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Six Olympic Medals for USA Shooting, Best Performance Since 1964

COLO SPRGS, CO (Aug. 3, 2021) – USA Shooting earned a grand total of six medals at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, making this their best performance at the games since the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

USA Shooting athletes won three gold medals in Men’s Air Rifle (**William Shaner**), Women’s Skeet (**Amber English**), and Men’s Skeet (**Vincent Hancock**), two silvers in Mixed Team Air Rifle (**Mary Tucker, Lucas Kozeniesky**) and Women’s Trap (**Kayle Browning**), and one bronze in Mixed Team Trap (**Maddy Bernau, Brian Burrows**).

“I’m proud of the contributions made by every member of this team. In a period when training and competitions have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, our shooters came prepared to compete and win,” **said Matt Suggs, CEO of USA Shooting.**

This summer’s performance marks the third time USA Shooting has won six medals since 1964. In 1984 the U.S. Team won three gold, one silver and two bronze in Los Angeles, and in 2008 the Team won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the Beijing Games.

“It’s been an incredibly difficult year for our coaches and athletes to prepare for these games. We had to make some difficult decisions about which competitions to shoot and which ones to forego. Our national team coaches, **Jay Waldron, Jason Turner, Dan Durben**, and the rest of the staff made the right decisions balancing the risks of travel abroad with the need to prepare, and that paid off for us in Tokyo,” **added Suggs.**

Shaner won the first gold for USA Shooting in Tokyo in Men’s Air Rifle. At age 20, he is the youngest USA Shooting athlete to medal in an Olympic rifle event and the only gold medalist in that event in history for Team USA.

English won gold in Women’s Skeet immediately followed by Hancock’s gold, marking a gold medal Team USA “sweep” in the Shotgun Skeet Event. This is Hancock’s third Olympic Skeet title.

After making the finals and finishing 6th individually, Tucker and Kozeniesky teamed up to win silver in Mixed Team Air Rifle.



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Browning fought hard and jumped from 9th place to 5th during the Women's Trap Qualification to secure her spot in the final and ultimately win silver.

Finally, Bernau and Burrows took Bronze in the new Trap Mixed Team event in a thrilling shoot off after battling in the bronze medal match against the formidable team from Slovakia. Bernau leaves Tokyo with two personal bests, a 119 in Women's Trap Qualification and 75 straight in Mixed Team Qualification.

In addition to the six Olympic Medals, USA Shooting had outstanding performances across all events. Three shotgun shooters missed the event finals by a single target, rifle shooters saw three 6th place finishes and a 5th place finish, and in Men's Air Pistol **James Hall** finished 10th overall, just one point from the final.

USA Shooting departs Tokyo with the following 2021 World Rankings:

- Women's Air Rifle #1: Mary Tucker
- Men's Air Rifle #1: Will Shaner
- Men's Air Rifle #3: Lucas Kozeniesky
- Men's Skeet #3: Vinny Hancock
- Women's Skeet #3: Amber English
- Women's 50M Rifle #5: Sagen Maddalena
- Women's 50M Rifle #7: Mary Tucker
- Women's Air Rifle #8: Ali Weisz
- Women's Trap #9: Kayle Browning
- Men's Air Pistol #10: Nick Mowrer
- Women's Trap #11: Maddy Bernau
- Women's Skeet #11: Austen Smith

"While the focus has been rightly placed on the tremendous success of our athletes, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our coaches, physical therapists, USA Shooting staff, and our Diplomatic Security Service Agent for their efforts in support of the team," **said Suggs**.

The rest of the 2021 season includes Junior World Championships, September, in Lima, Peru; USA Shooting Shotgun Nationals, this September in Hillsdale, Michigan; and USA Shooting Rifle and Pistol Nationals, October, in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

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.