Arthur, Saskatoon; Sharon Bowes, Waterloo, Ont.; Amanda Chudoba, Spruce Grove, Alta.; Monica Fyfe, Winnipeg; Lynda Kiejko, Calgary; Susan Nattrass, Edmonton; Yanka Vasileva, Candiac, Que.; Lea Wachowich, Redwater, Alta.; Shannon Westlake, Keswick, Ont.

### *Men*

Kabir Dhillon, Toronto; Michel Dion, Pont-Rouge, Que.; Michal

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Dugovic, London, Ont.; Allan Harding, Gibsons, B.C.; Mark Hynes, Bristol's Hope, N.L.; Metodi Igorov, Montreal; David Mylnikov, Toronto; Cory Niefer, Saskatoon; Drew Shaw, Collingwood, Ont.; Paul Shaw, Collingwood, Ont.; Gale Stewart, Quebec City; Greg Sych, Kitchener, Ont.; Benjamin Taylor, St. John's; Curtis Wennberg, Winnipeg; Jonathan Weselake, Qualicum Beach, B.C.

## **Tournament format**

Depending on the event, all shooters take a certain number of shots — usually ranging from three to six — during the qualification round. The top qualifiers advance to the final.

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## **Results from 2011 Pan Ams**

The United States were the best marksmen by far, winning gold in 10 of 15 events, in addition to four silver medals and four bronze.

Renfrew, Ont. native Dorothy Ludwig prevailed in the women's 10m air pistol, Canada's only first-place finish.

## **Why it's worth watching**

For some of the most fun terminology in sports. There is the "double trap," where two shotgun targets are launched at once and shooters must shoot at both; the "shoot-off" tiebreaking procedure, which is what somebody who does not watch soccer would call penalty kicks; and the "sighter," a practice shot fired before a competition, making this the



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only sport at the Games where arbitrary gunfire is allowed (and encouraged).

## **Competition outlook**

The United States has won at least 10 shooting events at every Pan Am Games dating back decades. Do not expect this year to be any different. 2011 gold medalists Glenn Eller, Michael MacPhail, Emil Milev and Kimberly Rhode are all back. So are Guatemala's Sergio Sanchez and Jean Pierre Brol and Cuba's Dianelys Perez, each of them a winner from four years ago. Canada's team boasts 64-year-old trap shooter Susan Nattrass, a six-time Olympian who has Pan Am Games medals of every colour, including gold in 2007.