

Australia's Warren Potent has won Gold at the ISSF World Cup event in the men's 50m prone rifle position.

Admitting to nerves before the event, Potent finished the qualifying round just 1 point clear of Indian shooter, Joydeep Karmakar with American Michael McPhail a further one point back.

With the eight shooters qualifying for the final separated by only 6 points, Potent is taking nothing for granted.

"It's perfect shooting conditions today and the field is so close," Potent said

"It's nice to shoot a 600 and I'm happy to head into the final in first spot but it could be anyone's,"

"We all have ten shots this afternoon, so we'll just have to see how we go."

The eight finalists separated by just 4 points anything less than an almost perfect shot would mean a drop down the leader board.

Potent began with a string of 10.0 10.3 and 10.7 to lead the field by 0.8 after the first three shots. India's Karmakar second with the American McPhail a further 1.1 points back.

With just four shots remaining, Potent shot an almost perfect 10.8 to Karmakar's 10.0, giving him a lead of 1.1, Bulgarian Sergei Martyov a further 0.5 behind.

A final string of 10.4 10.3 and 10.4 gave Potent the Gold medal with a total score of 703.7, a victory margin of just 1.3 points over Karmakar with Martynov a further 1.7 points back .

Following the final, a relieved Potent said the testing conditions in the finals hall proved difficult to master in such a high pressure situation.

"It's really tough in here with the doors open, the wind certainly has an effect so all the shooters were forced to concentrate immensely to get high scoring shots," Potent said.

"I knew coming into the final I would have to be at my best and I was pushed all the way Karmakar,"

"This a perfect start to the international season for me; we have a few more World Cup events as well as the World Championships and the Commonwealth Games and this is the best way to start."