

Canon EOS-1D X Mark II

AF Setting Guidebook

Detailed explanations of settings for utilizing improved high-performance AF features to capture that perfect moment

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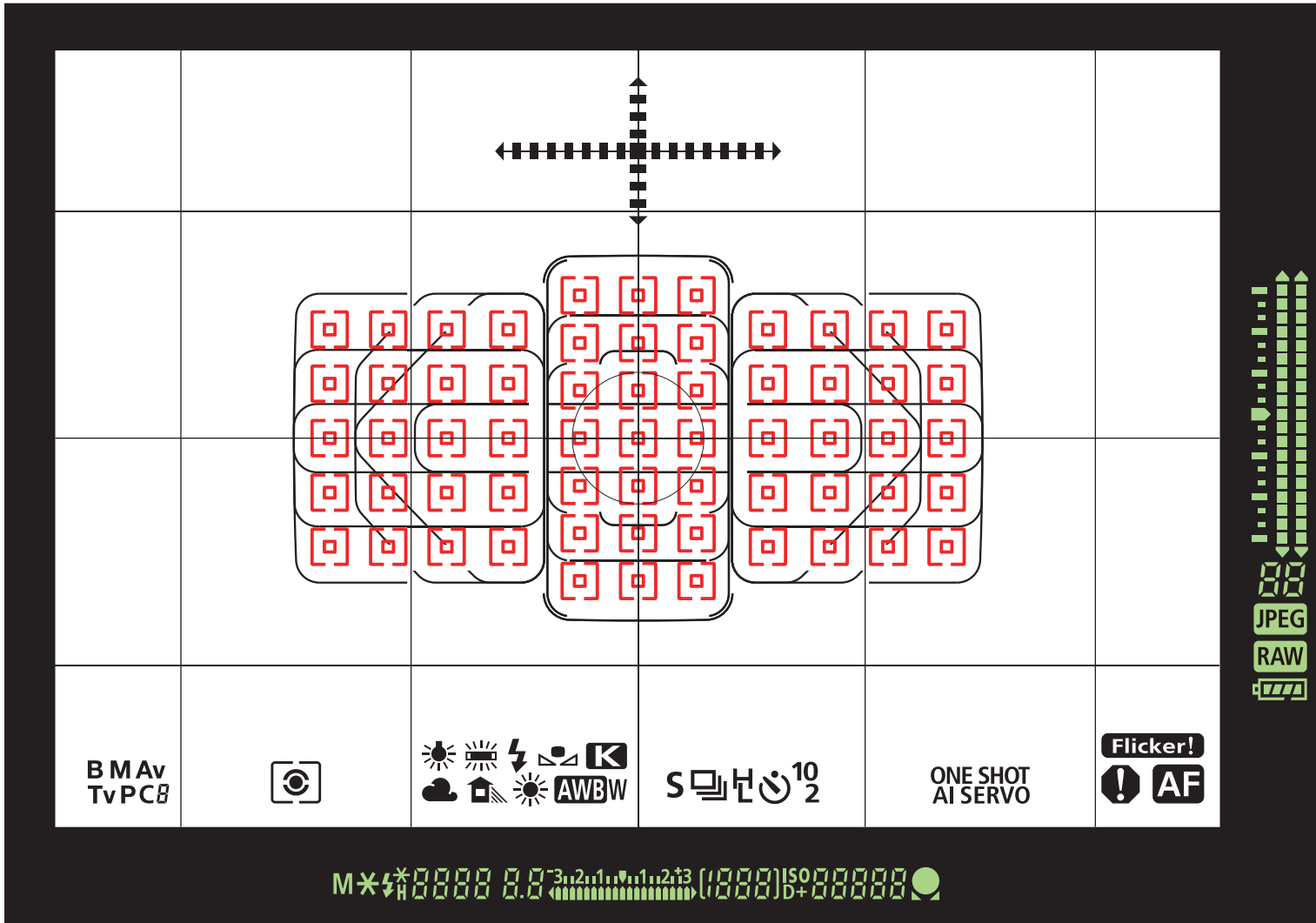
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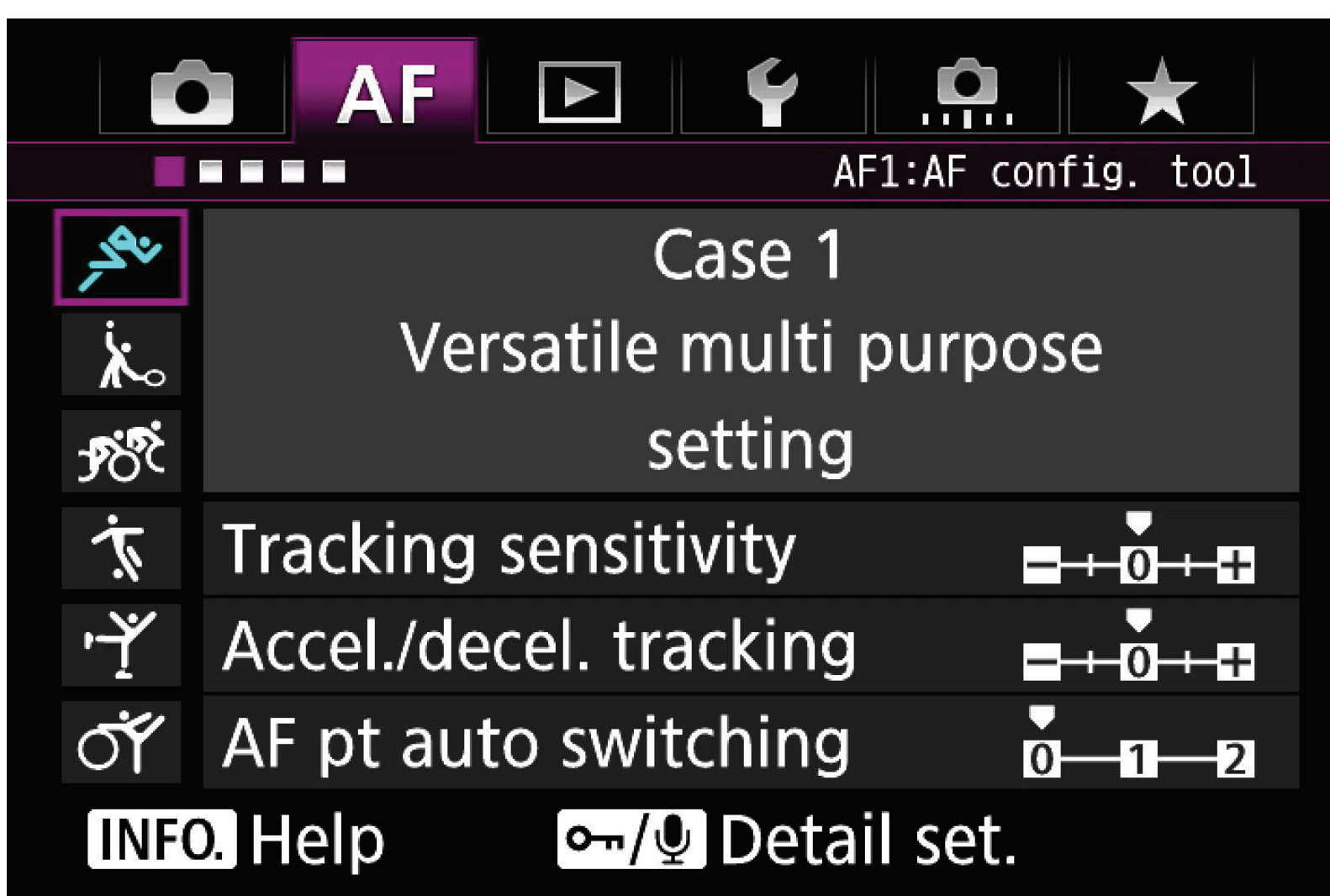


Features of the EOS-1D X Mark II

New AF Custom Guide Functions that Control 61-Point Reticular AF



The EOS-1D X Mark II is equipped with a newly-developed 61-Point High-Density Reticular AF II. By arranging the 61 AF points in a high concentration, the level of composition freedom, and tracking performance of fast moving subjects is improved. In combination with AI Servo AF III+, which incorporates a new algorithm, ensuring accurate focusing on a subject is possible. You can also effectively set AI Servo AF features using the AF Configuration Tool. Because you can choose from six different presets, the correct settings are quick and easy, without all the trouble that comes from adjusting settings for individual parameters to match the subject or scene.



New algorithm of AI Servo AF III+

Improved support capability for difficult to capture movement of subjects that come close, then move away

The main improved point of the AF system on the EOS-1DX Mark II is the use of AI Servo AF III+ with an even more sophisticated predictive AF algorithm. For shooting sports and wildlife with erratic movement, AI Servo AF III capable of stable subject tracking was included in the EOS-1D X. In cases where obstacles may obscure the subject, and when the subject moves away from the AF point briefly, it is equipped with performance capable of tracking the subject.

With the AI Servo AF III+ included this time, support is improved for subjects that approach then move away suddenly, that had been difficult to focus on up until now. Movement such as motorcycles and racecars that approach corners, to figure skating and speed skating. Even in cases like these, AI Servo AF III+ on the EOS-1D X Mark II is capable of continuously tracking subjects that move away from the camera.

Handling is improved for a variety of movement, with the refined AF algorithm AI Servo AF III+.

AI Servo AF III+ effective scenes

Continuously capture motorcycles as they approach and move away



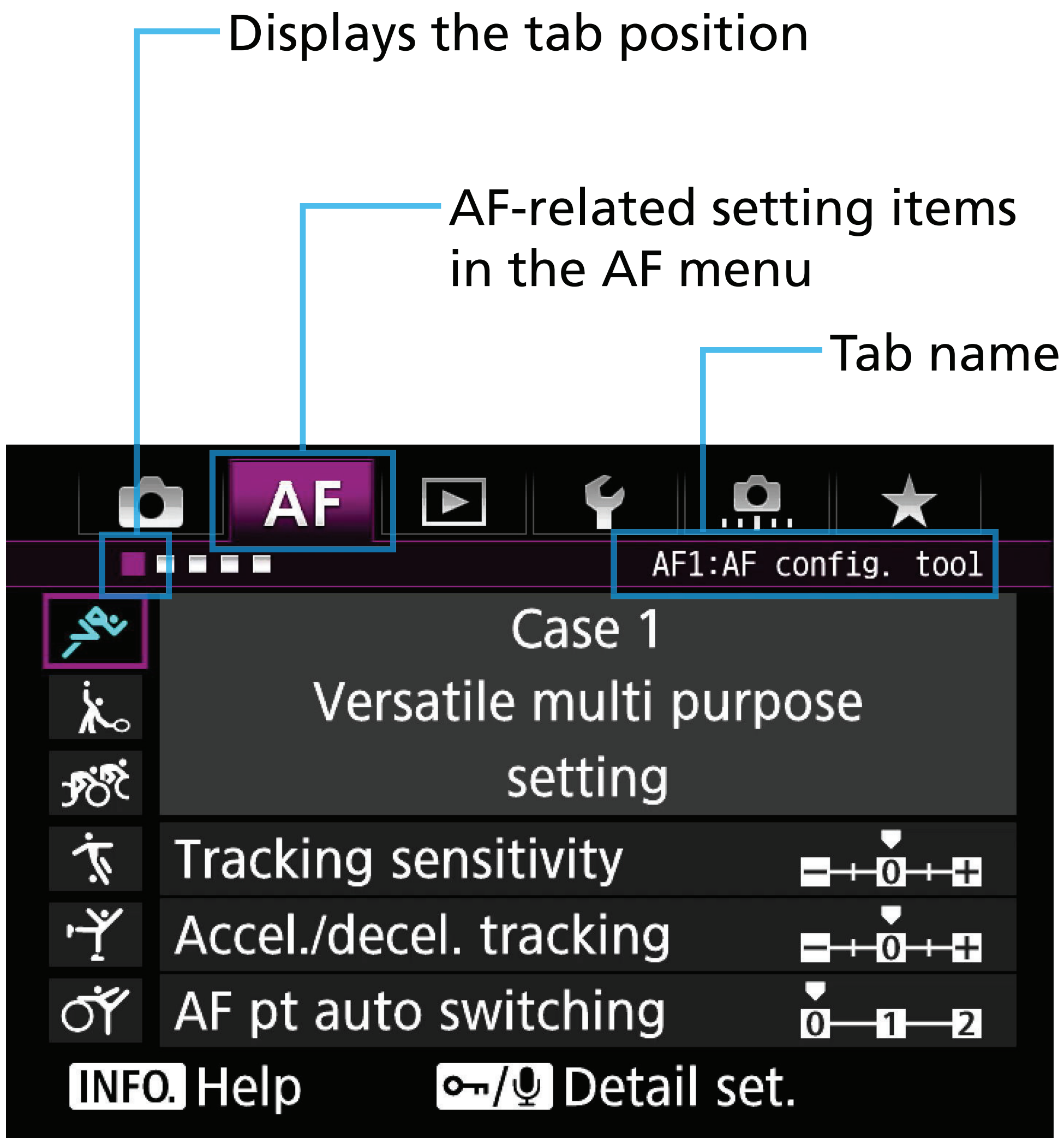
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With Case 1, support for even more scenes is possible. Case 2 to 6 also provide improved support for subjects coming close, and moving away.

As predictive AF is improved in AI Servo AF III+, the AF Configuration Tool **[Case 1]** can provide support for a variety of shooting scenes. In addition, support for movement such as coming closer and moving away suddenly in all Case 2 – Case 6 settings has improved compared to the EOS-1D X.

EOS-1D X Mark II AF setting operability

All AF-related menu functions now in a separate menu



The AF1 tab includes the AF Configuration Tool

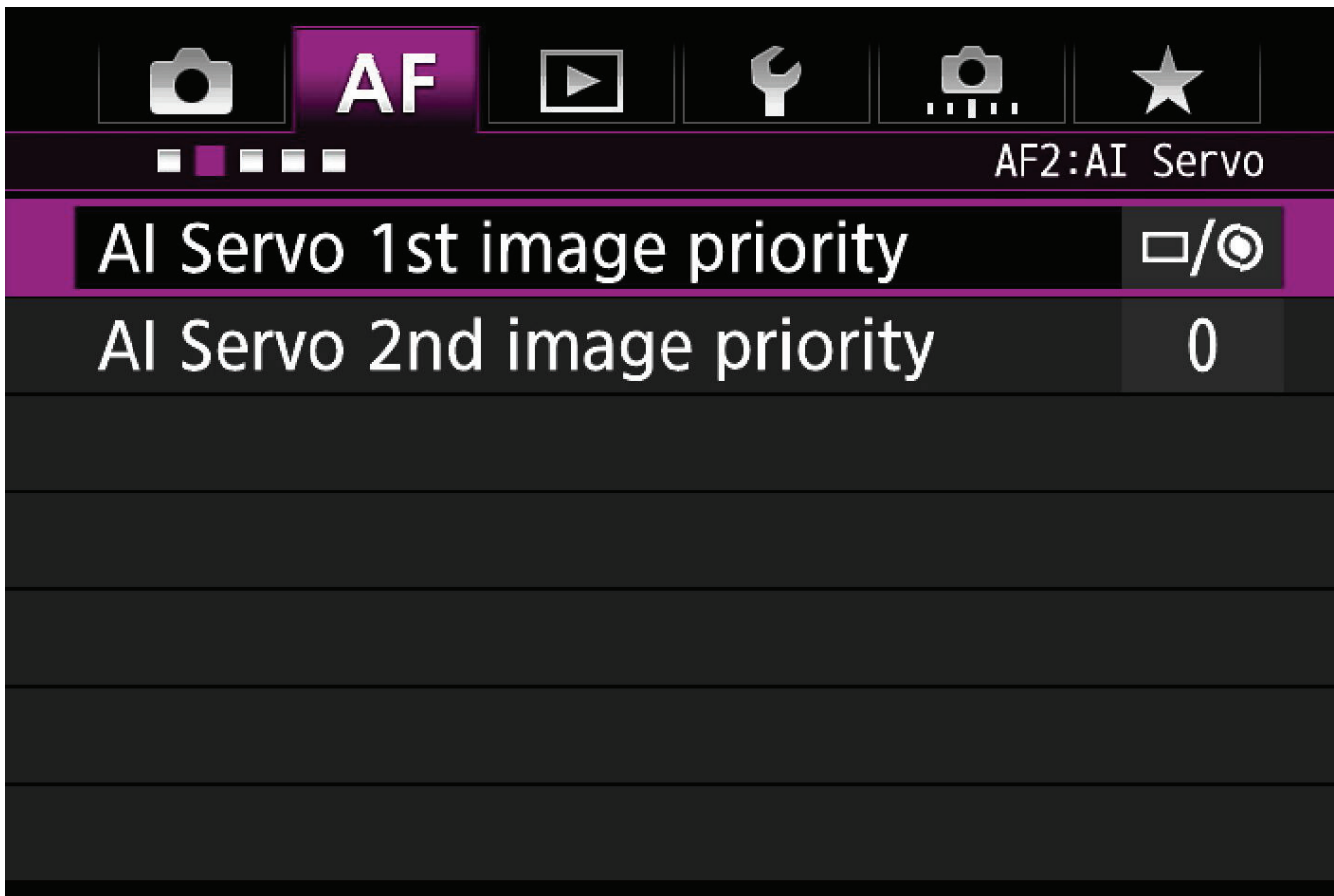
The AF1 tab is important when shooting moving subjects using the AI Servo AF on the EOS-1D X Mark II. It is possible to effectively set AI Servo AF characteristics by selecting the option that closely matches the scene with the AF Configuration Tool.

The Various AF-related functions are now incorporated into an AF menu tab

On the EOS-1D X Mark II, the various AF-related settings have been incorporated into the AF menu tab, the same as the EOS-1D X. This makes smooth access to AF-related settings possible. In particular, the AF Configuration Tool included in tab AF1 can be used to easily set the AI Servo AF characteristics, making it an important feature that takes advantage of the advanced AF performance on the EOS-1D X Mark II. By selecting from six presets **[Case 1]** – **[Case 6]**, it is possible to set the AI Servo AF characteristics to most accurately suit the subject's movement, and scene conditions. It is also possible for fine control to adjust each parameter separately. (Refer to P.10 – 48 for AF Configuration Tool details.)

Tabs **[AF2]** – **[AF5]** include a variety of settings such as shutter-release timing settings, a setting for the number of AF points that can be set manually, so this makes it possible to make detailed settings that match your shooting style.

Various settings for AF-related features can be made with AF menus [AF2] – [AF5]



AF2 AI Servo

Settings related to shutter-release timing when using AI Servo AF and continuous shooting

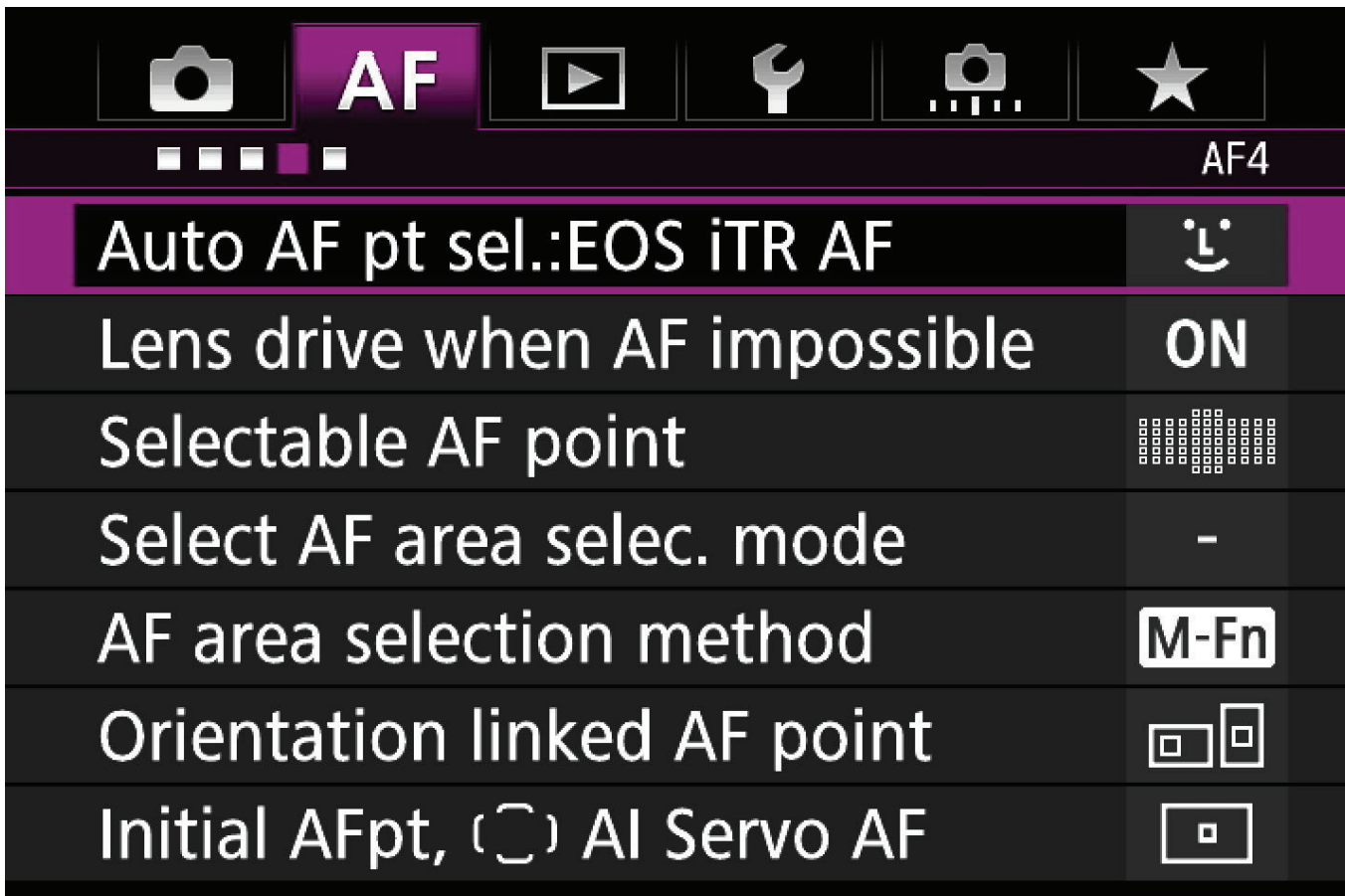
The **[AF2]** tab includes settings related to the camera priority concerning shutter-release timing when using AI Servo AF. **[AI Servo 1st image priority]** and **[AI Servo 2nd image priority]** make it possible to make focusing the priority slowing the shutter-release timing, or prioritize faster shutter-release.



AF3 One-Shot AF

Settings related to focusing and shutter release timing etc. when using One-Shot AF

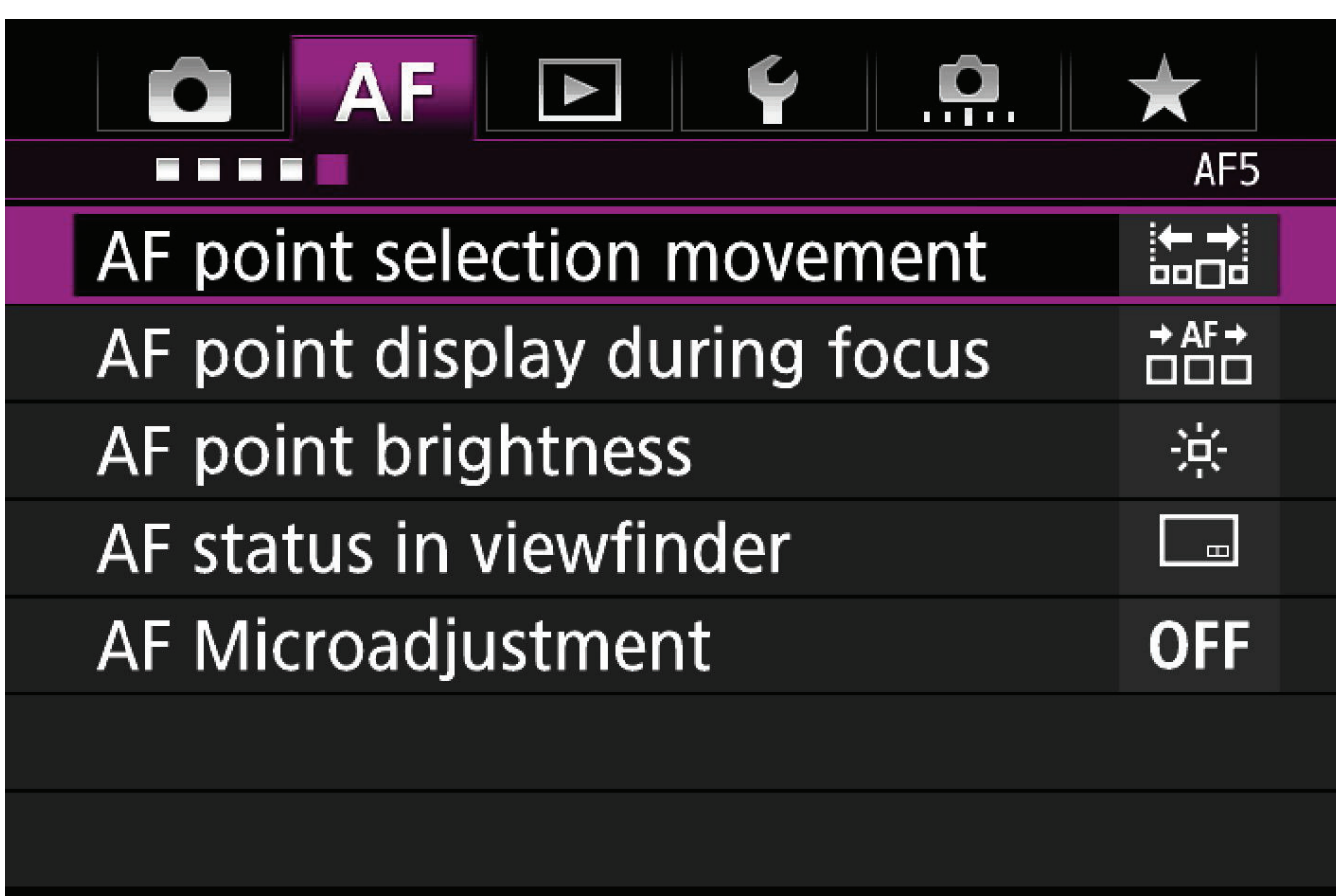
Within the **[AF3]** tab, the **[One-Shot AF release priority]** settings sets focusing and shutter-release timing when using One-Shot AF. The options **[Lens electronic MF]** and **[AF-assist beam firing]** control the manual focus operation of some lenses and the operation of AF assist function of attached Speedlites.



AF4

Includes general settings related to AF point selection

Select which and how AF points are selected. This menu includes settings related to **[Auto AF pt sel.:EOS iTR AF]** **[AF area selection mode]** **[Automatic AF point selection criteria]**, **[Selectable AF points]**, **[AF area selection mode]**, **[AF area selection method]**, and **[Orientation linked AF point]**. In addition, there is the **[Lens drive when AF impossible]** option in this menu tab.



AF5

Includes general settings related to display of AF points, etc.

Within **[AF5]** tab are settings that control how AF points are displayed in the viewfinder such as **[AF point display during focus]**, **[AF point brightness]**, and **[AF status in viewfinder]**. With the **[AF point selection movement]** the AF point selection can stop at the peripheral AF point or instead loop back to the opposite side of the AF area. For those who need to make fine adjustments to the focus position **[AF Microadjustment]** is available.

AF Configuration Tool [Presets]

**Overview of AF Configuration Tool
[Presets]** 

Case 1
Versatile multi-purpose setting 

Case 2
**Continue to focus-track even
when the subject momentarily
moves from the AF points** 

Case 3
**Focus instantly on subjects that
move into the AF points** 

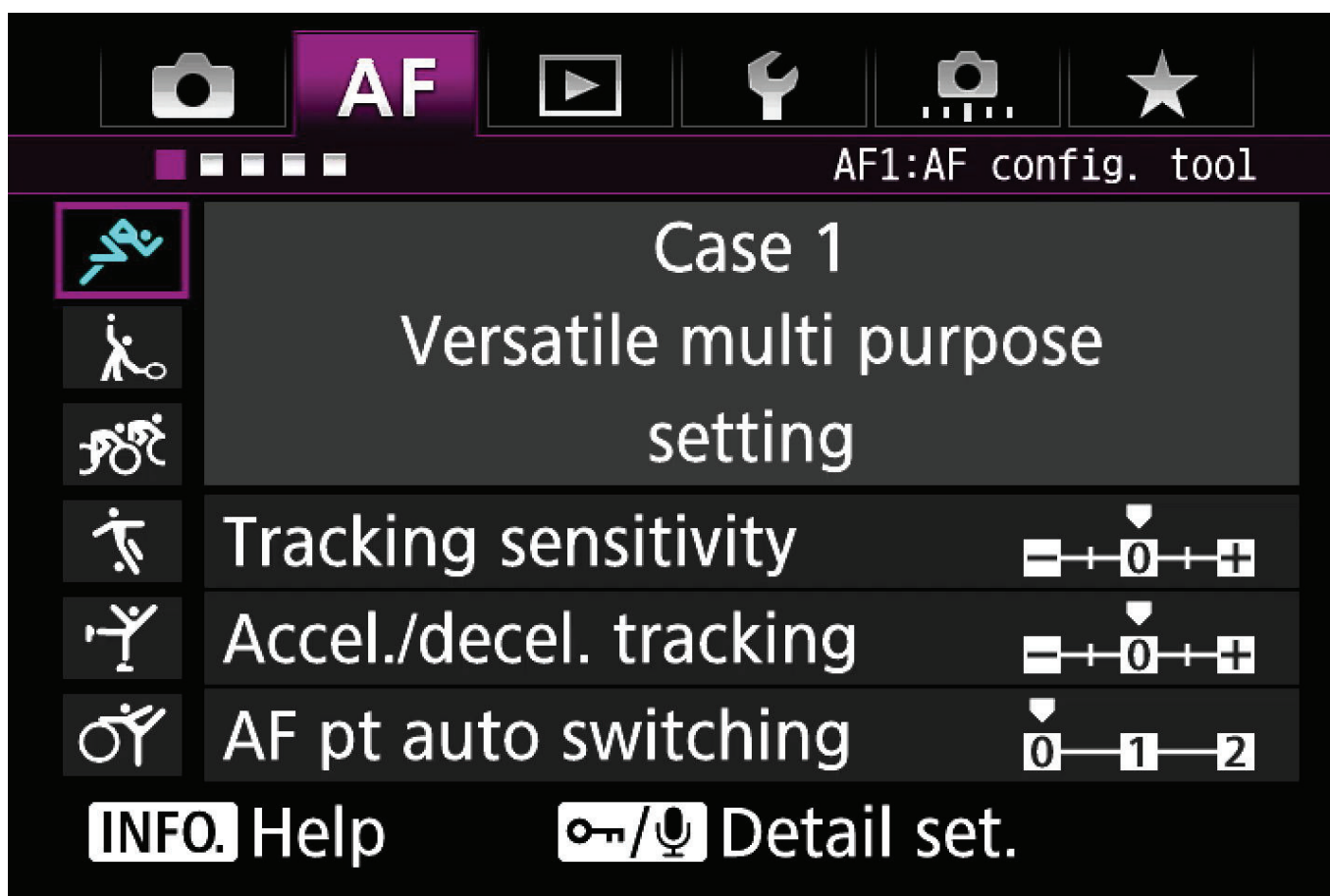
Case 4
**Focus track subjects that
accelerate or decelerate quickly** 

Case 5
**Focus on subjects with erratic
movement** 

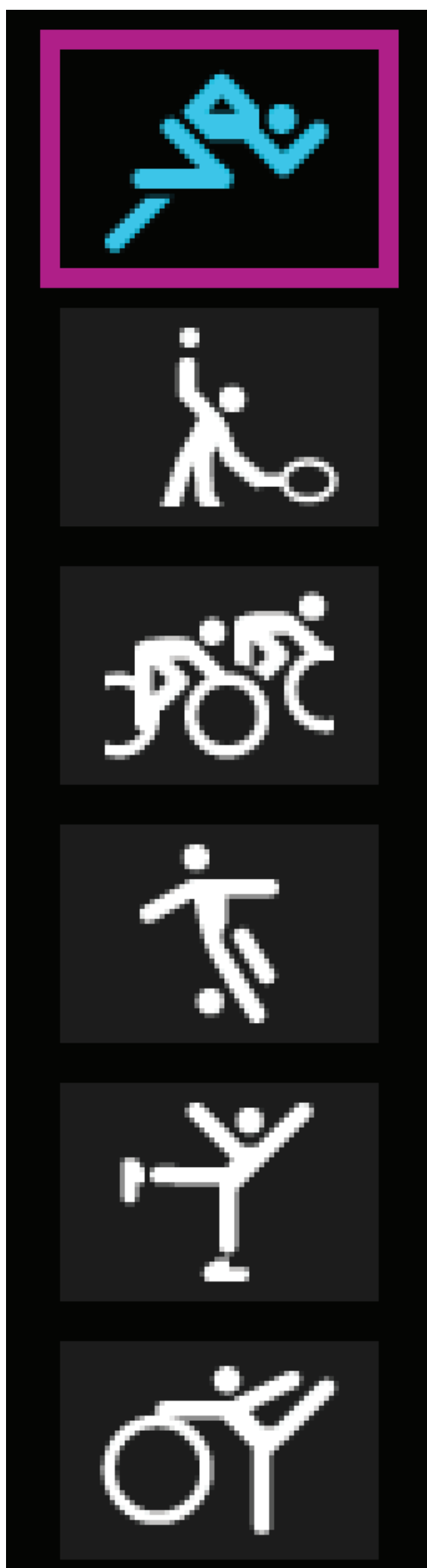
Case 6
**Focus on subjects with erratic
movement and changes in speed** 

Overview of AF Configuration Tool [Presets]

A combination of parameters to best suit the characteristics of subject movement have been used to create the presets from Case 1 – Case 6. By selecting the appropriate icon, the different AI Servo AF settings can be selected to suit the subject.



The best parameters for different subjects and shooting scenes are combined into presets from Case 1 – 6



- Case 1** Versatile multi-purpose setting

- Case 2** Continue to track subjects, ignoring possible obstacles

- Case 3** Instantly focus on subjects suddenly entering AF points

- Case 4** For subjects that accelerate or decelerate quickly

- Case 5** For erratic subjects, moving in any direction*

- Case 6** For subjects that change speed and move erratically*

*This setting has no effect with the Single-point Spot AF (Manual selection) and Single-point AF (Manual selection) modes

Select from Case 1 - Case 6 to match subject scenarios

When the **[AF1]** tab on the EOS-1D X Mark II is opened, six icons representing sports disciplines are displayed. These are the presets of the AF Configuration Tool. Different presets to match the characteristics of the type of subject and its movement, and the shooting conditions, can be selected from Case 1 – Case 6. By simply selecting one of these cases, settings for the AI Servo AF characteristics that match the anticipated type of subject movement will be used.

These six presets are combinations of the following three parameters: **[Tracking sensitivity]**, **[Accel./decel. tracking]**, and **[AF pt auto switching]** (P. 33 - 48). Using the presets sets each Case in the most effective way. However, if you wish, it is also possible to manually adjust the parameters individually.



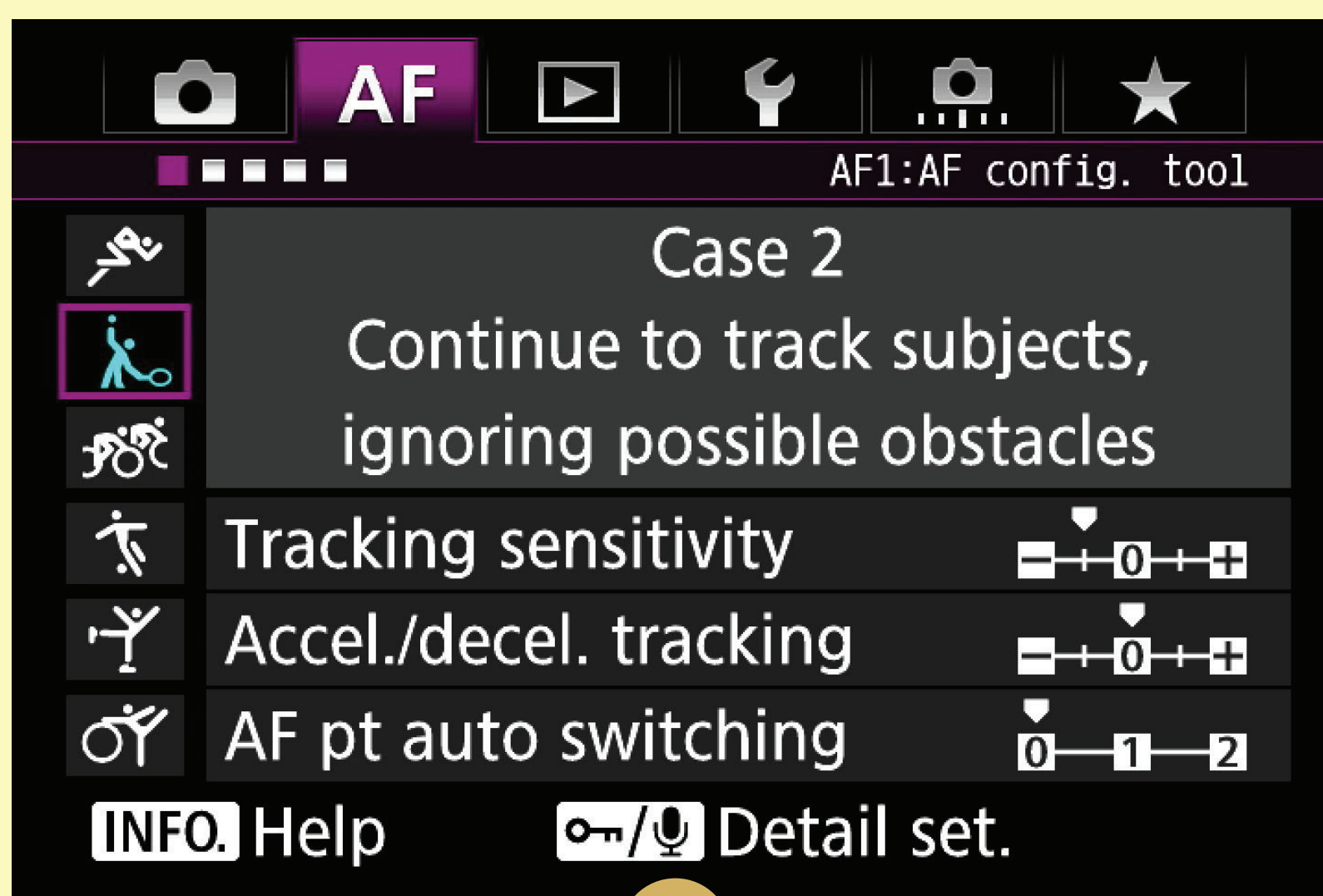
The AF Configuration Tool is a function for setting AI Servo AF characteristics. Therefore, it is effective when you want to make settings with the AF operation set to **[AI Servo AF]**, and has no impact in One-Shot AF.

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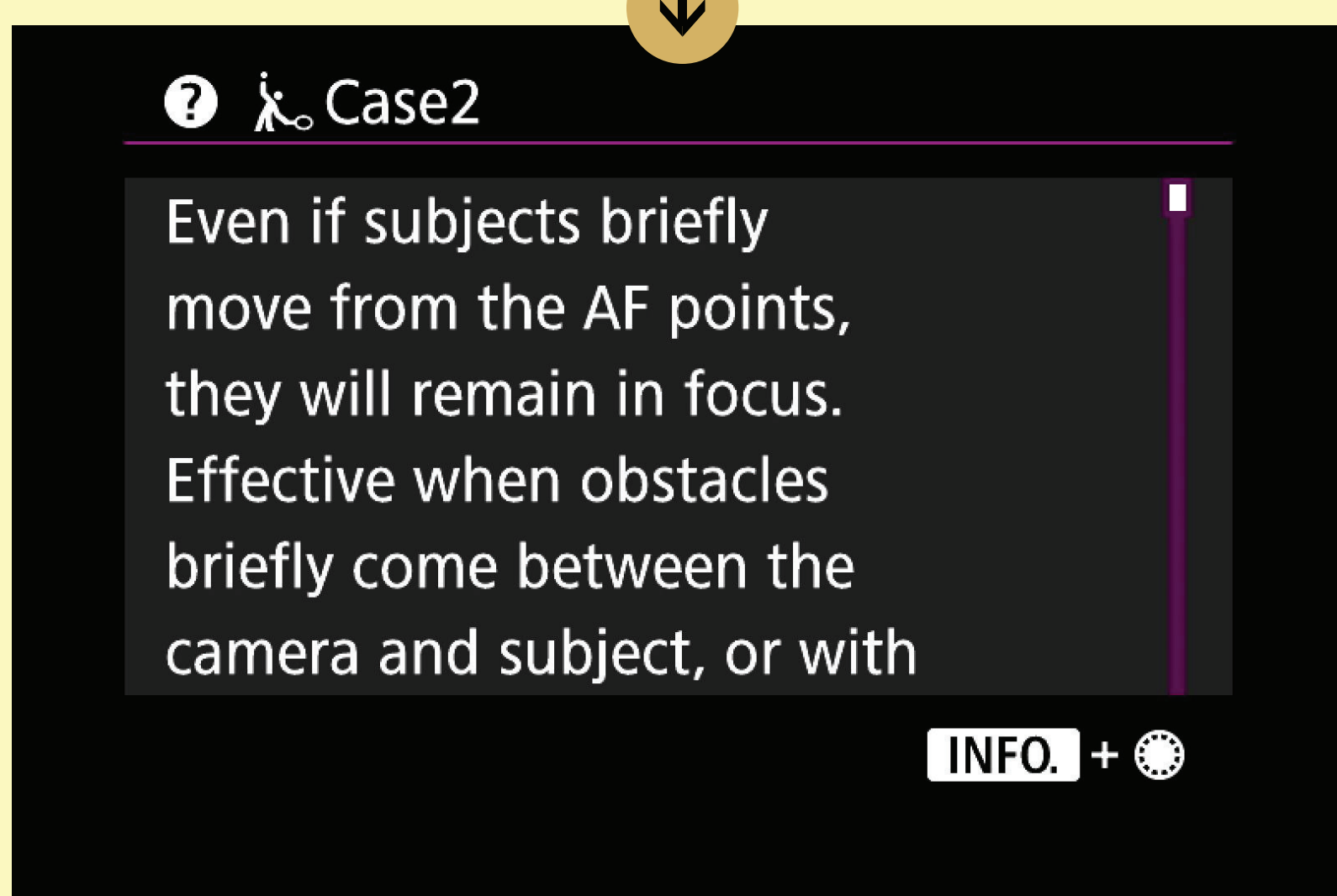
By pressing the INFO. button while any Case is displayed on the screen, text information of AF setting characteristics or examples of shooting scenes can be confirmed.

Moving the purple square over Case 1 – Case 6 will display the name of each case, for example [**Case1 Versatile multi-purpose setting**]. If you want more detailed information, you can press the INFO button.

This will display the help screen containing information about shooting scene examples and which settings to alter and when.



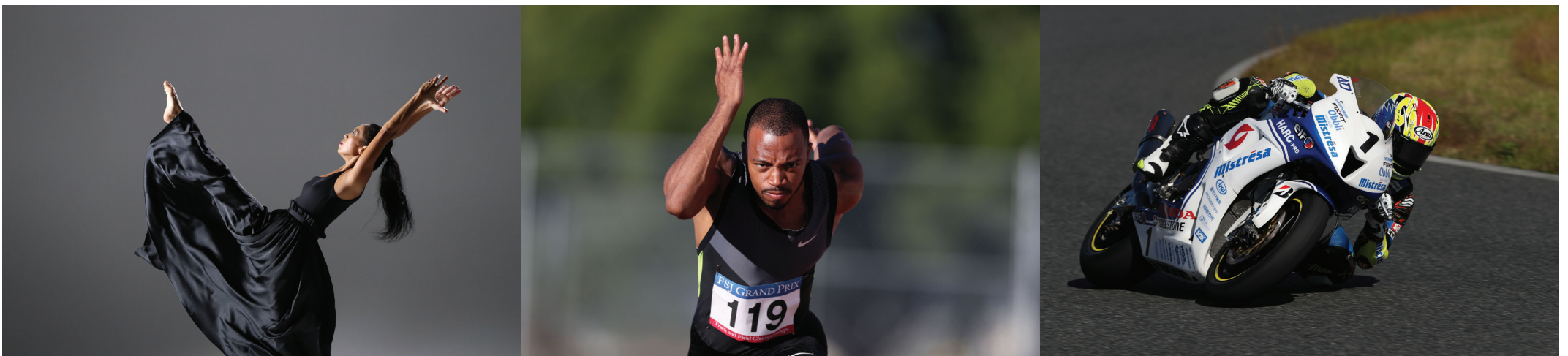
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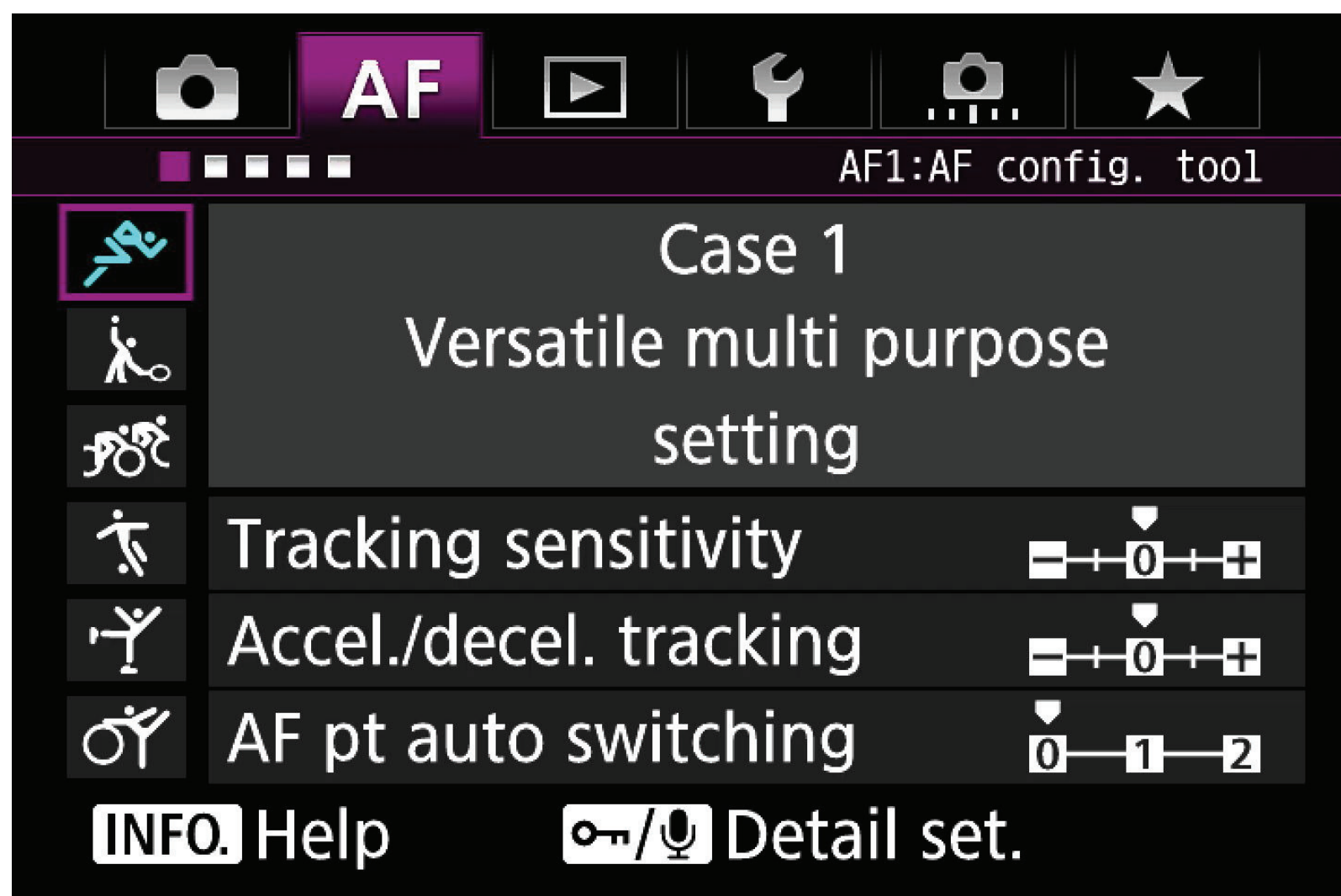
Case 1

Versatile multi-purpose setting

The **[AF Configuration Tool]** **[Case 1]** is the basic AI Servo AF setting on the EOS-1D X Mark II.



Precise and accurate focusing is possible for a wide range of subjects



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity	[0]
Accelerate / decelerate Tracking	[0]
AF point auto switching	[0]

The **[AF Configuration Tool]** **[Case 1]** is the basic AI Servo AF setting on the EOS-1D X Mark II.

As its name indicates, it is versatile and achieves a high level of tracking performance in a wide variety of scenes.

Equipped with AI Servo AF III+, the EOS-1D X Mark II has improved flexibility in handling a variety of moving subjects, and superior prediction of movement for more accurate focusing. Even with a variety of difficult elements such as extremely fast movement, sudden changes in speed, and interruptions by obstacles, it is able to capture the subject. Therefore, the standard setting Case 1 supports a wide range of movement as is, making it possible to AF track subjects.

Furthermore, by improving AI Servo AF III+, handling of subjects that come close and then move away, such as motorcycles going through a hairpin curve is improved. As a result, even for scenes where tracking was not possible on the EOS-1D X, there are more cases that can be handled by Case 1 on the EOS-1D X Mark II. Shooting with Case 1 is highly recommended as you will be able to obtain satisfying results, when shooting a variety of sports and moving subjects.

When more specific settings for individual cases are desired, please try Case 2 – Case 6 to match shooting conditions.

Case 1

Photo

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Case 1 can be used to great advantage when shooting moving subjects, making it possible to accurately capture fast subjects.

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AI Servo AF III+ makes it possible to carry out precise focus for subjects in a wide variety of conditions

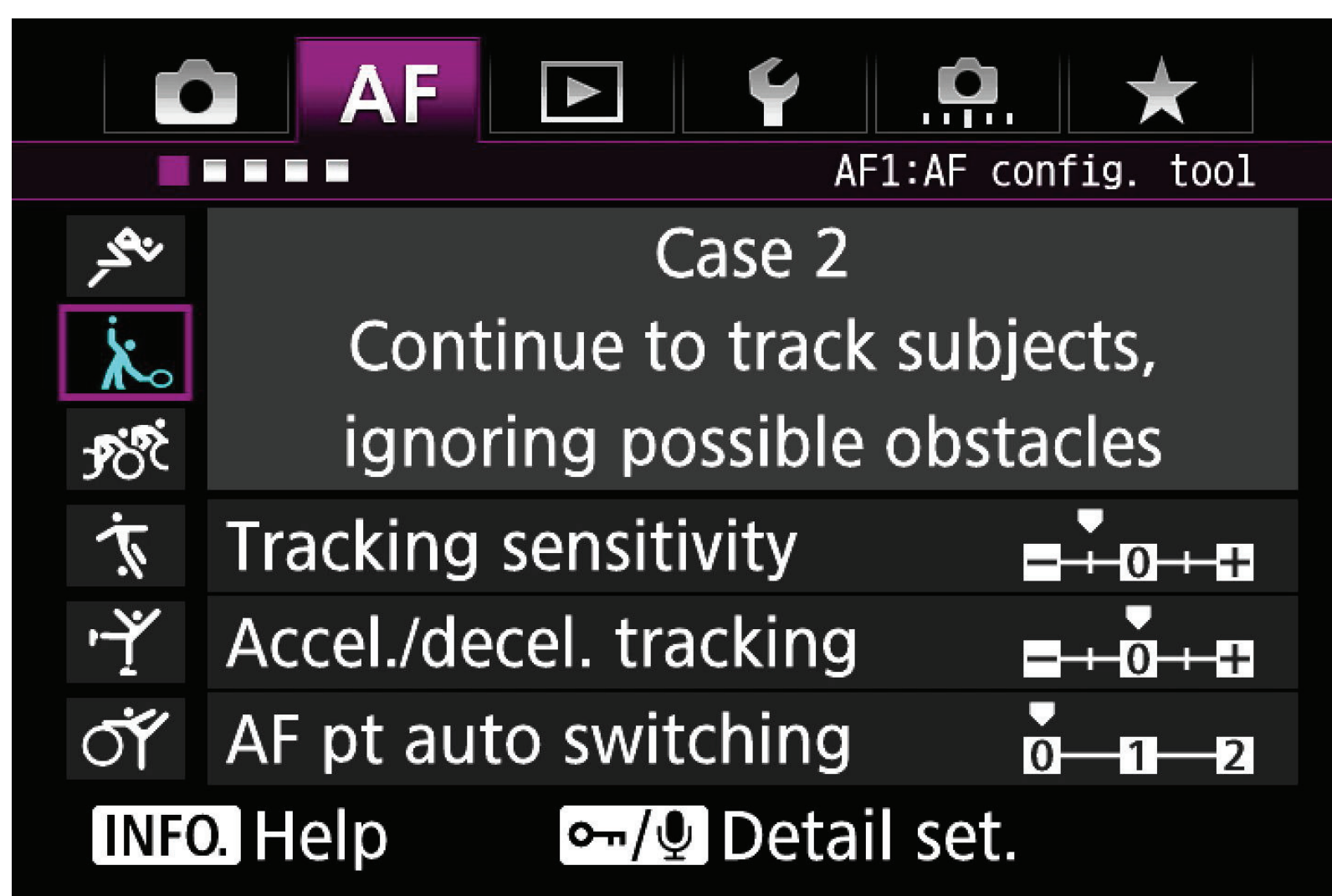
AF on the EOS-1D X Mark II is equipped with an improved focus tracking algorithm, AI Servo AF III+. It supports an even greater variety of subject movement than before. (P. 4 – 5)

Case 2

Continue to focus-track even when the subject momentarily moves from the AF points

Case 2 is an effective setting for shooting fast moving subjects when they move away from the selected AF point, or when obstacles may momentarily obscure the subject.

Effective when shooting scenes with fast moving subjects, or when an obstacle momentarily appears in front of the subject



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity	[Locked on: -1]
Accelerate / decelerate Tracking	[0]
AF point auto switching	[0]

Case 2 is an effective setting for shooting fast moving subjects when they move away from the selected AF point, or when obstacles may momentarily obscure the subject.

Sometimes when the subject moves from the selected AF point, focus can shift to the background (resulting in an out of focus subject), similarly when an obstacle obscures the subject, focus can shift to the obstacle. By selecting Case 2 in situations like these, the camera will attempt to continue to focus-track the desired subject.

When a subject moves away from the AF points for an extended period (such as swimmers doing the butterfly stroke, or sports where the subject is hidden for intervals), even better performance may be achieved by manually setting the **[Tracking sensitivity]** parameter to **[-2]**.

Case 2

Photo

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Try selecting Case 2 when shooting a track and field event. The arms of runner closest to the camera will interfere with the camera's view of the primary runner (in purple), targeted with the AF point. However, with Case 2, AF response to the sudden obstruction is delayed, and it will be possible to continuously focus on the intended runner.



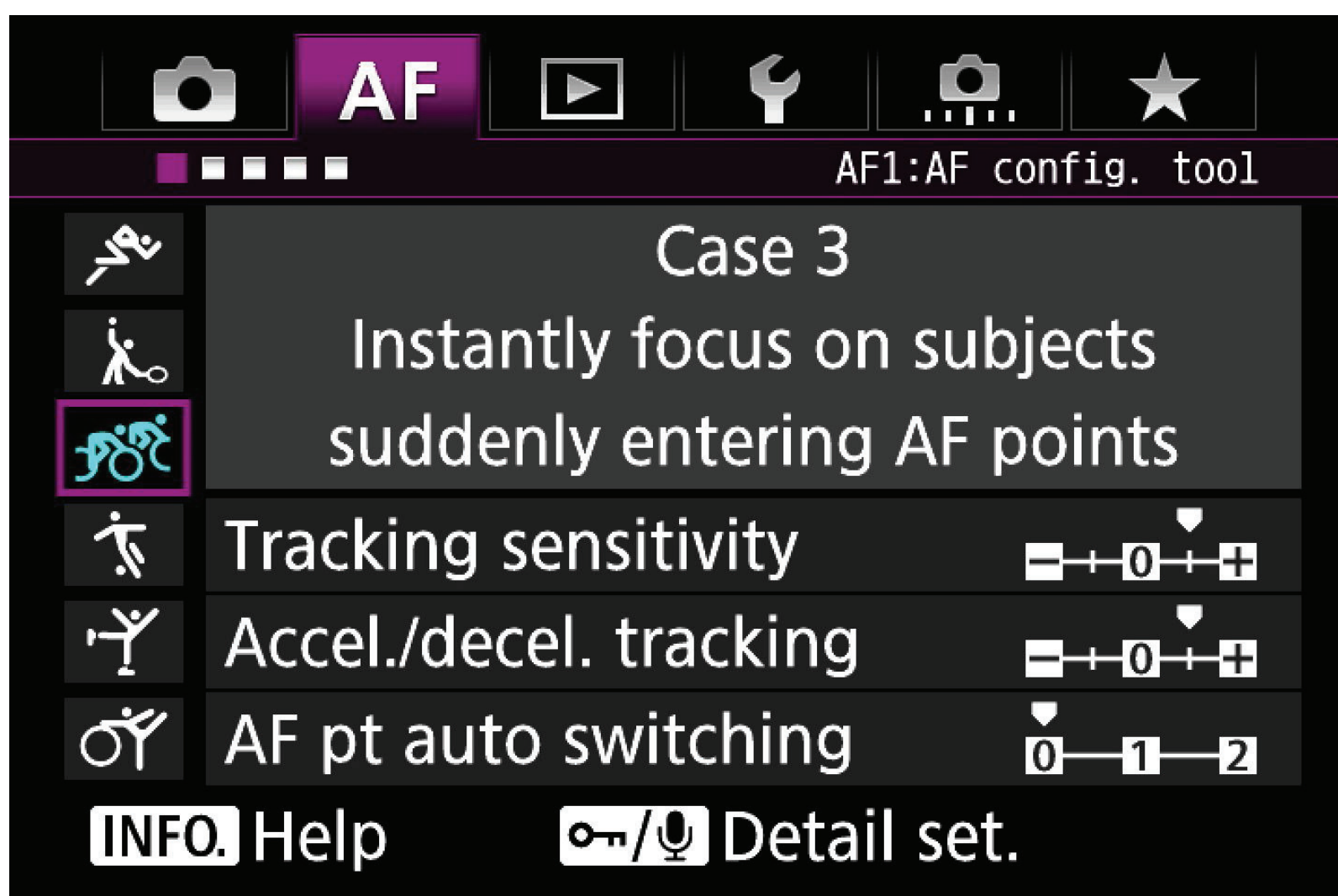
Example of a fast moving subject where the focus has shifted to the background (photo). By selecting Case 2 for situations like this, the camera will be less likely to immediately re-focus on the background, if the AF point momentarily leaves the actual subject.

Case 3

Focus instantly on subjects that move into the active AF points

Case 3 is the ideal setting for situations when you want to focus immediately upon a new subject.

Effective when you want to continuously photograph targeted athletes one after the other



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity	[Responsive: +1]
Accelerate / decelerate Tracking	[+1]
AF point auto switching	[0]

In Case 3, the **[Tracking sensitivity]** parameter is set to **[+1]**. As a result, new subjects that come into the AF points will be focused on more quickly. This setting is most effective when subjects appear suddenly in the frame (for example photographing skiers in an alpine skiing downhill race).

In other shooting situations, this setting can be extremely effective when switching between different subjects you want to shoot (for example, at the start of a bicycle road race, when you want to shoot continuously and switch from cyclist to cyclist while focusing).

When set to Case 3, if the subject moves away from the AF points, the camera may quickly refocus on a different subject or background, in contrast to Case 2. Therefore, it is recommended that you use this setting only when you have a particular objective as described above.

Change the target in sequence and shoot continually

1. Shoot the whole group while focusing on the cyclist in the center



2. Focus on the lead cyclist



3. Focus on the right side cyclist



4. Focus on the left side cyclist



A scene with cyclists coming towards the camera. While focusing on the lead cyclist, you may wish to switch focus to the other cyclists within the group whilst shooting continuously with AF. In this situation, by selecting Case 3, you can almost instantly re-focus on new subjects.

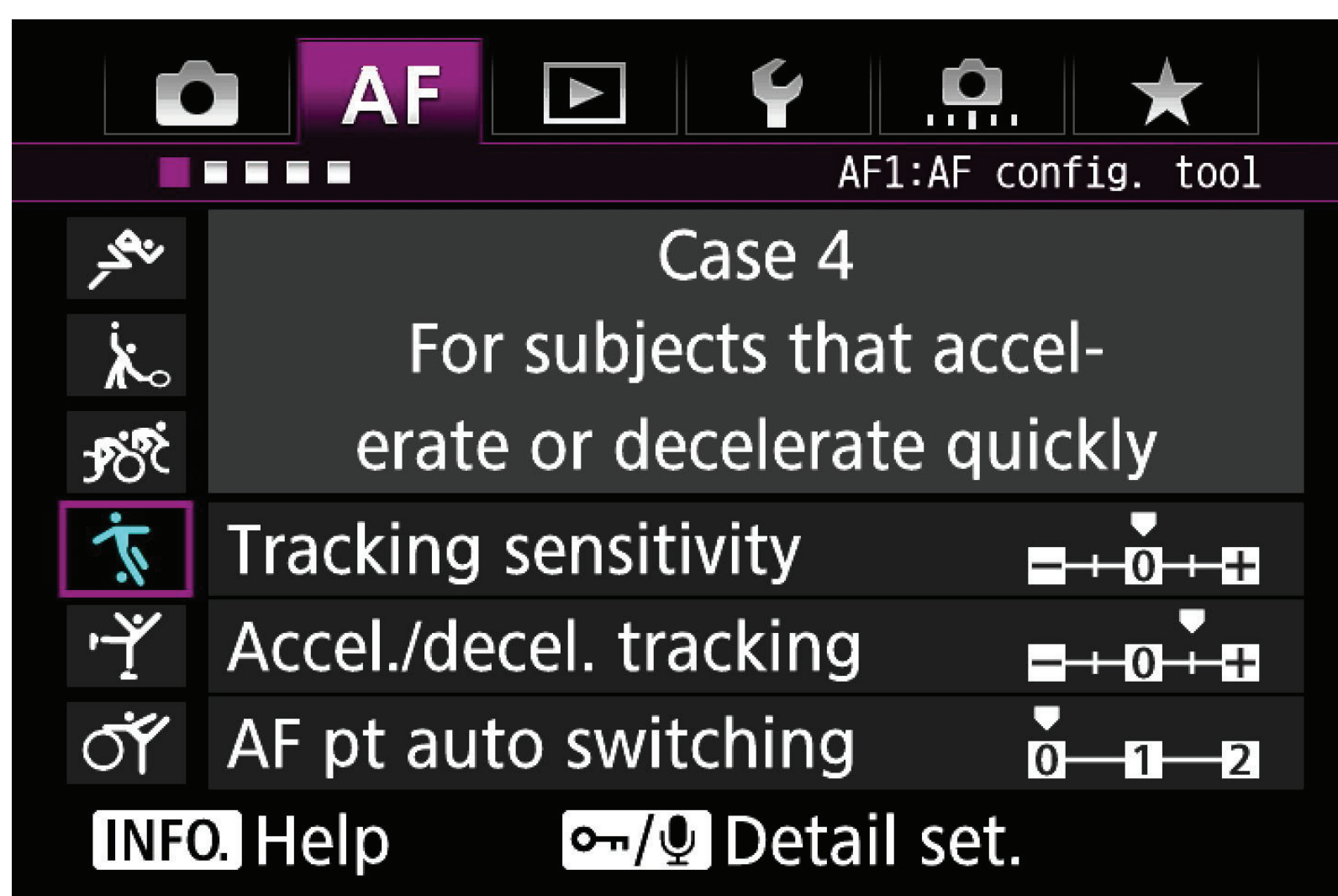
Case 4

Focus track subjects that accelerate or decelerate quickly

Subjects suddenly going from static to moving, or suddenly stopping, can occur in various sports and situations. In these situations, Case 4 is most effective.

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Effective when a subject's speed changes rapidly



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity	[0]
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Accelerate / decelerate Tracking	[+1]
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AF point auto switching	[0]
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When shooting sports, there are many situations where it is necessary to deal with fast moving athletes. However, "fast moving" in this case is not limited to just high speed. Subjects suddenly going from static to moving or suddenly stopping can occur in various sports and situations. Some moving subjects can also change speeds suddenly and unexpectedly.

In these situations, Case 4 is most effective. With the **[Accel./decel. tracking]** parameter set to **[+1]**, the AI Servo AF will work to focus track any changes in speed, including sudden stops and acceleration.

This makes Case 4 the most effective setting for shooting soccer, rugby, basketball or sports where there is a lot of running and stopping, as well as changes of direction which was difficult for Case 1 to track. It is also effective for cornering during motor sports (sudden deceleration and acceleration), and starting dashes.

Case 4
Photo

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For example, the start of a track and field event. With Case 4, the movement of the runner is captured in the moment from the resting state to sudden acceleration. By using Case 4 the AF system reacts to sudden changes in speed, allowing accurate focusing of the starting dash moment.

Continuously track runners as they suddenly speed up to run in a short-distance sprint.



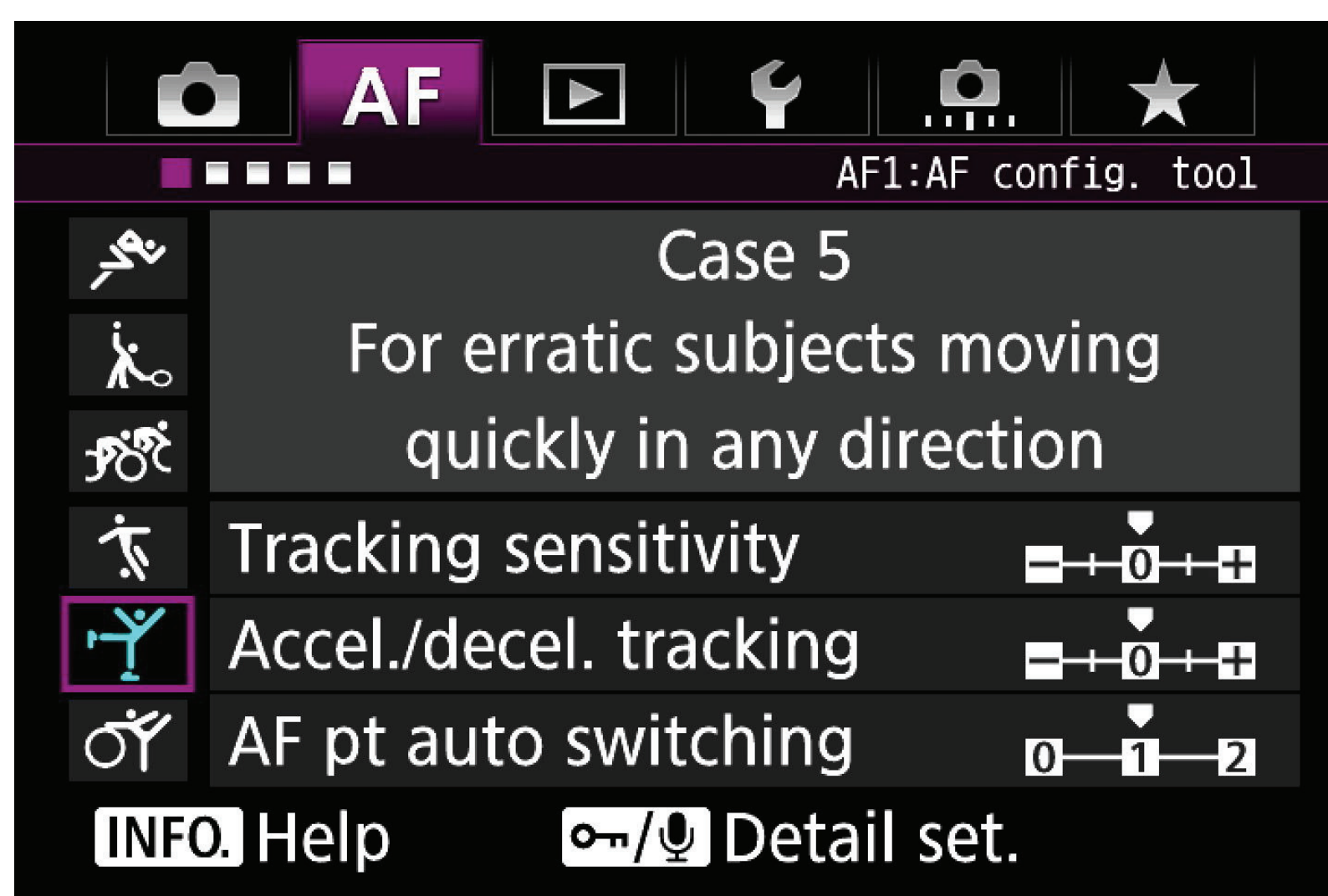
Case 5

Focus on subjects with erratic movement

Case 5 is most effective for subjects which may move side-to-side, or up and down — and, you're using a wide AF Area like Automatic AF point selection, Large Zone AF, or Zone AF.

*With Single-point AF and Spot AF, as AF point auto switching is unavailable, in the default setting operation will be the same as Case 1.

For focusing on subjects with large up-down and right-left movements



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity

[0]

Accelerate / decelerate Tracking

[0]

AF point auto switching

[+1]

In Case 5, **[AF pt auto switching]** is set to **[+1]**. This means that in AF Area settings where the camera automatically can change the active AF point — Automatic AF point selection, Large Zone AF, and Zone AF — the AF system will speed-up changing points to follow a moving subject. As a result, even when the subject continuously leaves the initial AF point, it is possible to increase the ratio of photos that are in focus.

This setting is most effective when shooting distinctive sports with subjects moving across the frame, such as figure skating and skateboarding, or when the shooting distance is close with relatively fast-moving subjects.

Unlike Case 6, Case 5 assumes the subject will be moving at a relatively steady speed, even if it's changing location in the frame from shot to shot.



A race motorcycle driving extremely close to the photographer. With Case 5 selected, it is effective in cases where it would be difficult to track a relatively fast-moving subject with one point.

It is possible to focus on subjects that move erratically in any direction



Inline skating on a half-pipe. Capturing the moments when the skater is jumping and twisting is easier with Case 5. Remember: "erratic movement" refer to subjects that will change location within the frame. Case 5 is able to address this when the camera is using a AF Area that allows automatic switching from one AF point to another:

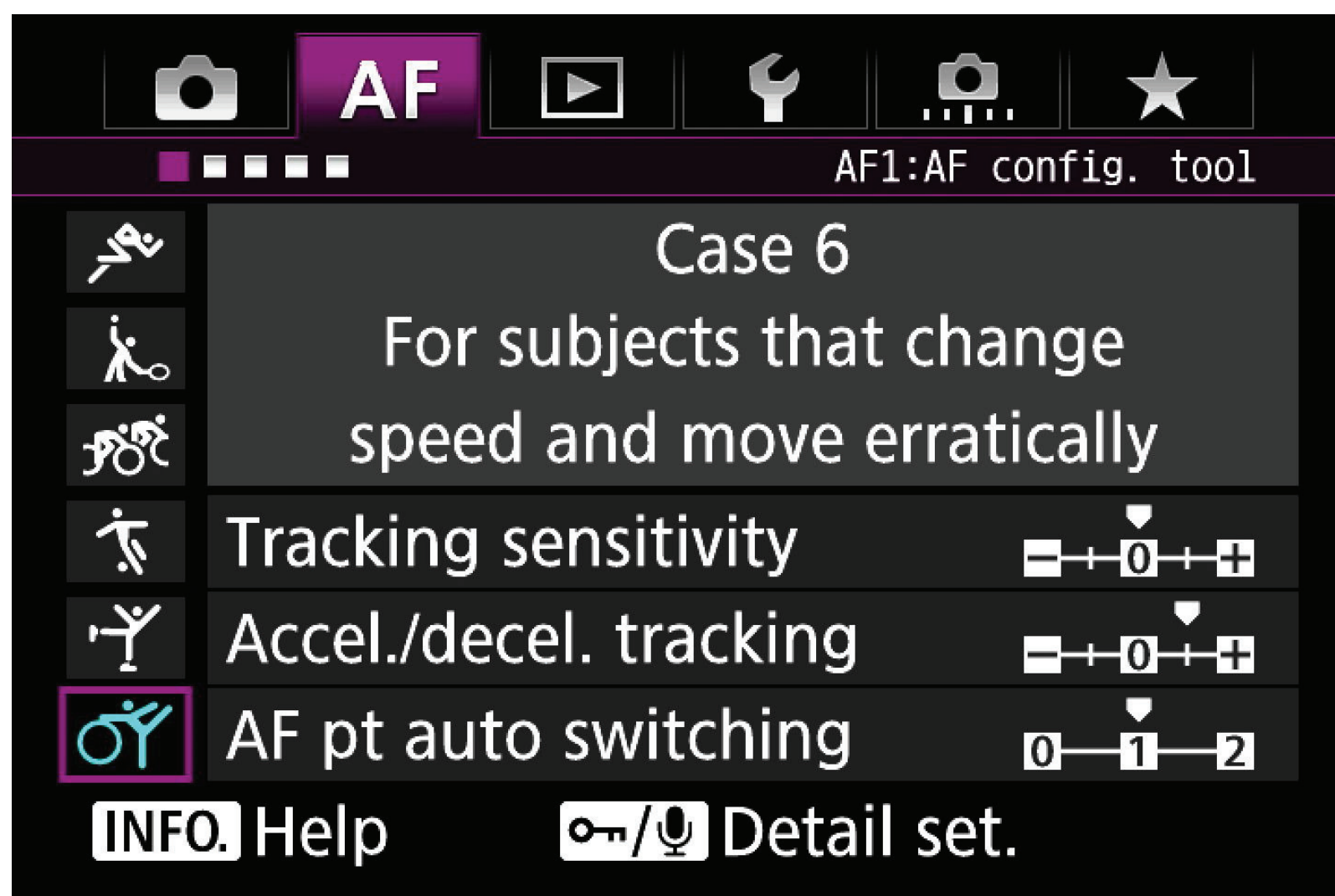
- Automatic AF point selection
- Large Zone AF
- Zone AF

Case 6

Focus on subjects with erratic movement and changes in speed

Case 6 is a setting that combines features of both Case 4, and Case 5.

Effective when shooting sports that feature lots of quick movements



Parameter default settings

Subject tracking sensitivity	[0]
Accelerate / decelerate Tracking	[+1]
AF point auto switching	[+1]

Case 6 is a setting that combines features of both Case 4 (support for sudden changes in speed), and Case 5 (support for erratic movement in any direction). **[Accel./decel. tracking]** and **[AF pt auto switching]** parameters are both **[+1]**.

Therefore, Case 6 is an effective setting for subjects that stop and start suddenly, and also have erratic movement which could change a subject's location in the frame, and it is recommended when using Auto selection AF, Large Zone AF, Zone AF, and AF point expansion.

This scene is rhythmic gymnastics with large jumping movements from a resting position. This setting is effective in scenes where there are large movements followed by complete stops in movement.

*With Single-point AF and Spot AF, AF point auto switching is unavailable, and Case 6 only impacts the AF response to changes in subject speed.



A rhythmic gymnast making sudden big jumps can be captured when shooting with Case 6.



AF Configuration Tool [Parameters]

Subject tracking characteristics



Accelerate / decelerate Tracking characteristics



AF point auto switching characteristics

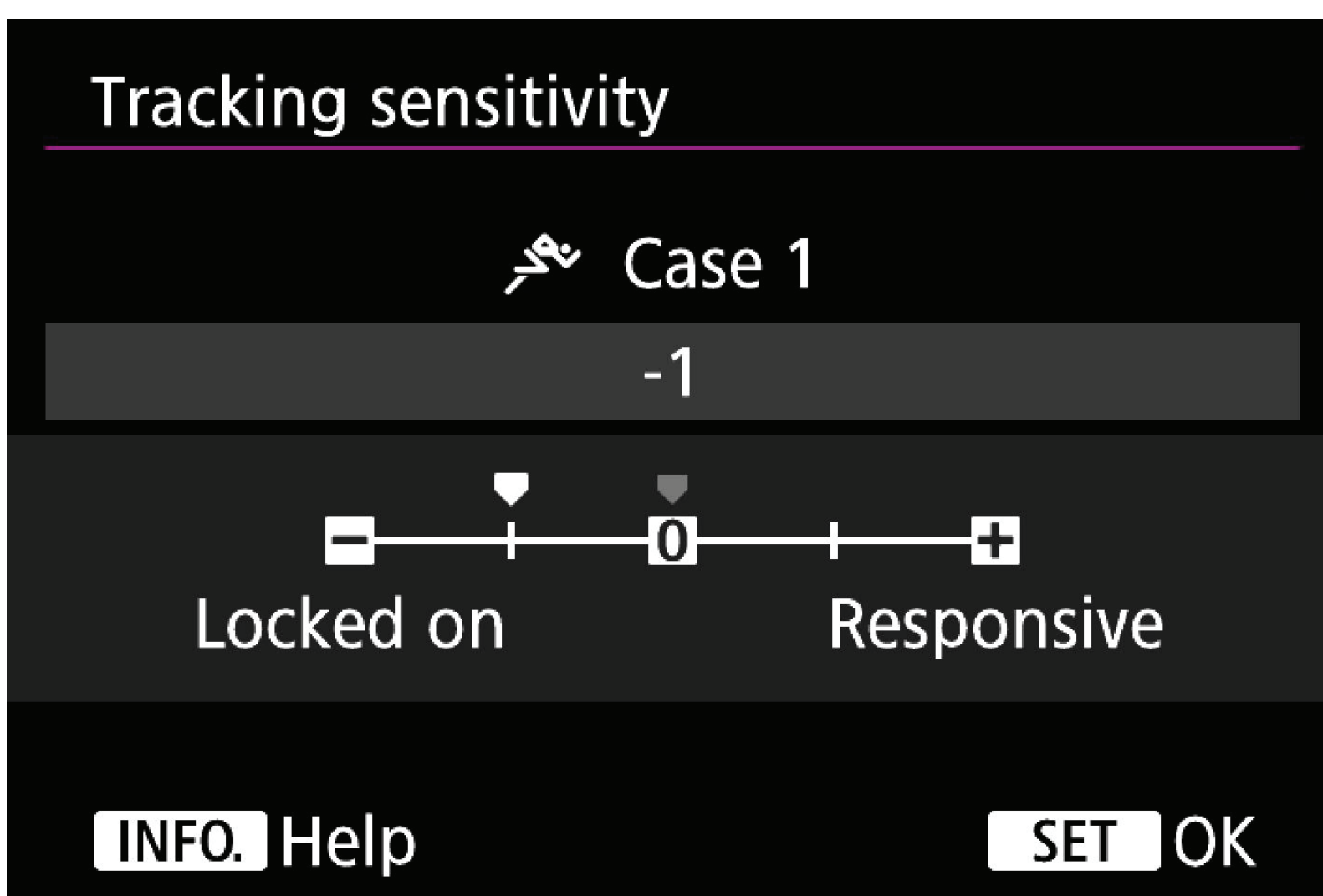


Subject tracking characteristics

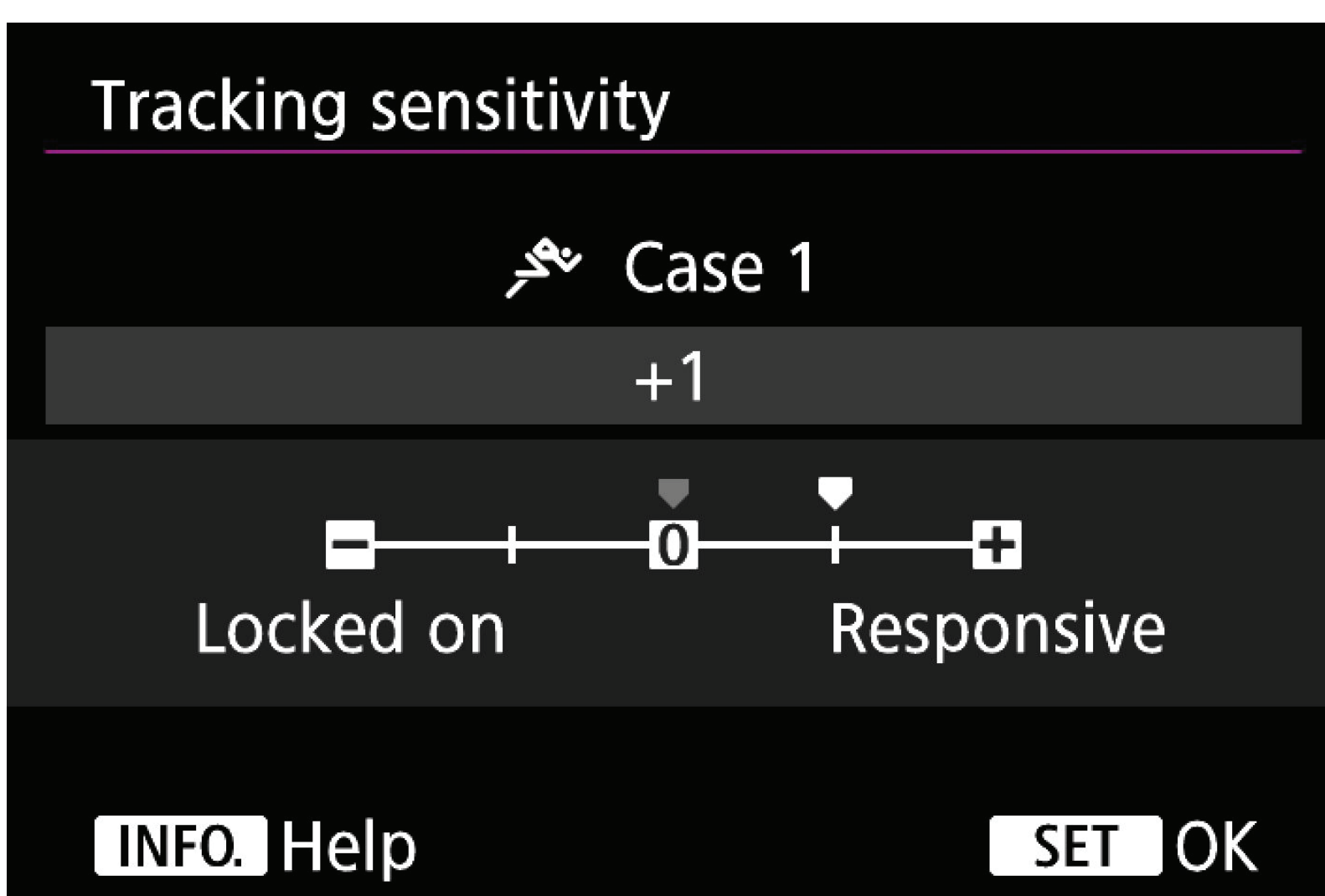
[Tracking sensitivity] dictates AF response to sudden changes at the active AF point. If you suddenly are focused upon a background, or an obstacle blocks your view of a subject, how will the AF respond?

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[Locked on] can be effective when an obstacle crosses in front of the subject and preventing focus jumps to the background



[Locked on: -]



[Responsive: +]

Choose any **[Case]** and push  button, then press  SET to select **[Tracking sensitivity]** and adjust level by turning .

This setting allows obstacles that pass in front of the subject to be ignored, as well as focusing on new subjects

With the AF Configuration Tool on the EOS-1D X Mark II, not only can you select from Case 1 – Case 6, but three parameters for each can be adjusted individually.

[Tracking sensitivity] is the parameter that can be set to change AI Servo AF's response to sudden changes in what the active AF point (or points) are seeing.

The **[Locked on: -2/-1]** setting tends to ignore subjects that come into the AF point as obstacles, and continues to focus on the original subject. Selecting -2 results in the targeted subject being tracked for a longer time before focus changes to the subject now in the AF point.

The **[Responsive: +1/+2]** setting determines that subjects that come into the AF point are new subjects to quickly re-focus upon. It is also effective when you want to quickly focus on subjects that are hidden and appear suddenly.

An example where [Locked on: -2 or -1] is effective

When another rider, or a photographer, crosses in front of the subject, focus can shift to the foreground/background.



Example where a photographer momentarily comes in front of the rider being tracked, then the rider appears again. With the **[Locked on: -1]** setting, the camera resists changing focus to the sudden obstacle, and continues to focus upon the motorcycle.

An example where [Responsive: +1 or +2] is effective

When you want to quickly switch from one athlete or subject to another, without halting AI Servo AF:



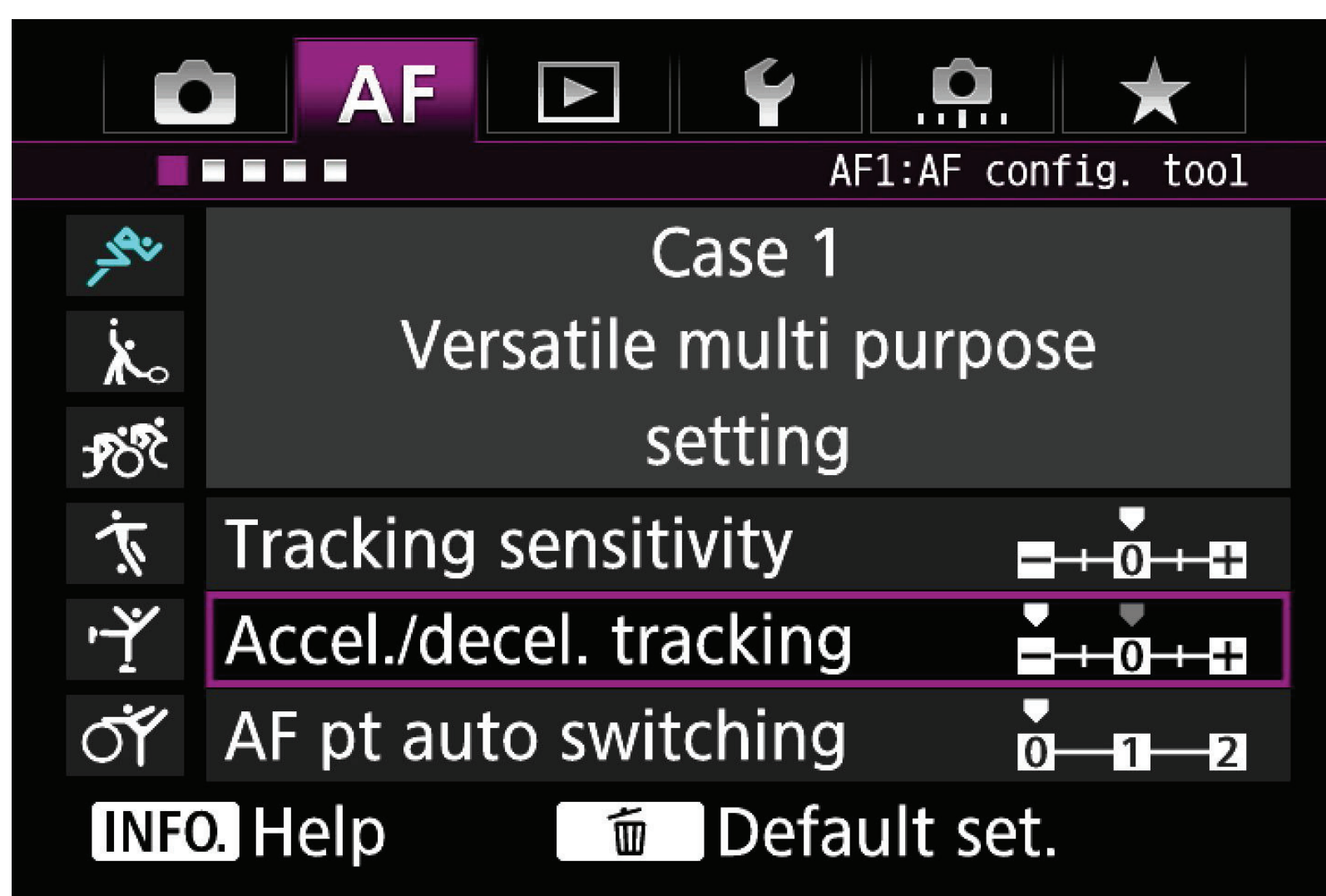
Example where a soccer player dribbling the ball passes it to a teammate, and the player that received the ball dribbles it in a different direction. The **[Responsive: +1/+2]** setting is effective when you want to quickly switch between players while continuing to focus with AI Servo AF. It is effective in a variety of cases such as in baseball when you want to quickly switch subjects between a player running in an attempt to steal a base, or a pitcher starting to throw the ball.

Accelerate / decelerate Tracking characteristics

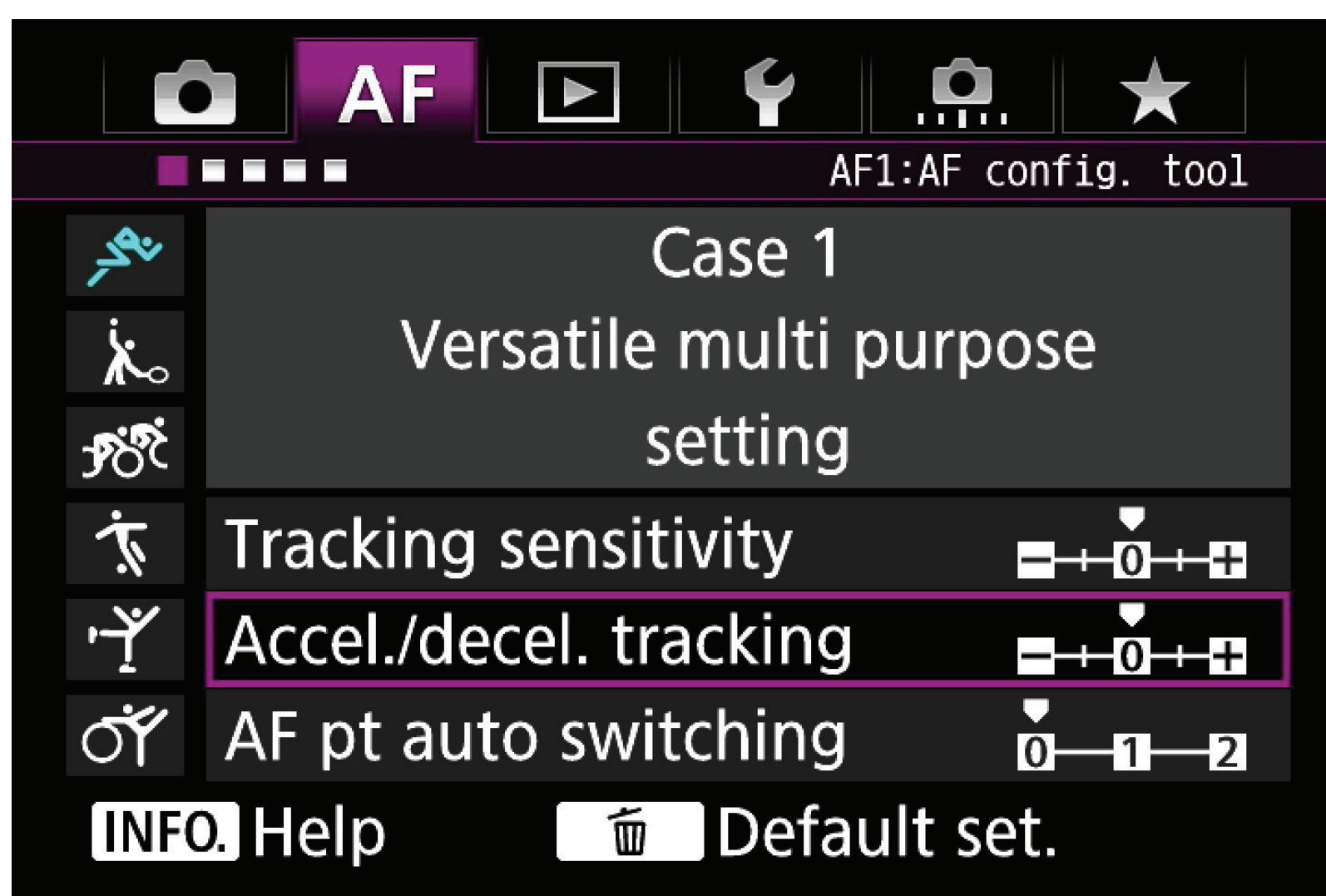
[Accel./decel. tracking] sets AI Servo AF to expect either steady, consistent speed and movement, or movement that will tend to change speeds or stop and start

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[-1 or -2]: especially effective for distant subjects, at steady speeds



[-2]



[0]

Choose any **[Case]** and push button, then press SET to select **[Accel./decel. tracking]** and adjust its level by turning .

A minus setting for subjects with a long shooting distance such as soccer provides more stable focus

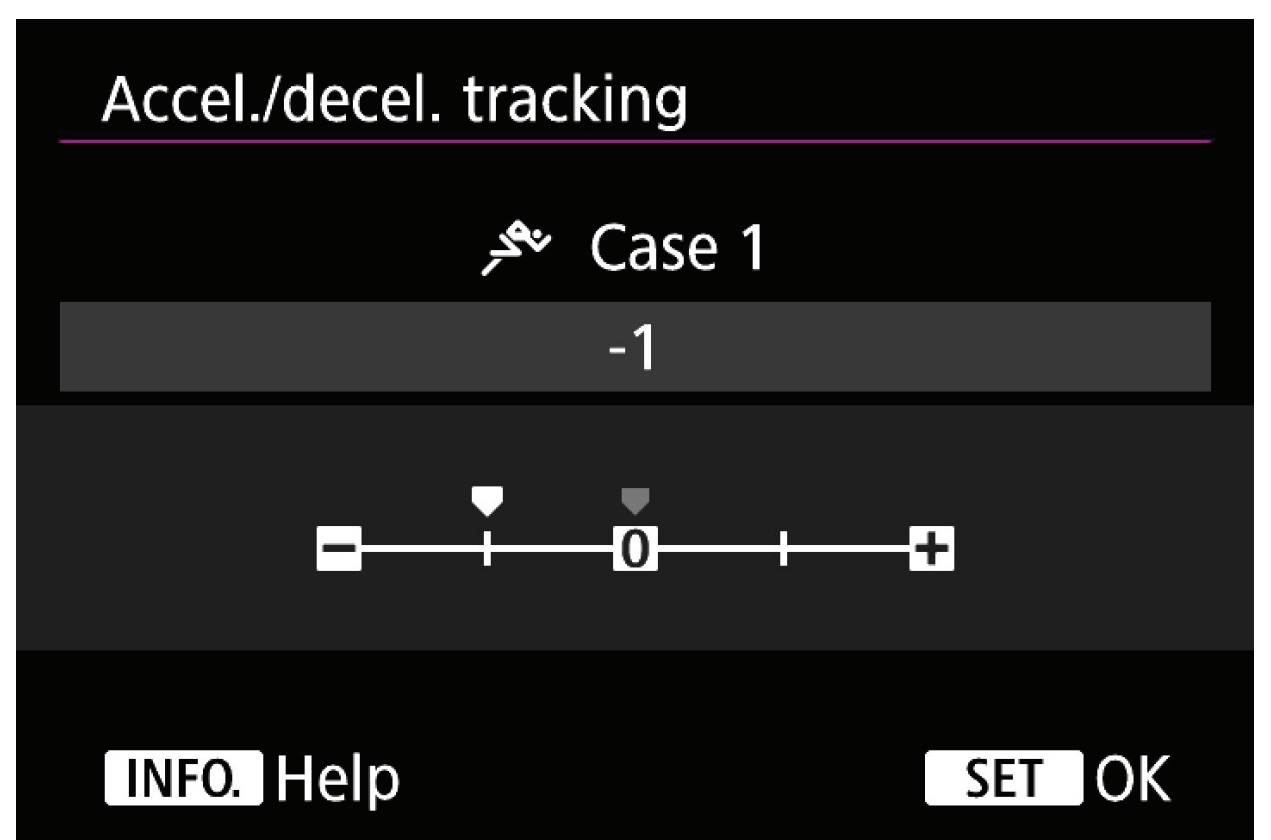
The default setting is **[0]**, which is best for shooting subjects that move at steady speeds, or do not experience significant changes in speeds.

[+1/+2] are best for shooting subjects that suddenly start or stop moving, or suddenly accelerate or decelerate. This setting enables the camera to continue focusing on the desired subject even when it experiences significant, split-second changes in speed. For example, the camera becomes less likely to focus behind an approaching subject that moves suddenly, and less likely to focus in front of a subject when it stops suddenly, which would result in a blurred subject. **[+2]** can handle greater changes in speed than **[+1]**.

[-1/-2] are effective for shooting far away subjects with small changes in speed when you want to focus continually on a given subject, minimizing the effects of obstructions passing by in the foreground of the shot.

Examples where the [-] setting is effective

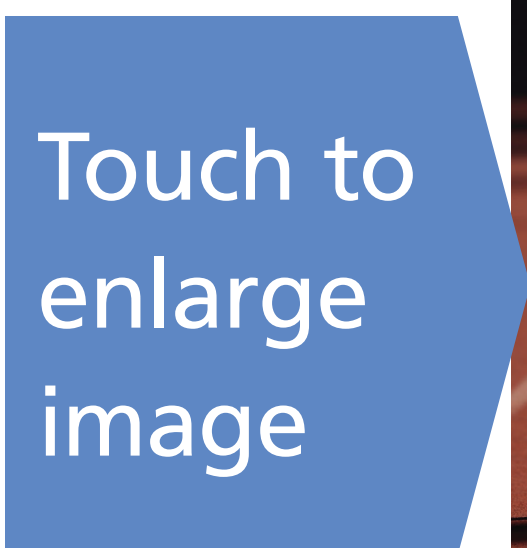
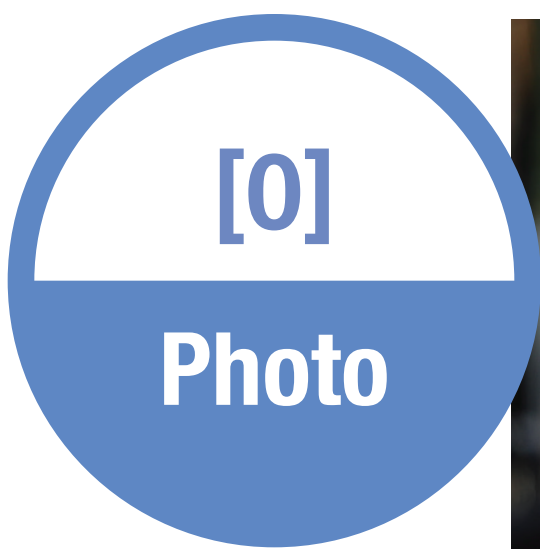
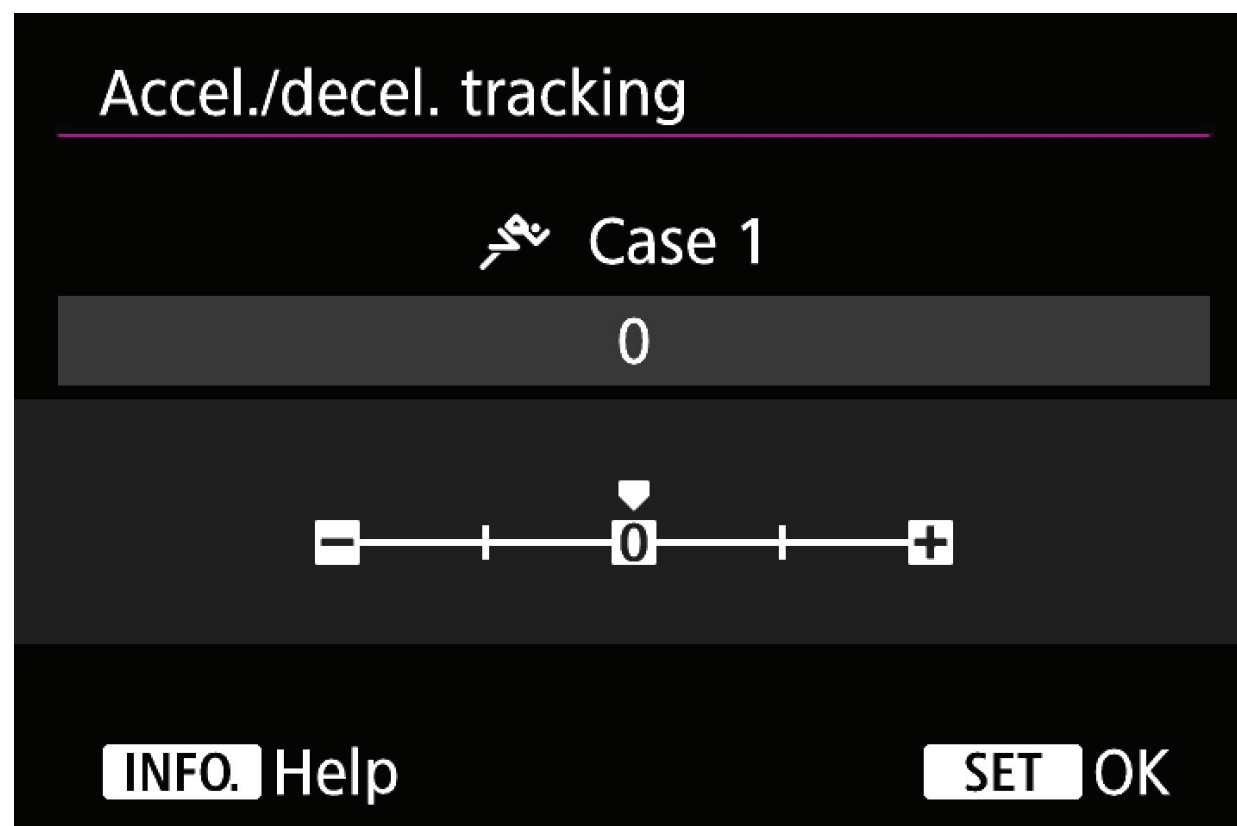
Sports with far-away subjects that experience relatively minor changes in speed, and obstructions that often pass in front of the subject.



[Accel./decel tracking] option **[-1/-2]** is a new parameter for shooting in situations where far-away subjects experience minor changes in speed, and many obstructions pass by in the foreground. Specifically, this setting is effective for sports with wide playing fields, such as soccer, when you want to capture action on the far side of the field. In many cases when photographing such a scene, another athlete moves across the foreground when the subject you are aiming for is experiencing relatively minor changes in speed (the relative speed changes become more significant when the shooting distance is closer). In such a situation, **[-1/2]** is more effective than a setting of **[0]** for foreground obstructions.

Examples where the [0] setting is effective

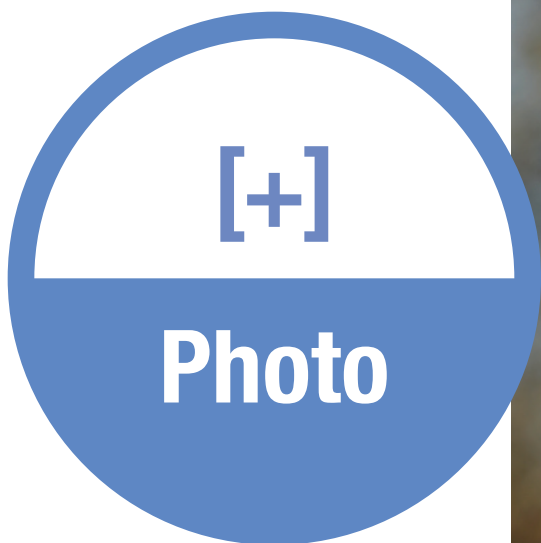
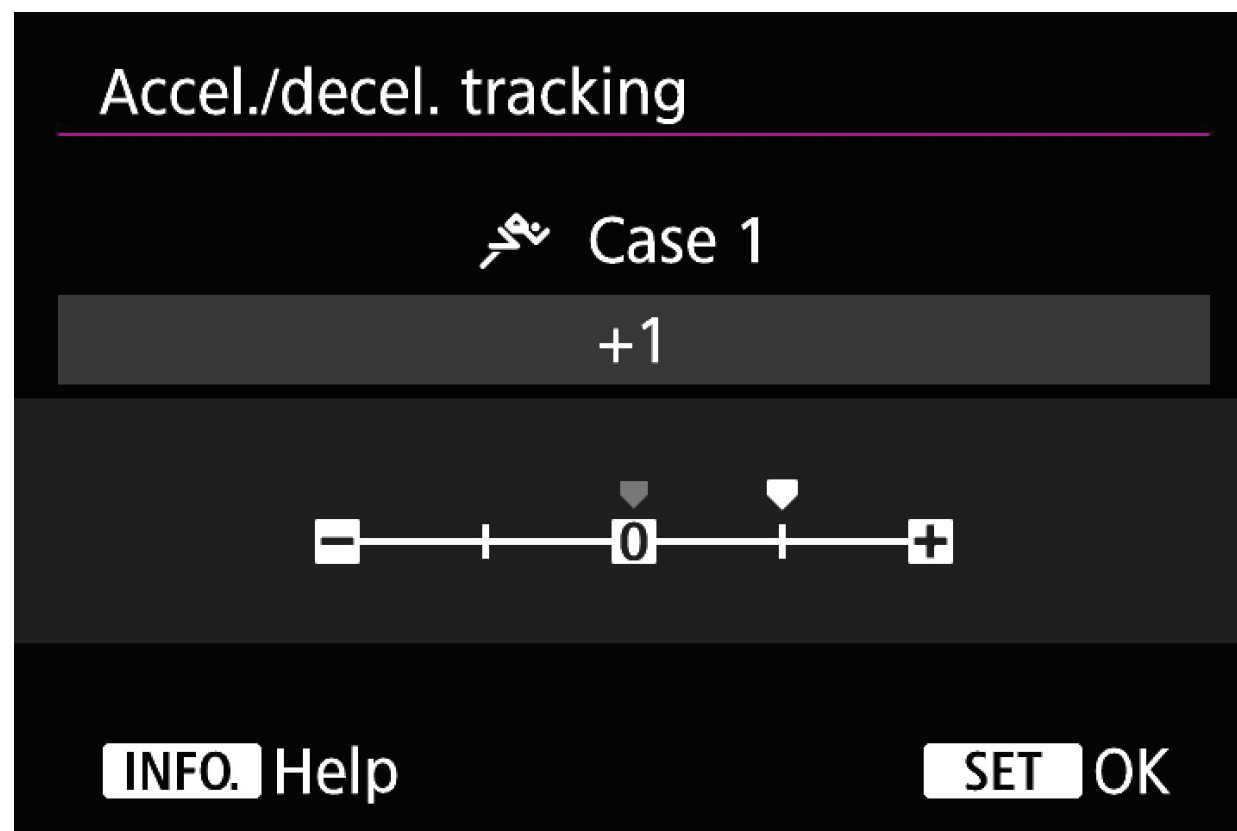
Track and field events where constant speed is common



A track and field example where an athlete is running directly towards the camera, at a steady and consistent speed. **[0]** is most suitable for taking shots of subjects in this situation.

Examples where the [+] setting is effective

Sports where athletes' movement suddenly stops or starts



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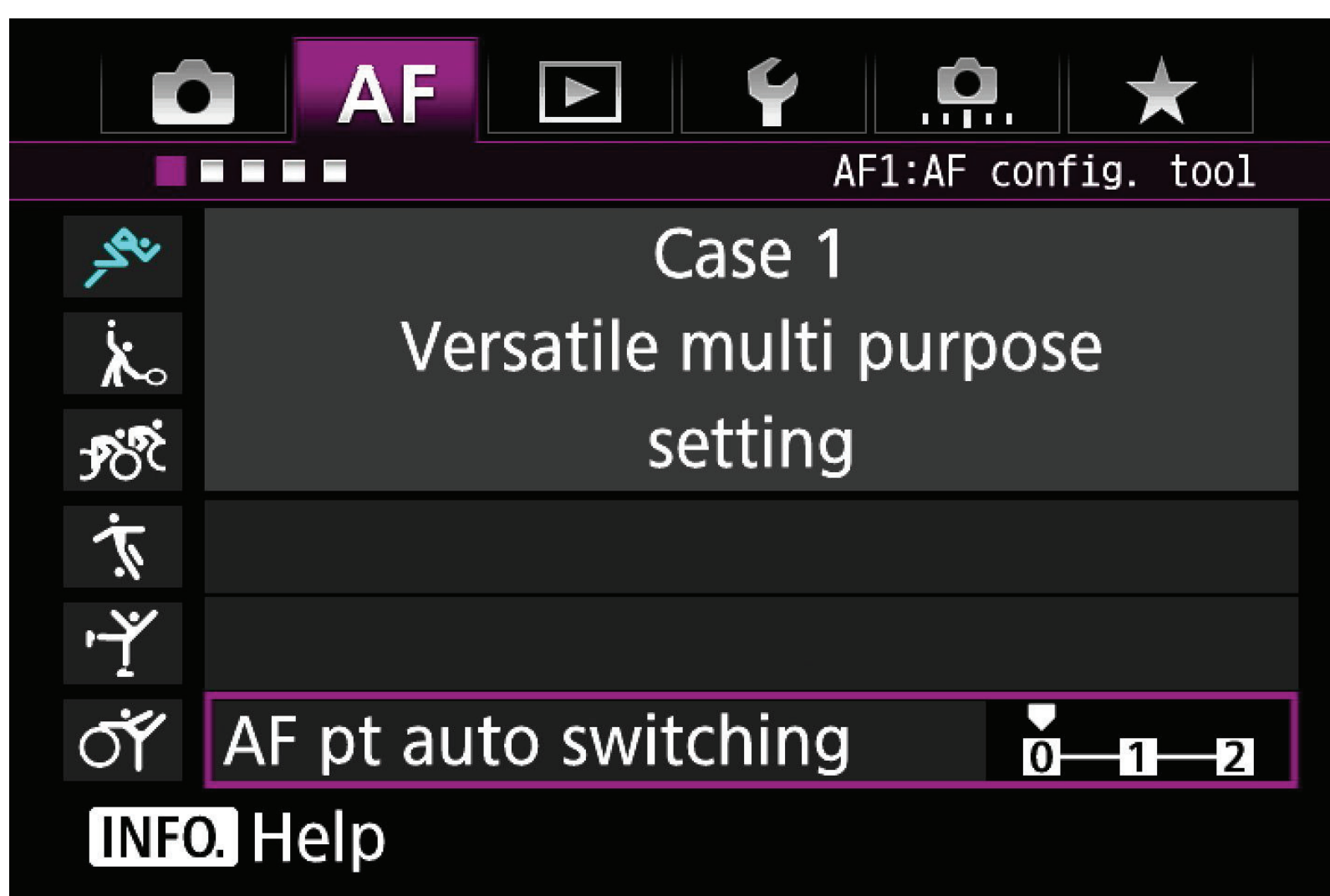


Example of a long-jump landing. As a result of the athlete suddenly decelerating as they land, a normal setting may not be able to capture it, however, it is possible to continue focusing on the athlete with **[Accelerate / decelerate Tracking]** set to **[+1]**.

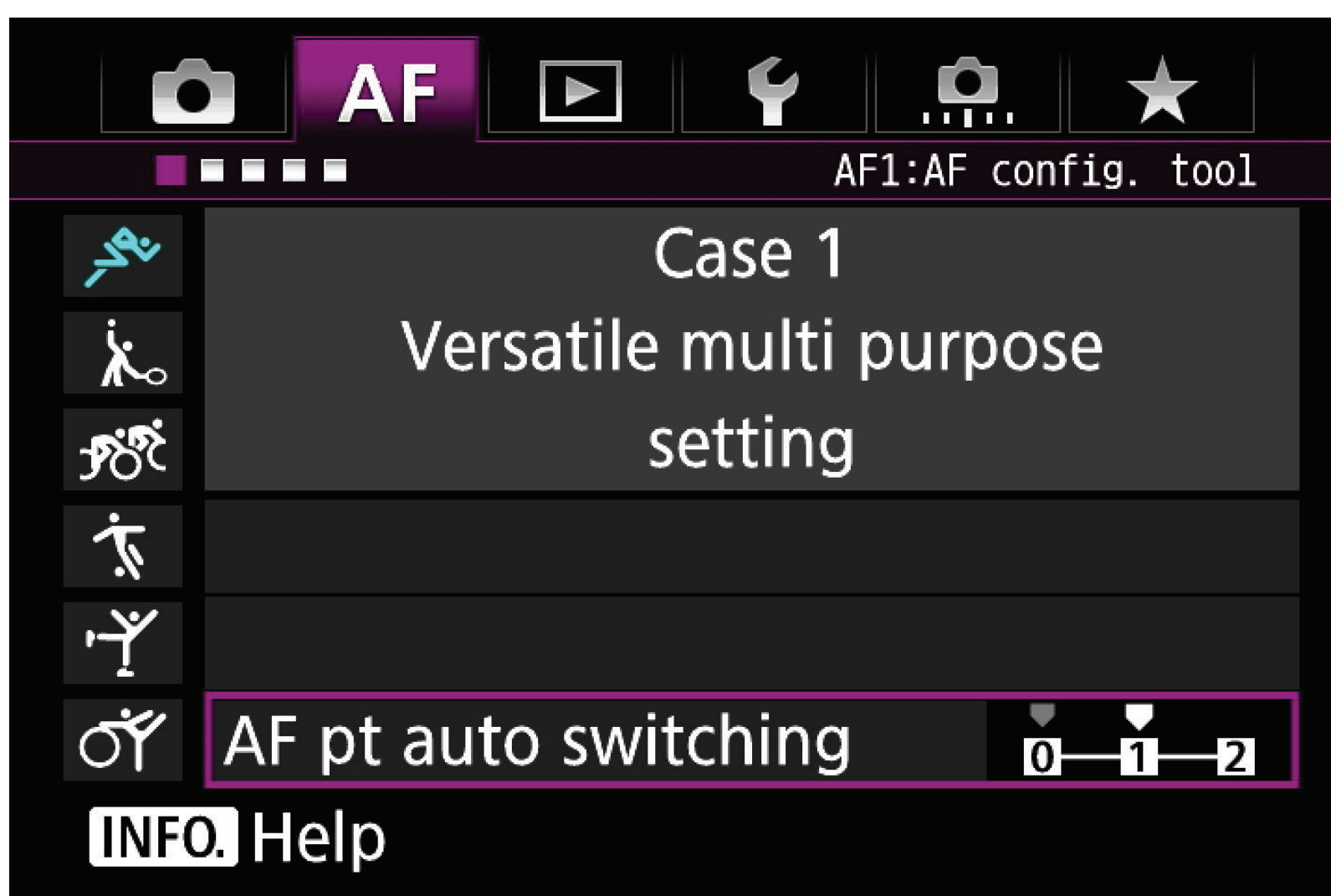
AF pt auto switching characteristics

The [AF pt auto switching] parameter defines how quickly the AF system will change from one AF point to another, to follow subjects moving around the frame — when you're using a wide AF Area setting.

[+1/+2] setting is most effective for sports with lots of movement where the subject can easily move away from the selected AF point



[0]



[+1]

Choose any [Case] and push button, then press SET to select [AF pt auto switching] and adjust level by turning .

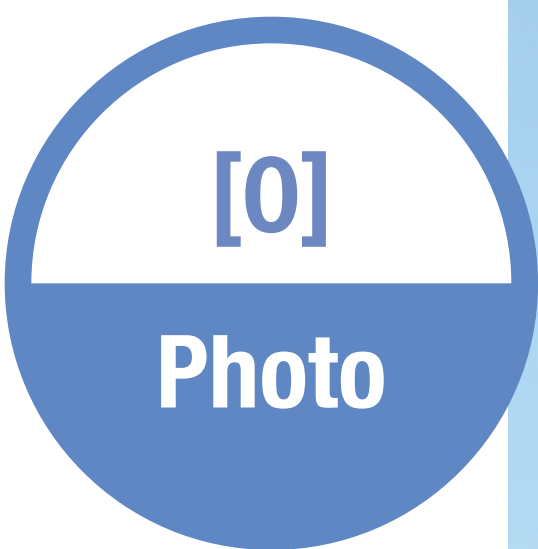
Set how rapidly the AF point switches to a new AF point for moving subjects

The **[AF pt auto switching]** parameter is only for switching between multiple AF points, so it is unavailable when using AF area selection modes **[Single-point Spot AF]** and **[Single-point AF]**.

The **[0]** setting is a standard setting for moderate switching of AF points. The **[+1/+2]** settings are used when shooting subjects with erratic movement which could happen in any direction. When an initial AF point (AF point being focused during Auto selection AF, Large Zone AF, Zone AF) leaves the subject, it will aggressively switch to surrounding AF points to capture the subject. Use the **[+]** setting when you want the camera to automatically decide (switch) to use a new AF point, and the **[0]** setting is used when you want to place emphasis on the initial AF points being used to track the subject.

Examples where [0] is most effective

Sports with comparatively big movements, and not very fast



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Example of an athlete warming up or moving around. The **[0]** setting is recommended when shooting subjects that do not move significantly.

Examples where [+] is effective

Fast moving sports with big movements, where the AF points can lose the subject easily



A rhythmic gymnast showing lots of movements in all directions. Use the **[+1]** setting in order to capture the movement by taking advantage of rapidly shifting AF points.

Tip for AF setting

Change the level of “Accelerate / decelerate Tracking” and “AF point auto switching” for appropriate shooting results.

“Accelerate / decelerate Tracking” and “AF point auto switching” are part of the camera's automatic functions. Therefore, it is not always possible that these automatic functions reflect 100% of your intended idea. If you feel unhappy with shooting results, try to change the effective level of their functions, within any of the six Cases.

AF area selection modes

Overview of AF area selection modes



Single-point Spot AF



Single-point AF



AF point expansion
(up, down, left, and right) (surrounding points)



Zone AF



Large Zone AF



Auto selection AF



EOS iTR AF

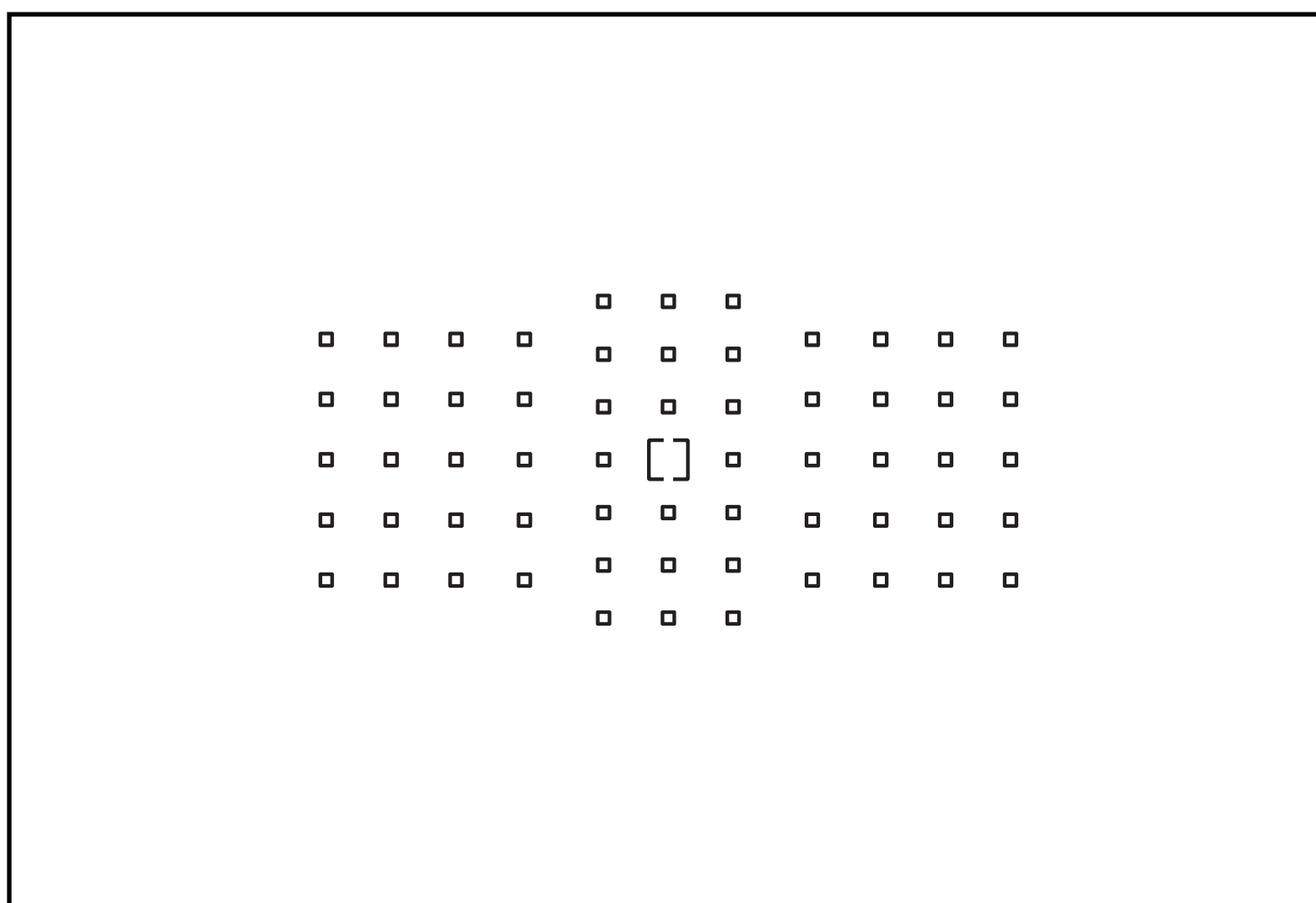


Overview of AF area selection modes

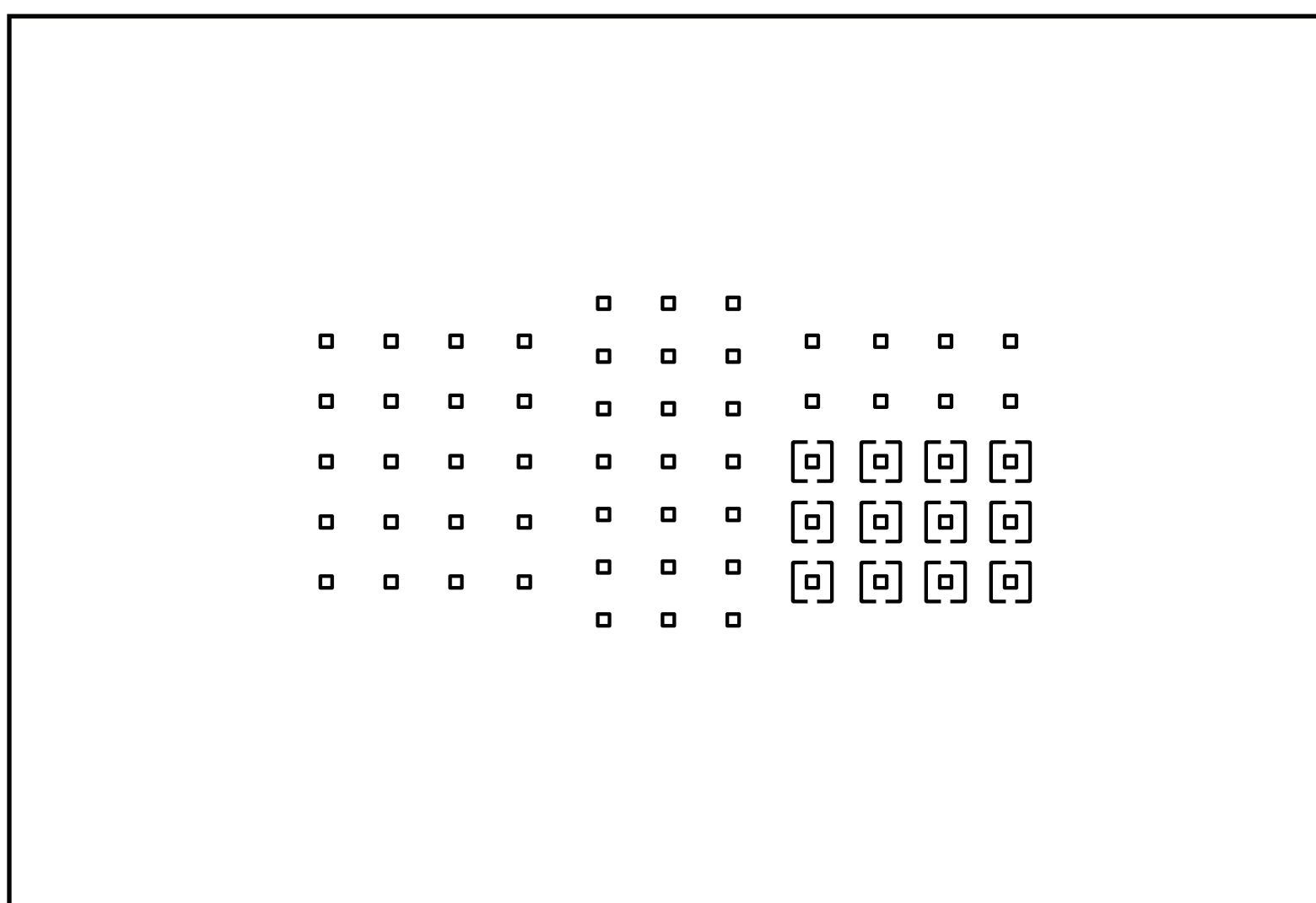
Change the AF Area — the size of your AF point — to match your shooting style and subject

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AF area selection modes can be selected to match the subject and conditions



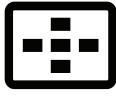


Using only one AF point



Using multiple AF points (zone)

The AF area selection modes make it possible to set how many of the 61-point AF are available to be used. Set the selection method of AF points that matches the subject and shooting conditions.

How to set the AF area selection mode

After pressing the  button, each time the **M-Fn** button is pressed, the **[AF area selection mode]** changes. If you prefer, you can switch the mode with the Main Dial after pressing the  button, by setting **[AF area selection method]** to **[ -> Main Dial]** in the menu's **[AF4]** tab.



Press the  button



The mode changes each time the **M-Fn** button is pressed

Choose whether only one AF point is used, or select from a vast array of AF selection options

The EOS-1D X Mark II is equipped with 61-point AF. This flexible system allows the following, via the **[AF area selection mode]** setting:

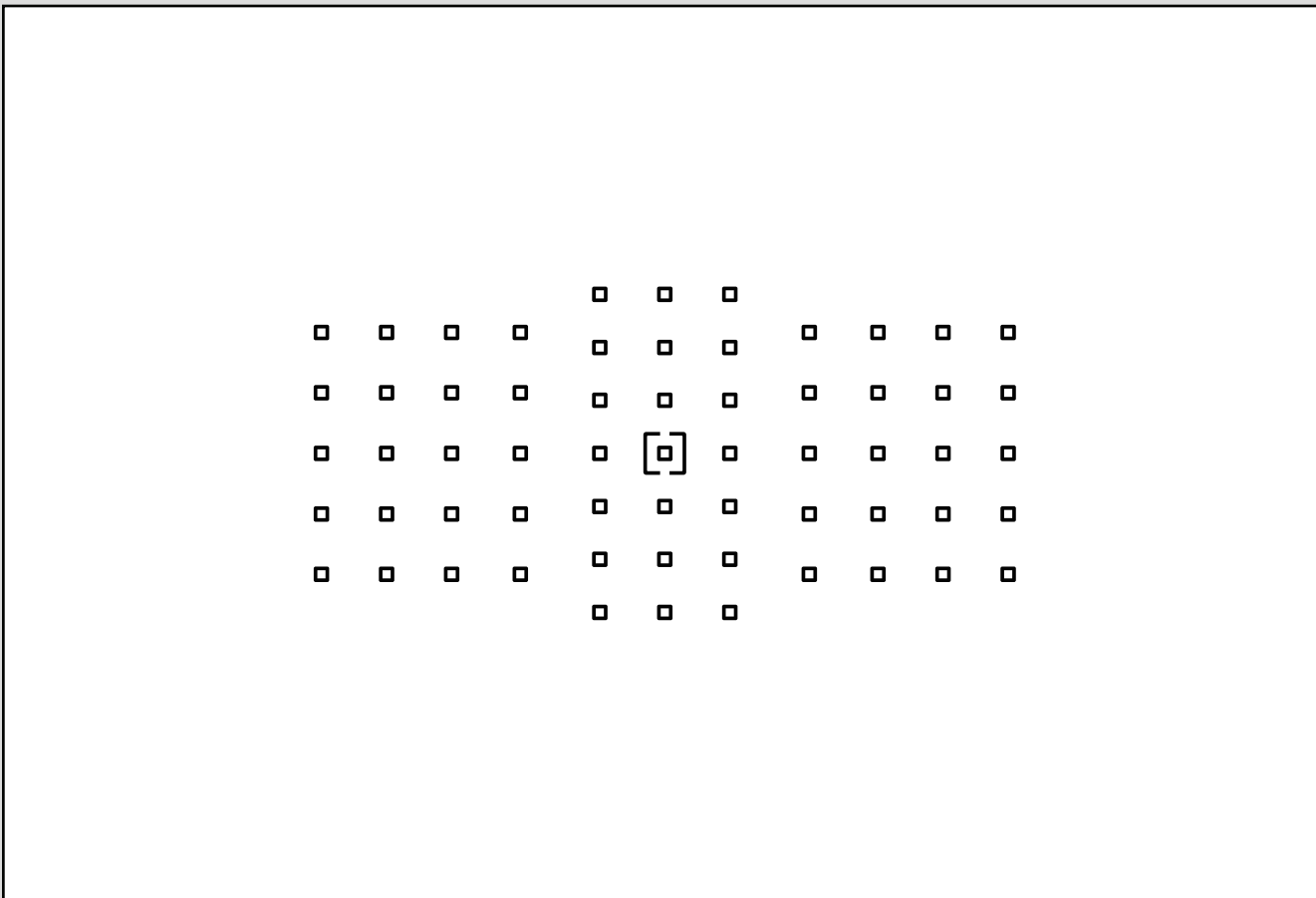
- Manually select and move a single AF point
- Expand the size of an AF point
- Use a large area of AF points, and have the camera automatically change AF point location for you

The two types of modes in which you can manually select a single AF point to focus with are **[Single-point Spot AF]** and **[Single-point AF]**. The four modes that can switch automatically between multiple AF points to capture moving subjects are AF point expansion (Manual selection, 4 points [▣▣▣▣]), AF point expansion (Manual selection, surrounding 8 points), Large Zone AF, and Auto selection of AF (during AI Servo AF).

These AF Area options are explained from P. 55 – 75, so you can select the mode best suited to your subject's characteristics and shooting scene.

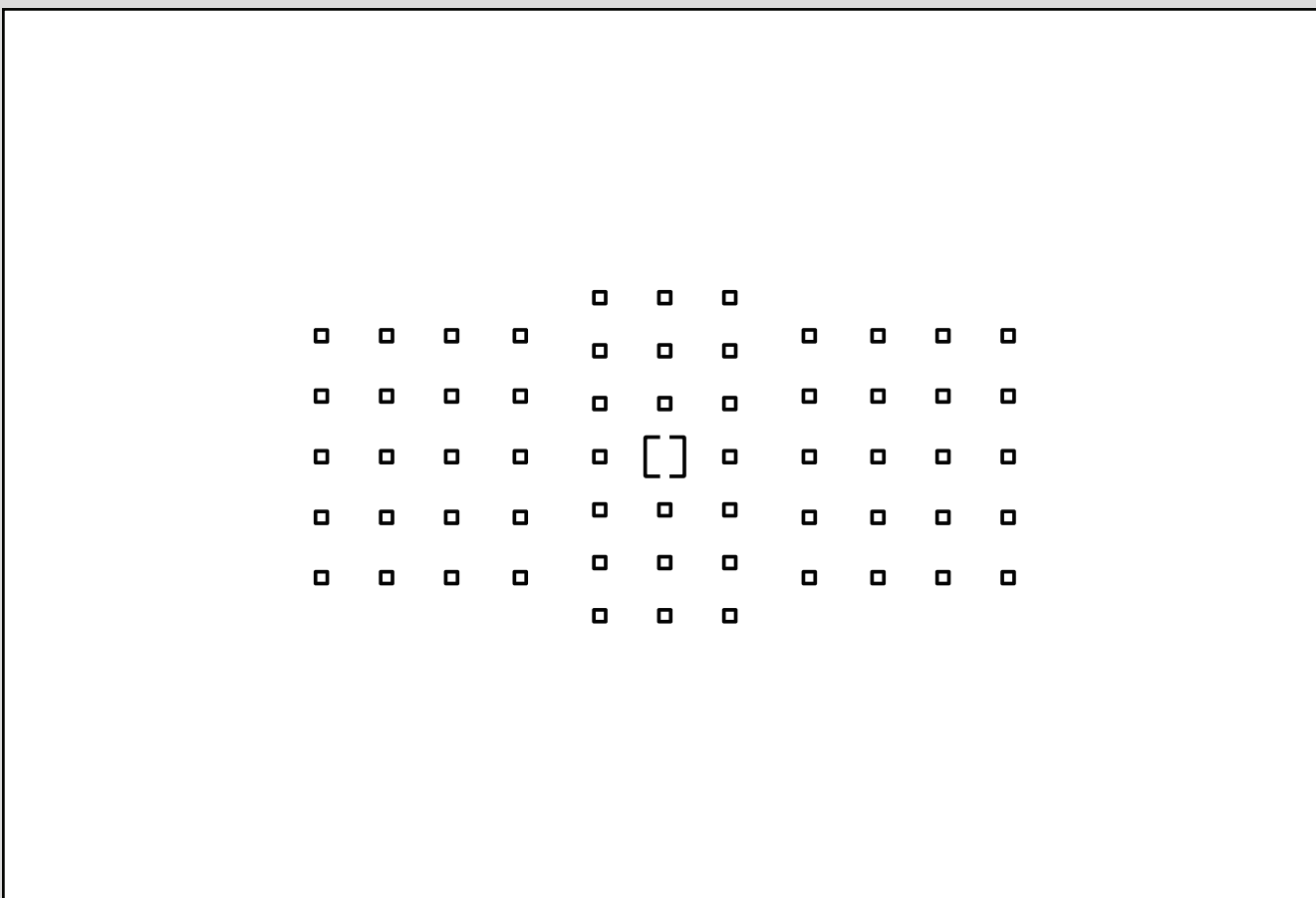
Single-point Spot AF

It is possible to focus on a very narrow area with a single manually selected point.



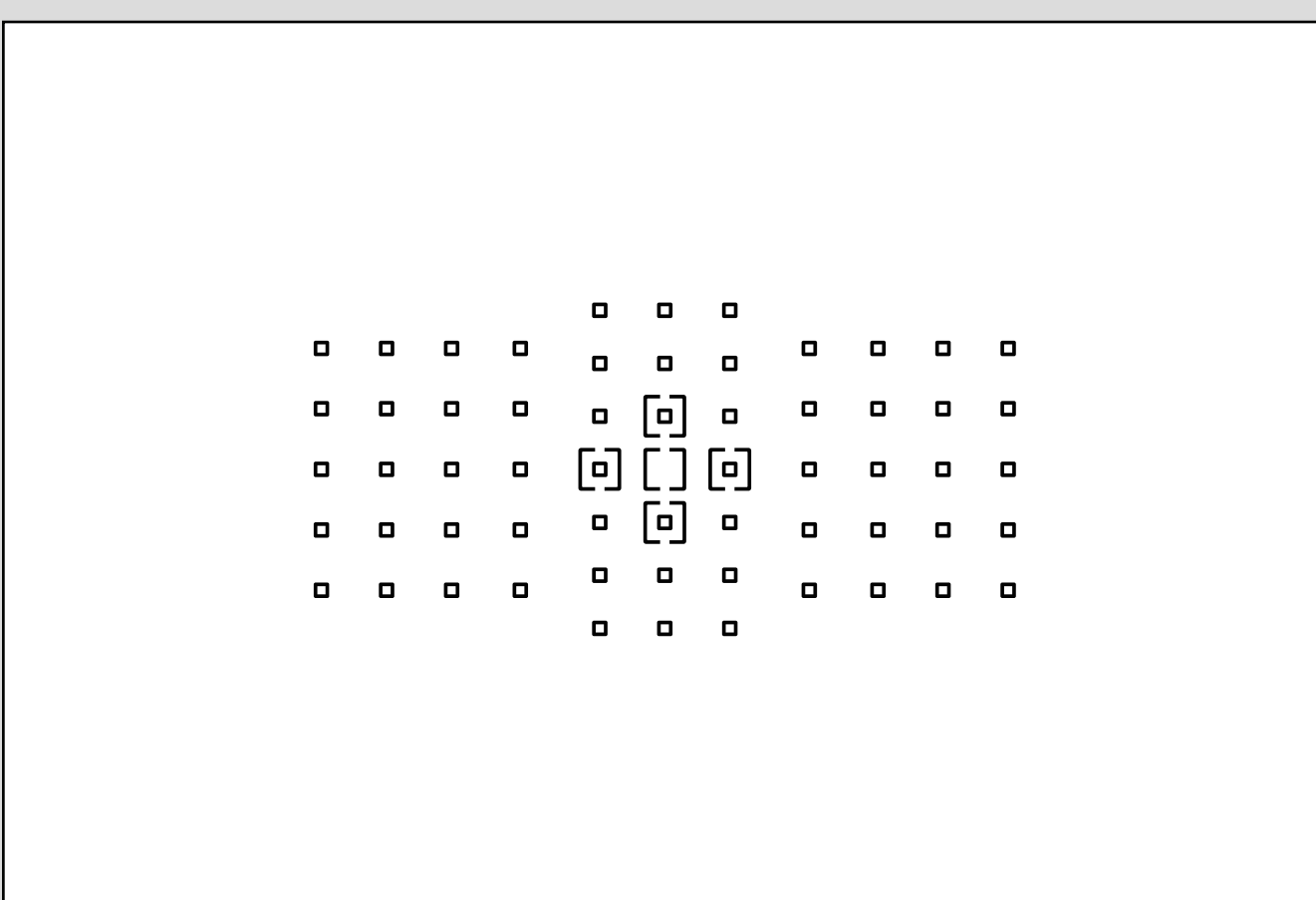
Single-point AF

The default setting. With this mode it is possible to focus with a single manually selected point.



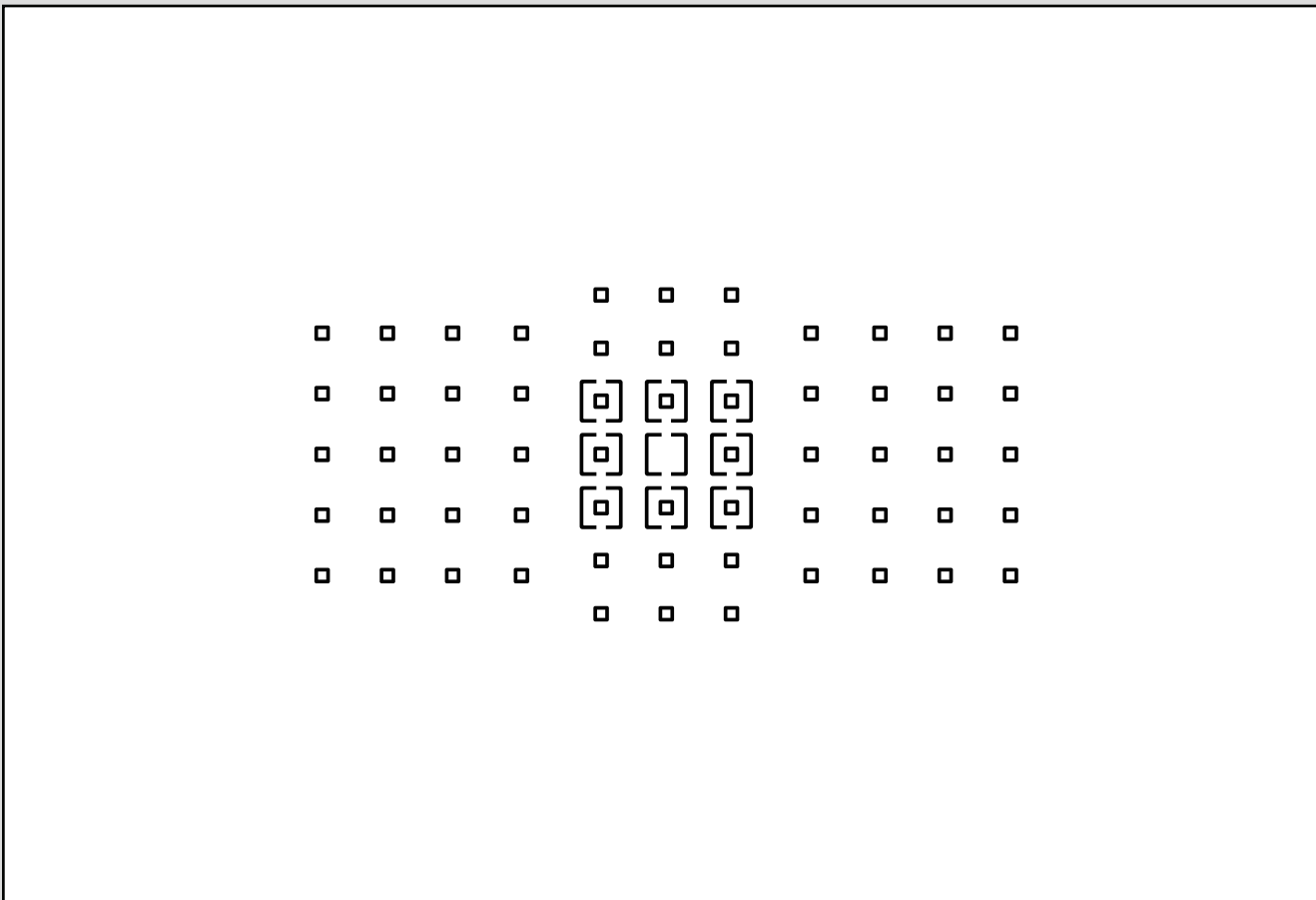
AF point expansion (four surrounding points)

Focus using one manually selected point assisted by 4 other AF points (up, down, left, and right).



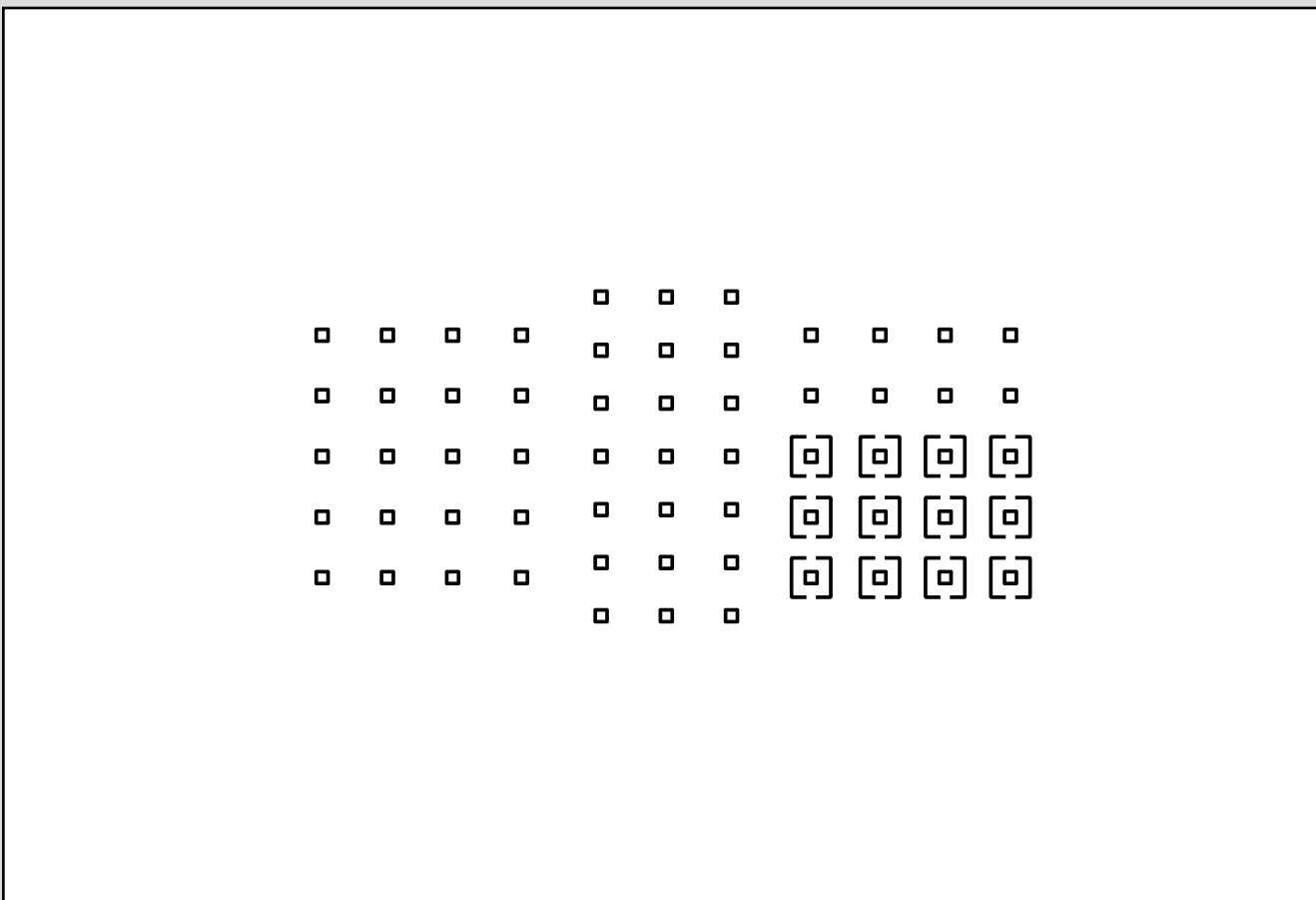
AF point expansion (eight surrounding points)

Focus using one manually selected point assisted by the surrounding points.



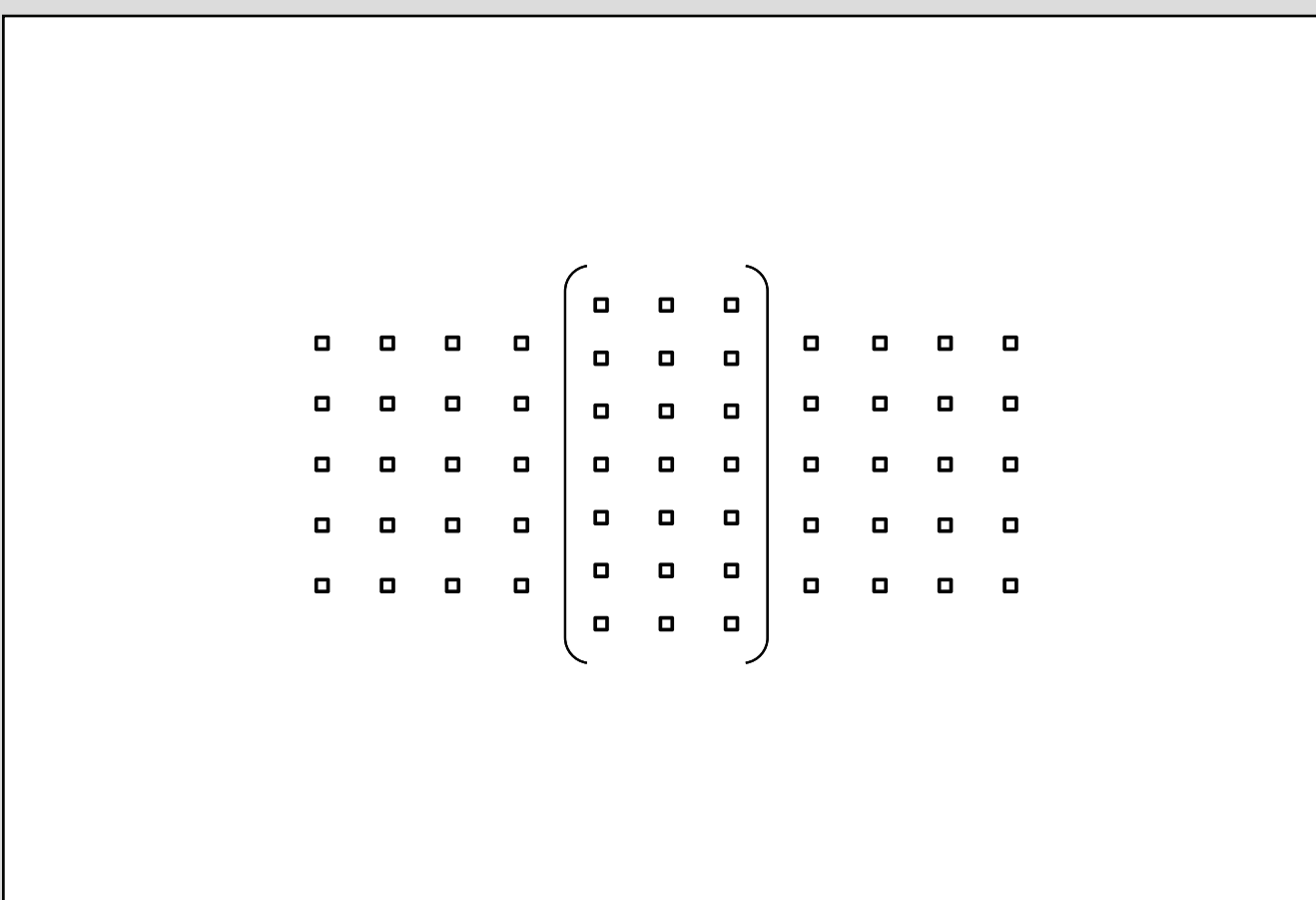
Zone AF (Manual selection of zone)

A group of AF points is active, and the camera focuses on nearest subject within the zone of AF points. Nine possible locations for the active zone.



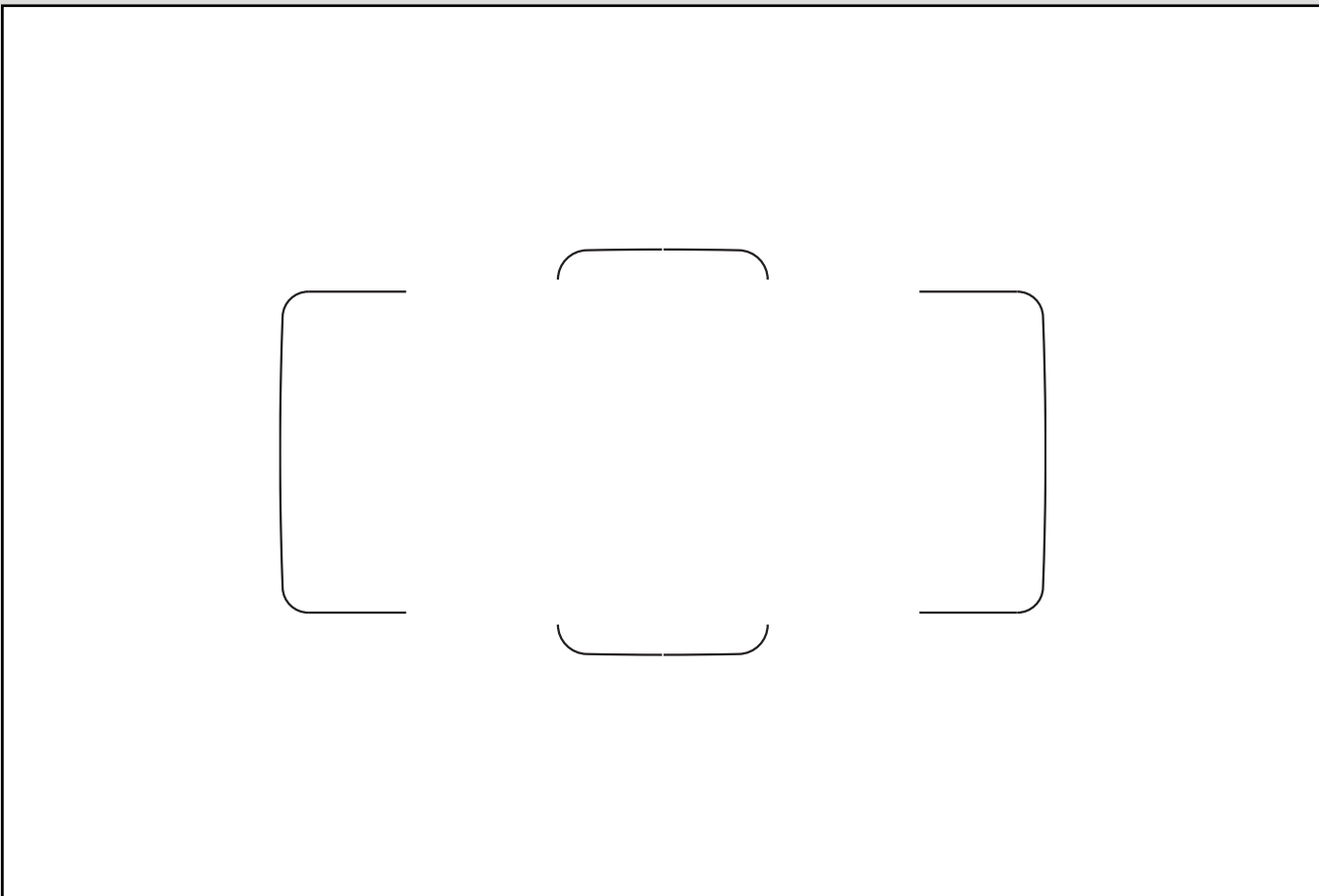
Large Zone AF (Manual selection of zone)

The 61 AF points are divided into three zones, left, center, and right, and focus is made with the selected zone.



Automatic selection AF

All AF points are active, and the camera selects which point(s) to use, and focuses automatically. The thin outline in the viewfinder, surrounding the entire AF point array, always indicates Automatic AF point selection is active.

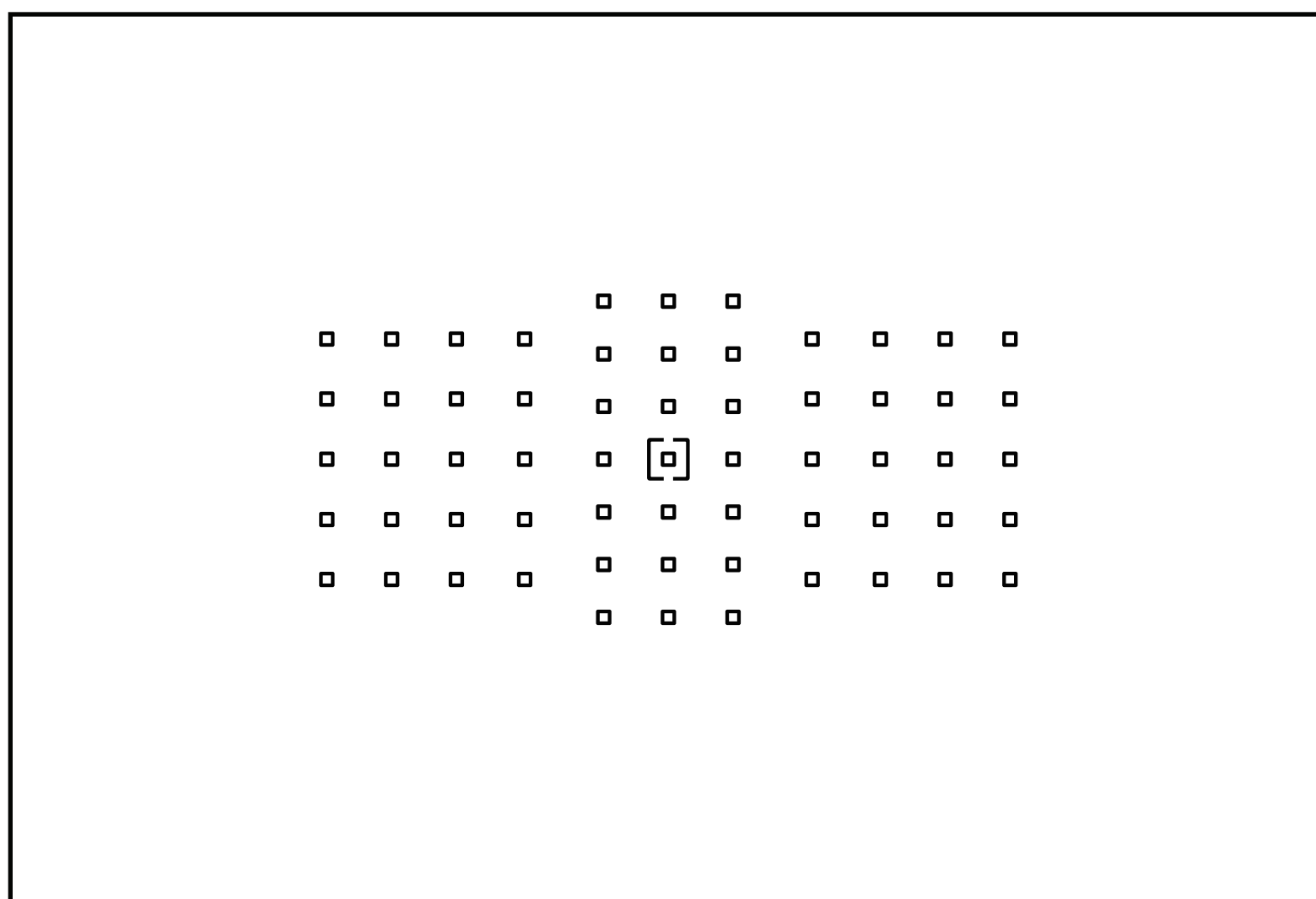


Single-point Spot AF

[Single-point spot AF] mode can be used to focus on a small, precise area of the subject

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■ AF Focusing on a small or narrow area



When set to [Single-point spot AF], a small rectangle is displayed inside the manually selected AF point.

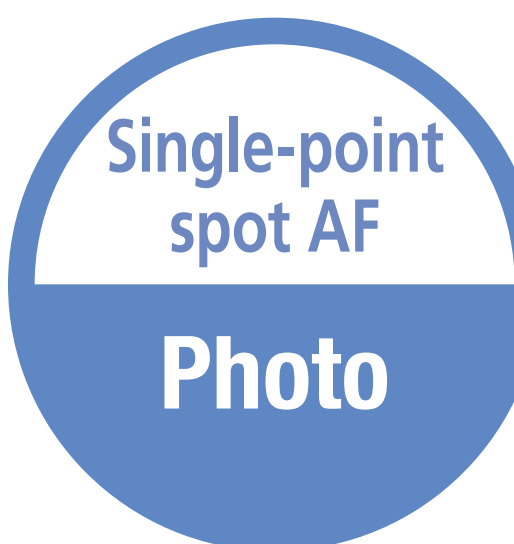
[Single-point spot AF] mode makes it possible to focus on the exact area even when there is an obstacle near the area you want to focus on.

A common example when shooting sports is when you want to focus on the eyes of a rider wearing a helmet. With normal settings, the AF point can easily get caught on the edge of the helmet near the eye, resulting in the camera focusing on this edge. In situations like this, **[Single-point Spot AF]** makes it possible to focus more accurately on the rider's eye.

Hints & Tips

Modes other than [Single-point spot AF] are recommended when shooting fast moving subjects

As [**Single-point Spot AF**] only focuses on one very small area, it is not really suited to capturing fast moving subjects when set to AI Servo AF and may take longer to focus than other AF area selection modes.



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It is possible to focus on pinpoints such as the eye when a helmet is being worn

Snapshot of a motorcycle rider wearing a helmet. Focus was pinpointed on the eye using [**Single-point Spot AF**].



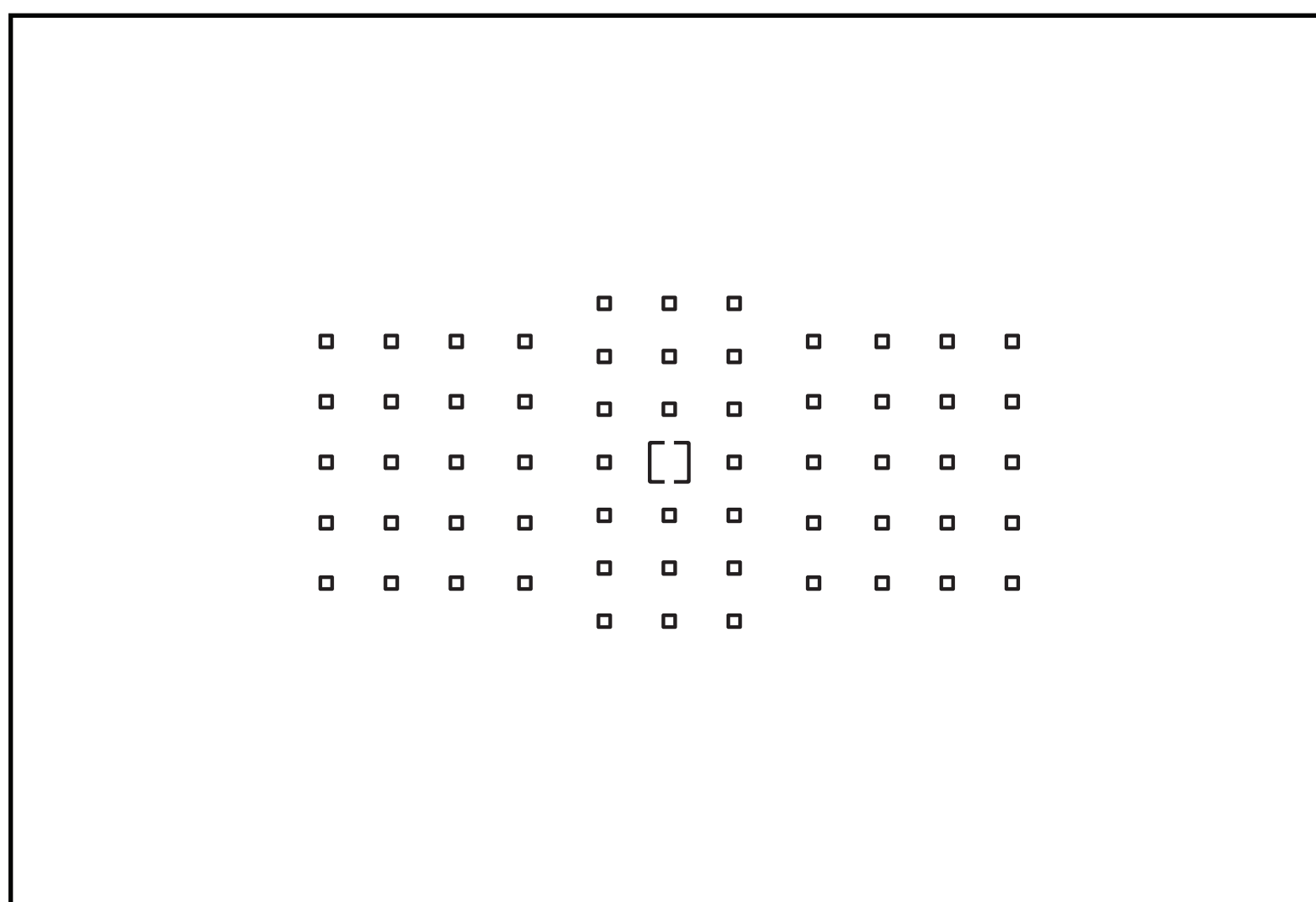
[Single-point Spot AF] is effective when there is something like the edge of the helmet, or visor near the eye you want to focus on. With standard AF systems this can result in the AF system focusing on these edges rather than eye of the subject.

Single-point AF

Single-point AF is an easy to use mode for still life photos, etc. in One-shot AF

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Single-point AF is a mode where one manually selected AF point is used to focus.



Using a full, single AF point is the EOS-1D X Mark II's default AF Area setting. You're always using one AF point at a time, and can manually move it to any of the available 61 AF point locations.

For experienced photographers, or when it is easy to track the subject with a single AF point, AI Servo AF can be utilized when continuously shooting moving subjects. However, this mode is more effective for shooting still life and landscapes with One-shot AF mode.

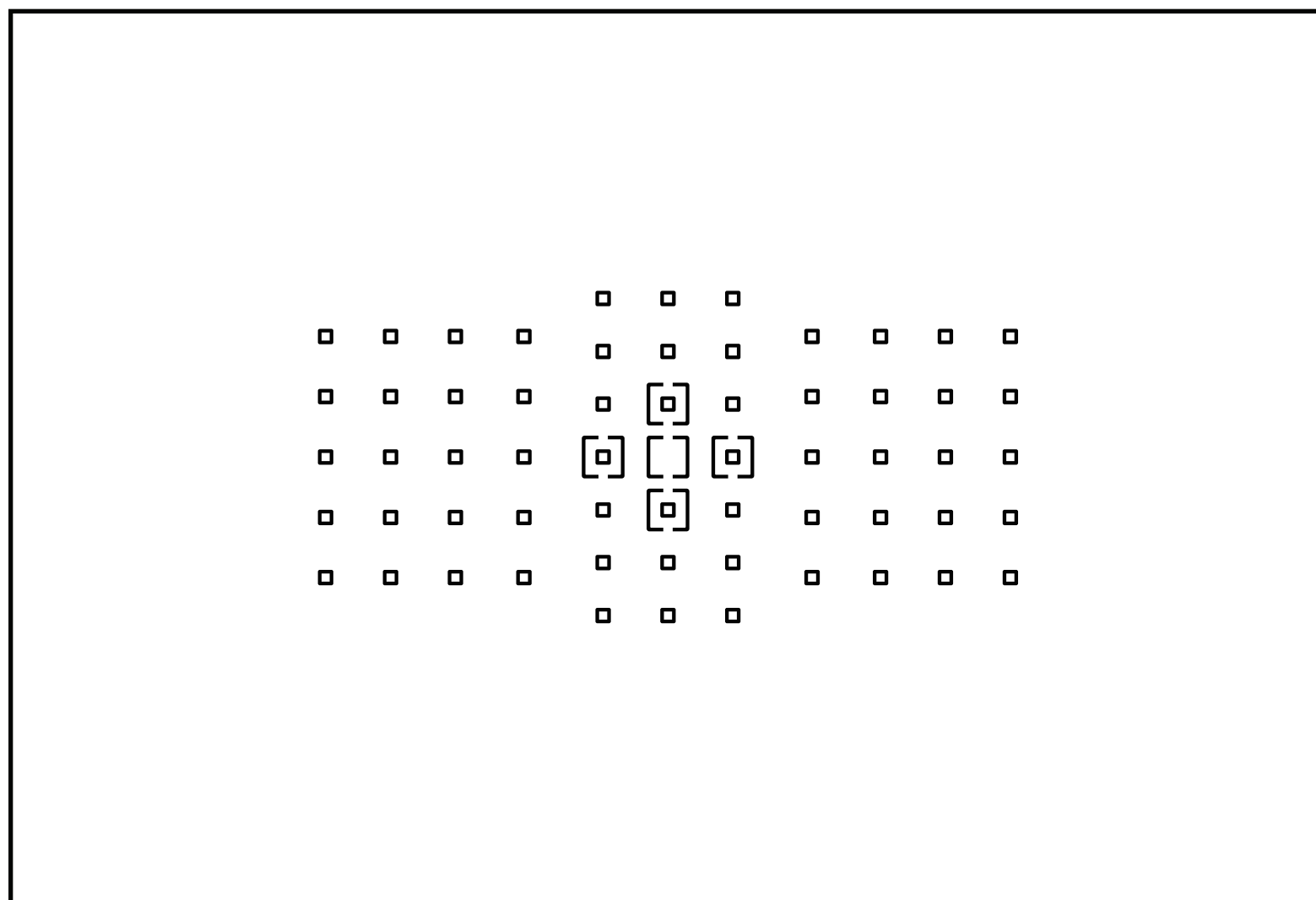
AF point expansion

(up, down, left, and right) (surrounding points)

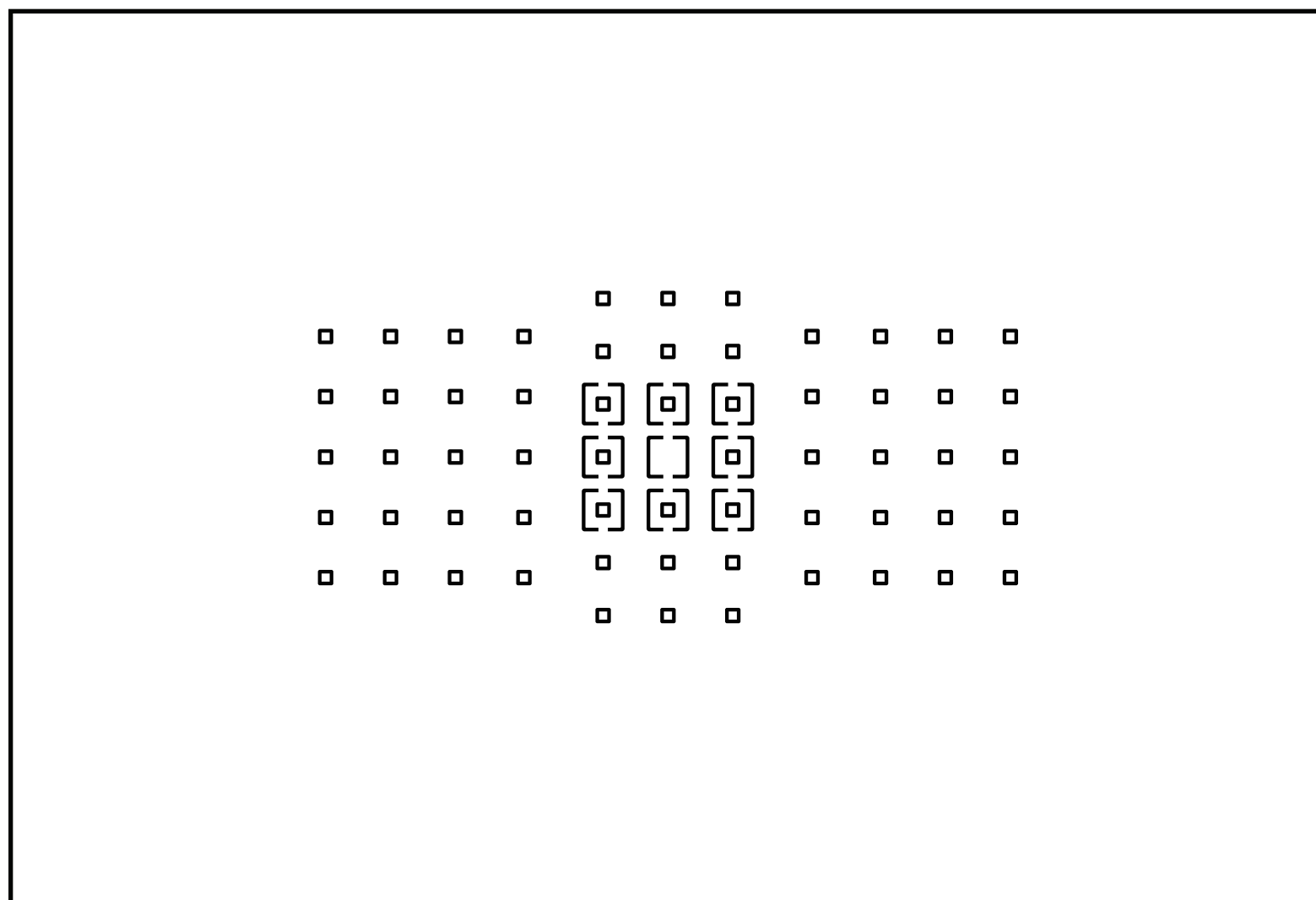
[AF point expansion] is an AF area selection mode that is best selected when shooting sports.

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For fast moving subjects that are difficult to track with a single AF point



AF point expansion (up, down, left, and right)



AF point expansion (surrounding points)

Viewfinder display of **[AF point expansion]**. The manually selected AF point and surrounding points are indicated.

AF Point Expansion provides a larger cluster of active AF points — either four or eight surrounding, "assist" points — in addition to your central, primary AF point.

AF always begins with the central primary AF point alone. If this AF point is either moved away from the subject momentarily, or falls upon a plain area of a subject with little detail or contrast, the AF system immediately calls upon the surrounding four or eight AF points to try to continue to focus upon the subject.

AF Point Expansion can be especially effective with moving subjects, particularly small subjects that may be hard to keep a single AF point upon (like birds in flight, for example). Likewise, it can be useful for sports and similar subjects, when there's not a lot of obvious detail to focus upon.

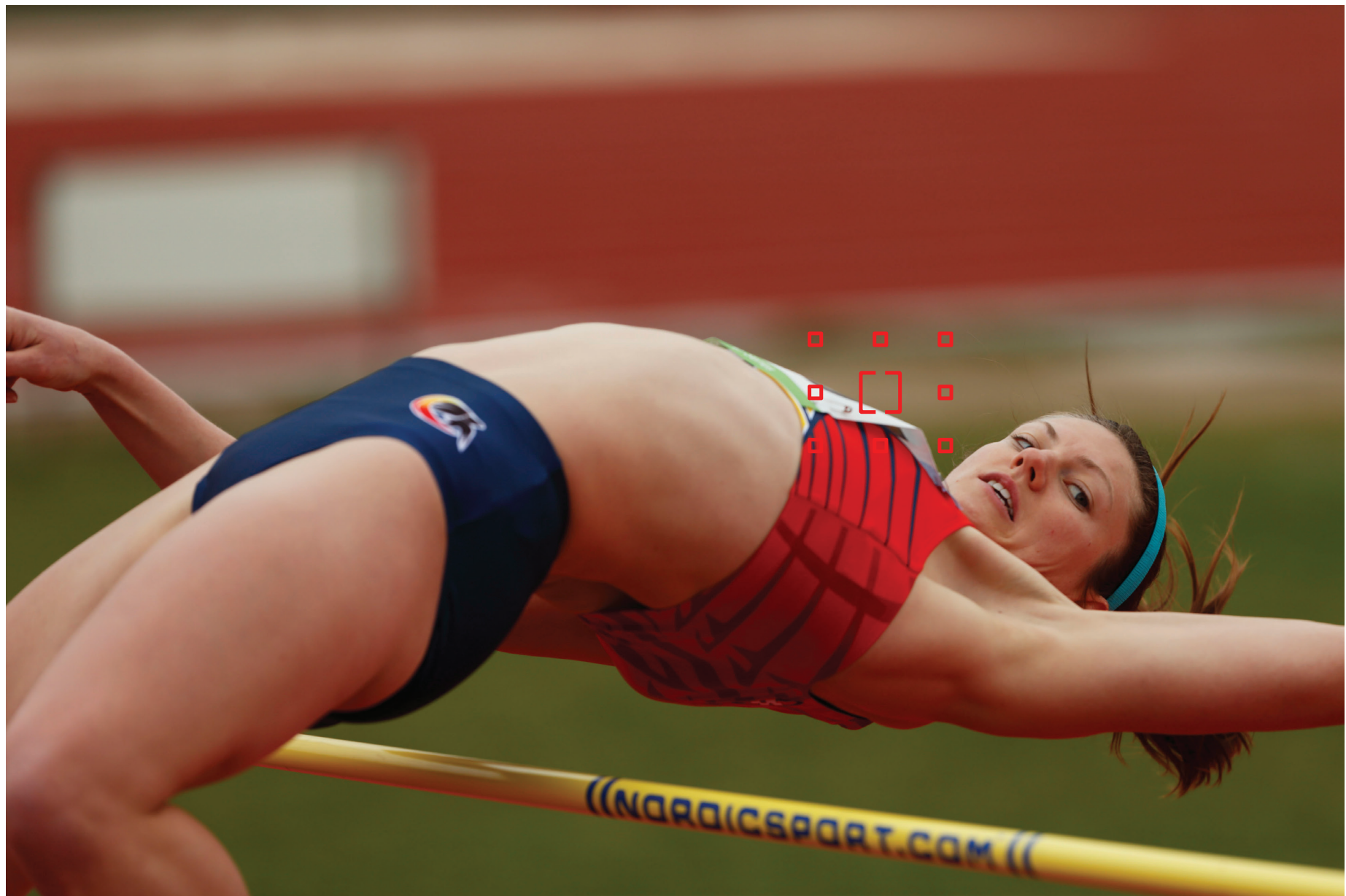
Based on the subject's movement characteristics, (i.e. likelihood of subject moving from the selected AF point) and the size of the subject within the frame, select either the 4-point or 8-point AF Expansion option.

In addition, when the subject has a lot of side-to-side movement, setting Case 5 or Case 6 from the AF Configuration Tool is also recommended.

This mode is ideal for sports photography



[AF point expansion] mode can be used for a wide range of sporting events with erratic movement. [AF point expansion (Up, down, left, and right)] was able to accurately capture the dribbling soccer player.



The wider area covered by AF Point Expansion means that even if a subject moves away from the central, primary AF point, the outer points are available to continue to focus upon it. This high jump athlete was captured with **[AF point expansion (surrounding)]** — that is, eight surrounding "assist" points .

Hints & Tips

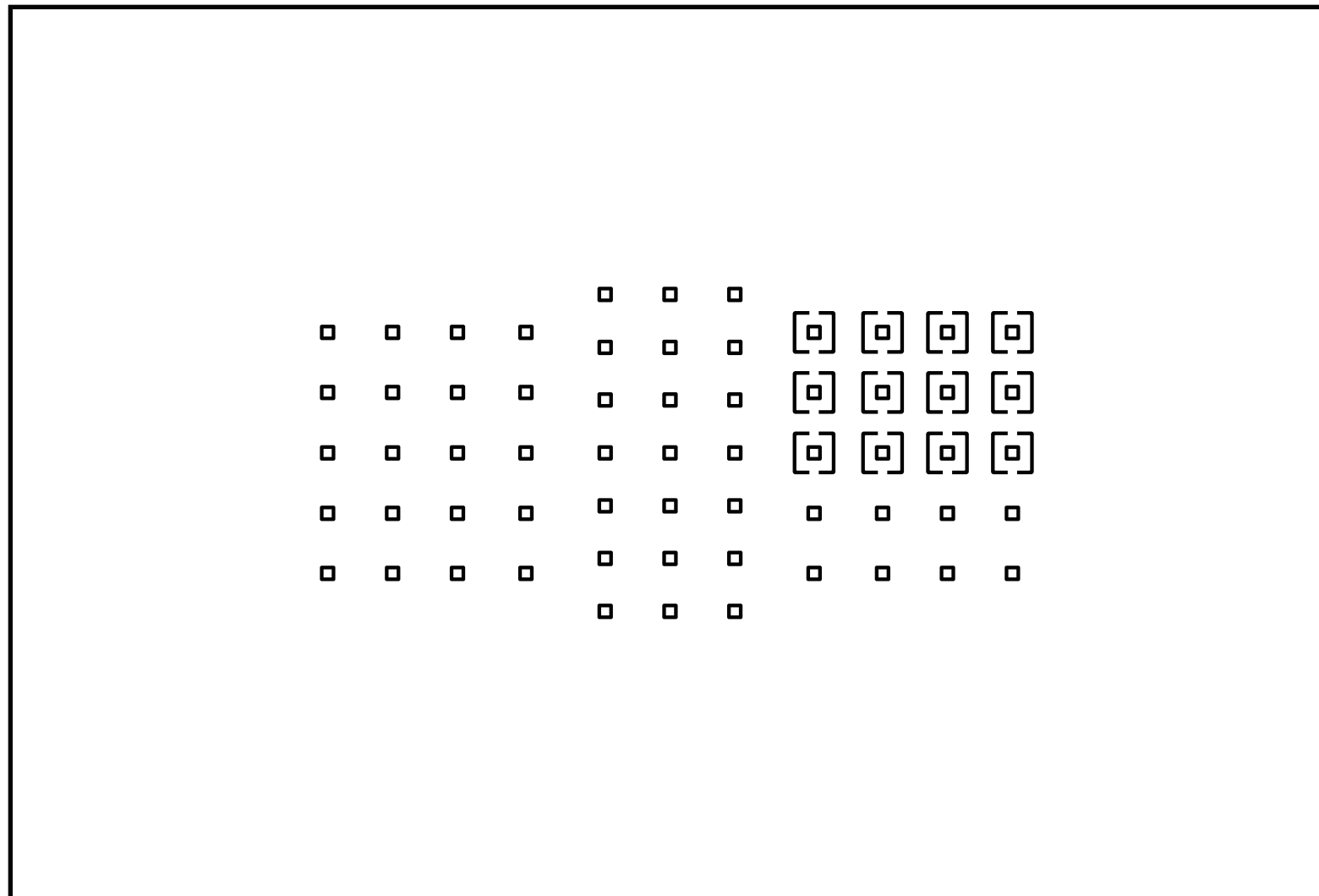
[Up, down, left, and right] and [surrounding] options can be selected according to the difficulty of reading the movement, and the relative importance to the central AF point

When shooting subjects which might be difficult to determine movement, select **[surrounding]** mode, and when you expect you can normally keep the central point upon a moving subject, it may be preferable to select the **[Up, down, left, and right]** (4-point expansion) mode.

Zone AF

With the **[Zone AF]** mode, one of nine focusing zones can be selected, and the AF point is automatically selected from within that zone.

Effective for focusing upon the nearest subject within a zone



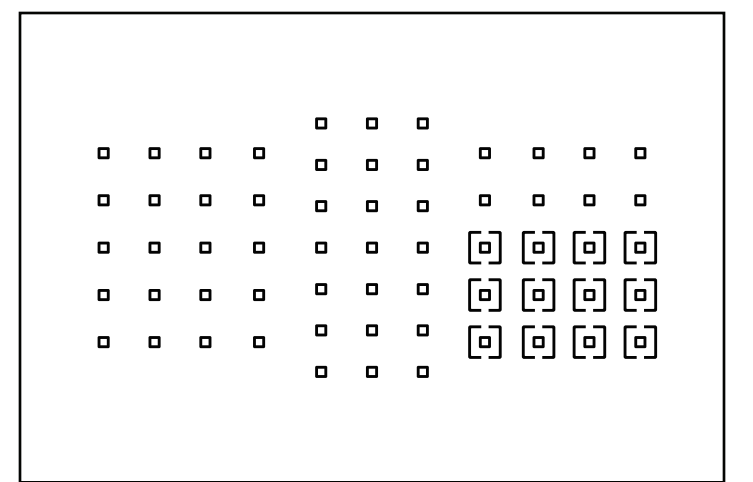
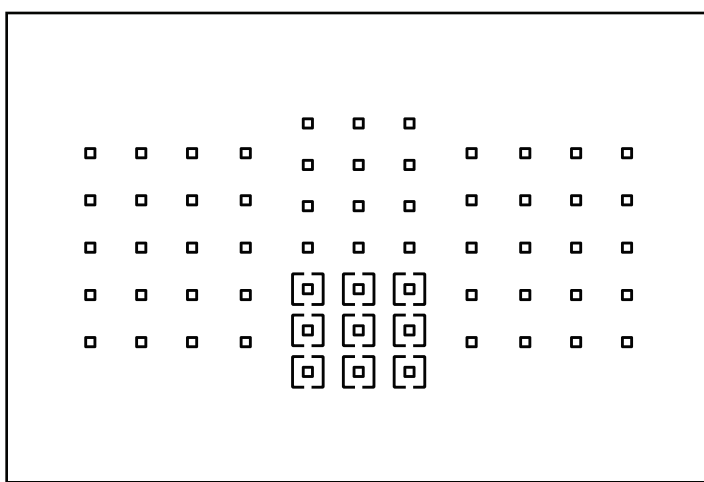
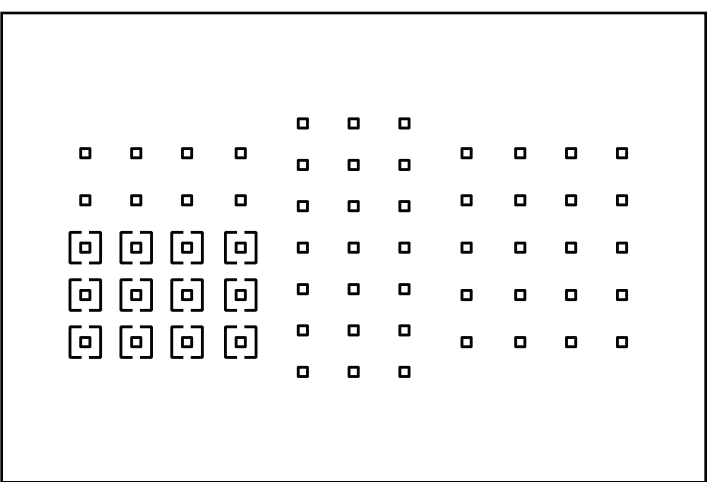
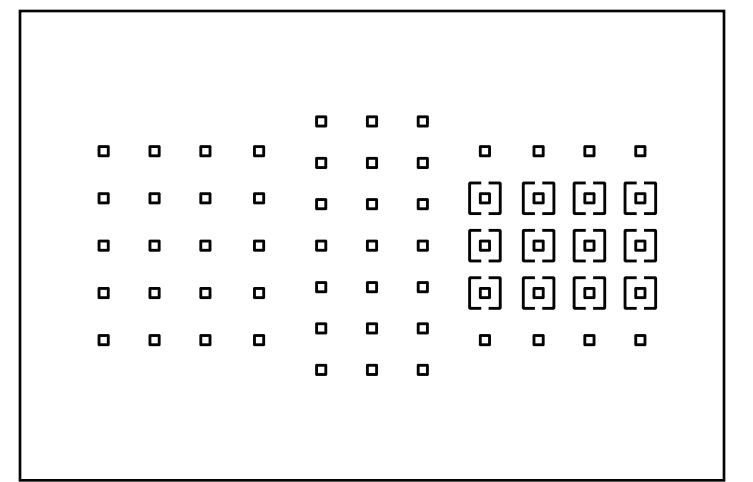
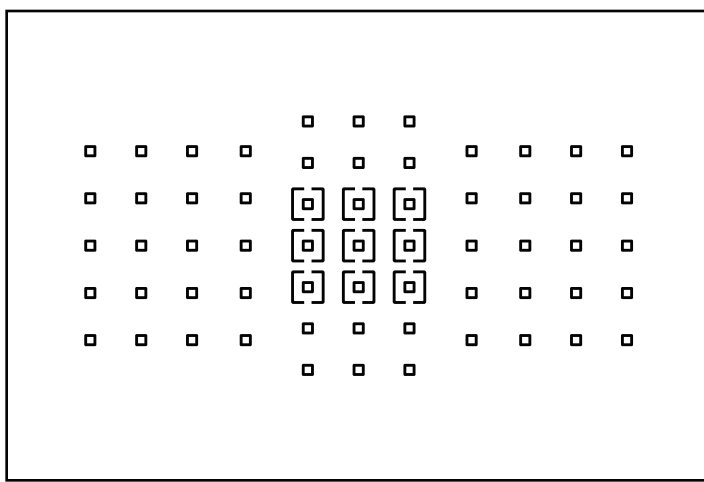
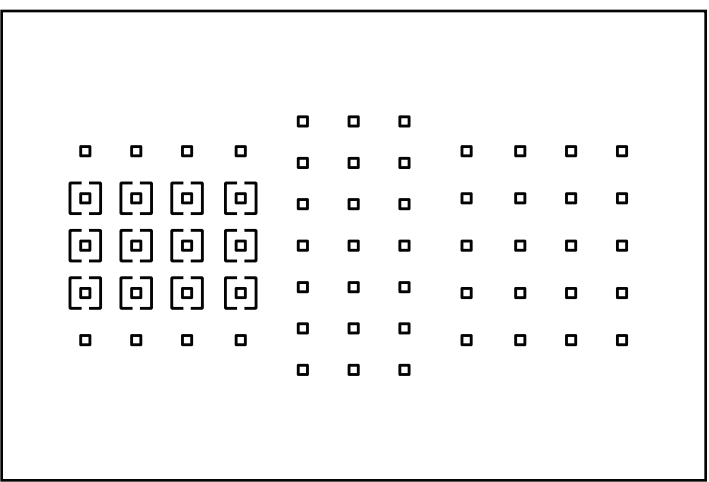
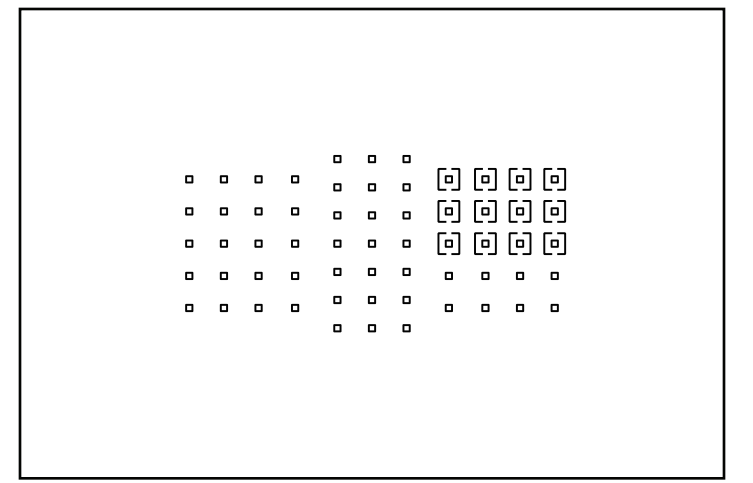
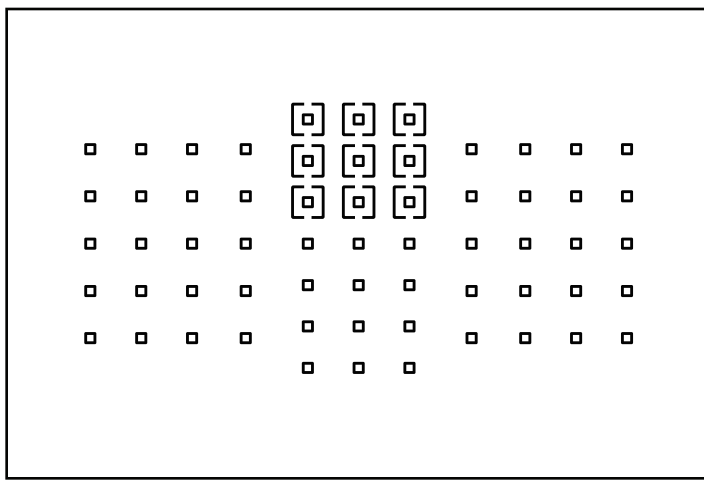
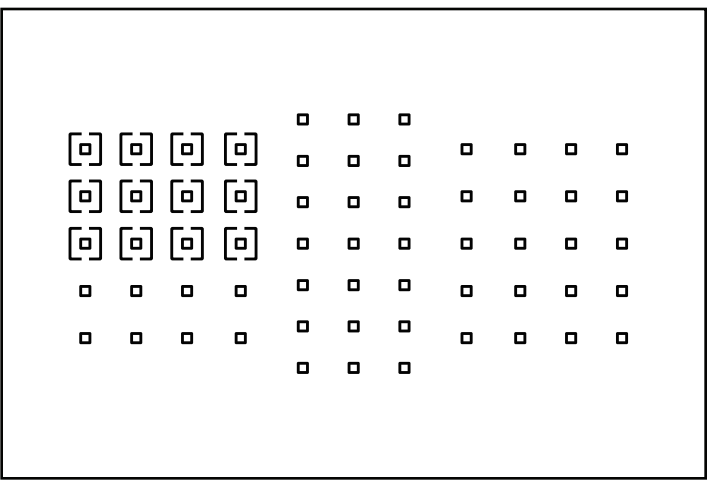
The selected AF points display in **[Zone AF]**.

Zone AF differs from **[AF point expansion]**, in which AF always begins with the middle AF point in a cluster of points. With **[Zone AF]**, the camera always focuses upon the nearest subject with recognizable detail and texture.

In situations where you want to focus on the nearest part of a large subject, or the nearest among multiple small subjects, Zone AF may give you the focus coverage you need. This can be especially true with moving subjects, in AI Servo AF.

[Zone AF]: Nine possible locations you can manually move the active zone to

The 61 AF points are divided into three blocks, left, center, and right, and each has upper, central, and lower zones, and the desired location can be selected from these nine zones.



For larger subjects or subjects that move over a larger area

Zone AF

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A photo of a moment of action as runners jump over hurdles shot with **[Zone AF]**, using AI Servo AF. In order to focus on the closest runner, as well as compose the runner in the back on the right of the frame, this shot was taken by selecting the upper left zone.

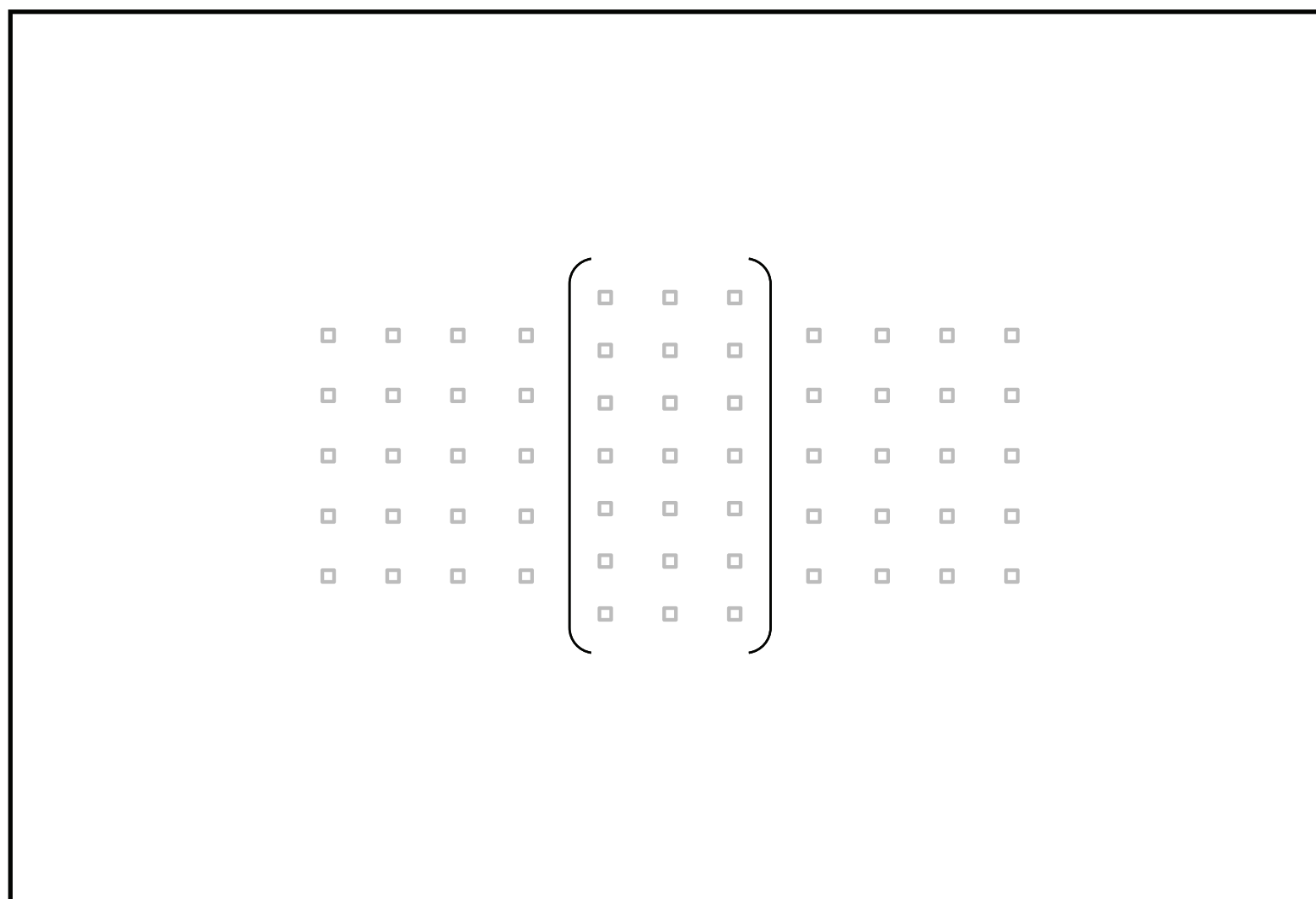
[Zone AF] not only focused on the nearest runner, but upon the nearest surface of that runner, within the active zone of AF points. In AI Servo AF, **[Zone AF]** will continually update and display the actual AF points being used, to keep the nearest part of a subject in focus.

Large Zone AF

With the [Large Zone AF] mode, one of three large focusing zones (left, center, or right) can be selected, and the camera focuses on the nearest subject within that zone.

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This mode is effective when you want to capture subjects in a large area consisting of left, center, or right.

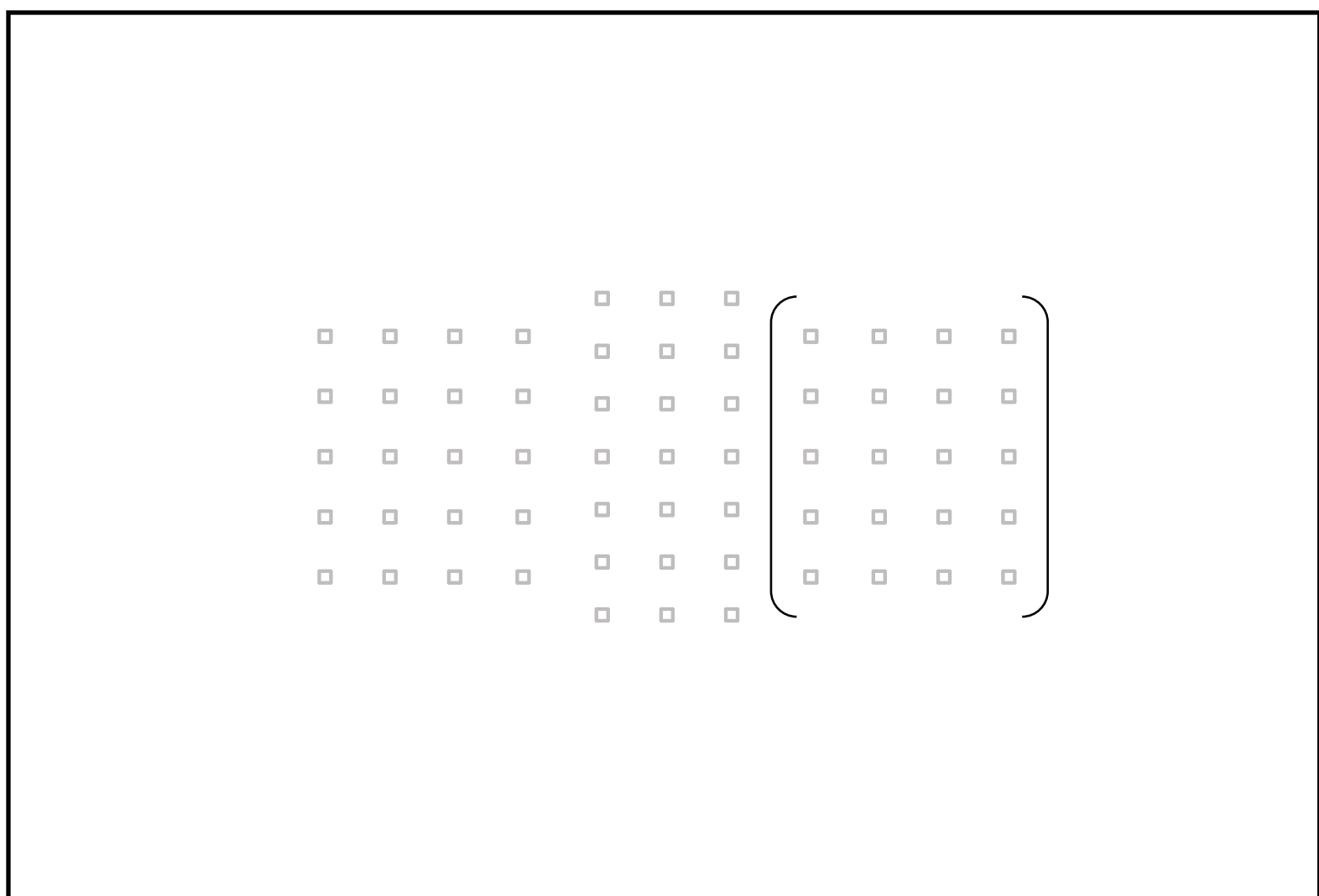
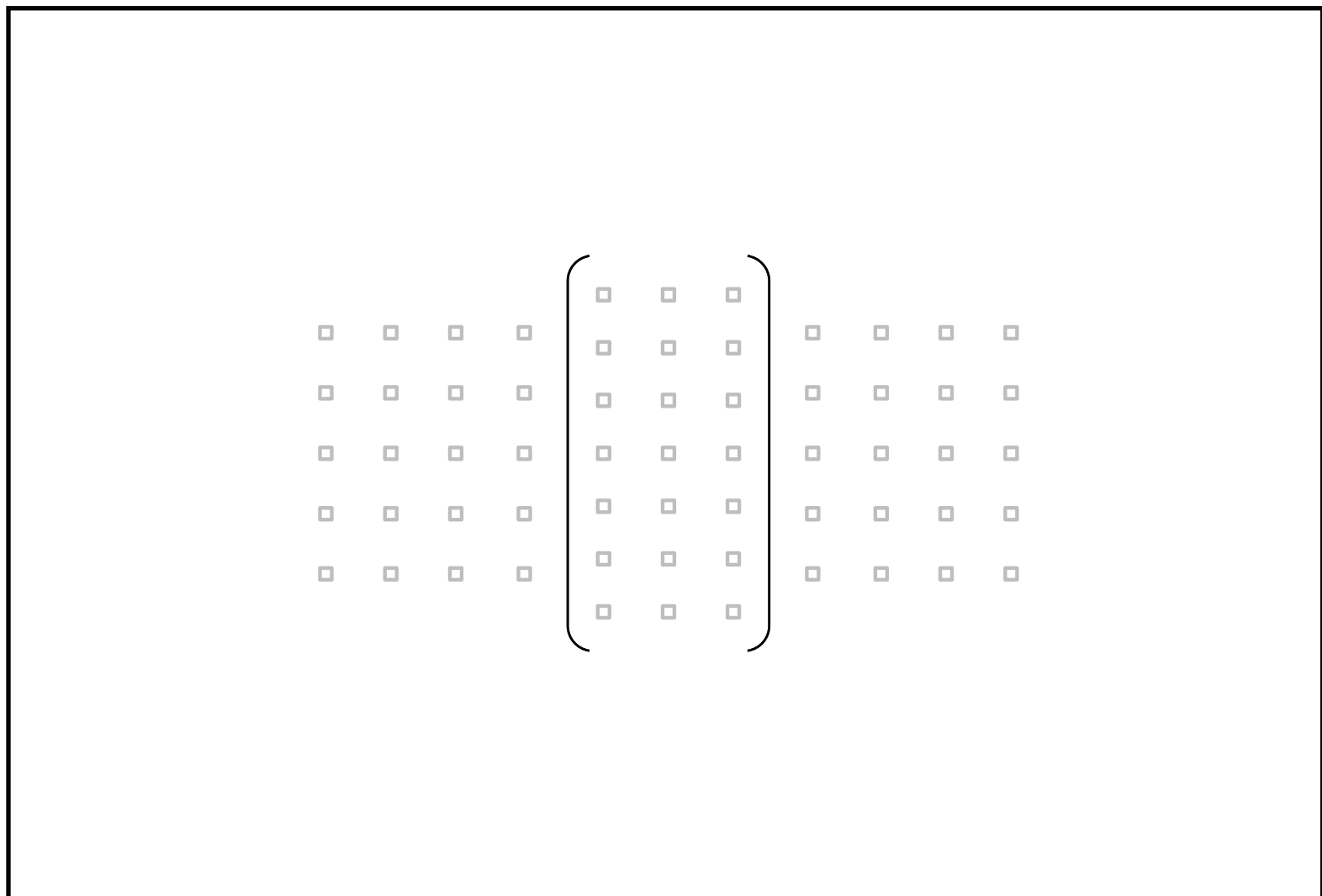
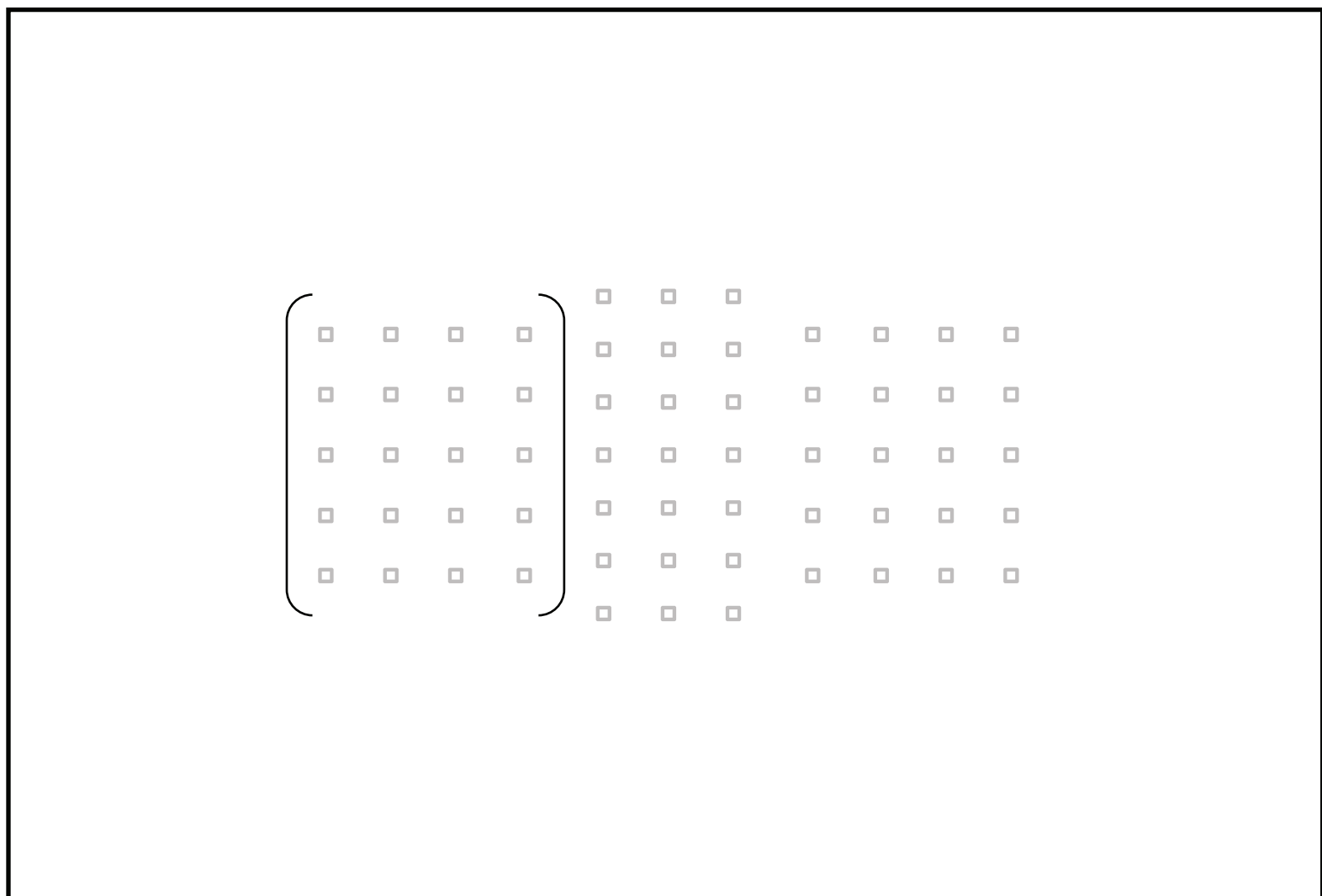


The selected range of AF points display in [Large Zone AF].

This AF area selection mode is newly included on the EOS-1D X Mark II. The user selects one of three large zones — left, center, and right (top, center, and bottom if the camera is held vertically). All points within a zone are active, and again, the camera focuses on the nearest subject within the zone. In AI Servo AF, Large Zone AF can be especially effective with erratically-moving subjects, especially with the camera's improved EOS iTR AF (p.74).

Three possible [Large Zone AF] locations, which you can manually select

The 61 AF points are divided into three main zones, left, center, and right, and the camera automatically focuses on the nearest subject within the selected zone.



A broad area of active AF points, for focus on a variety of subjects



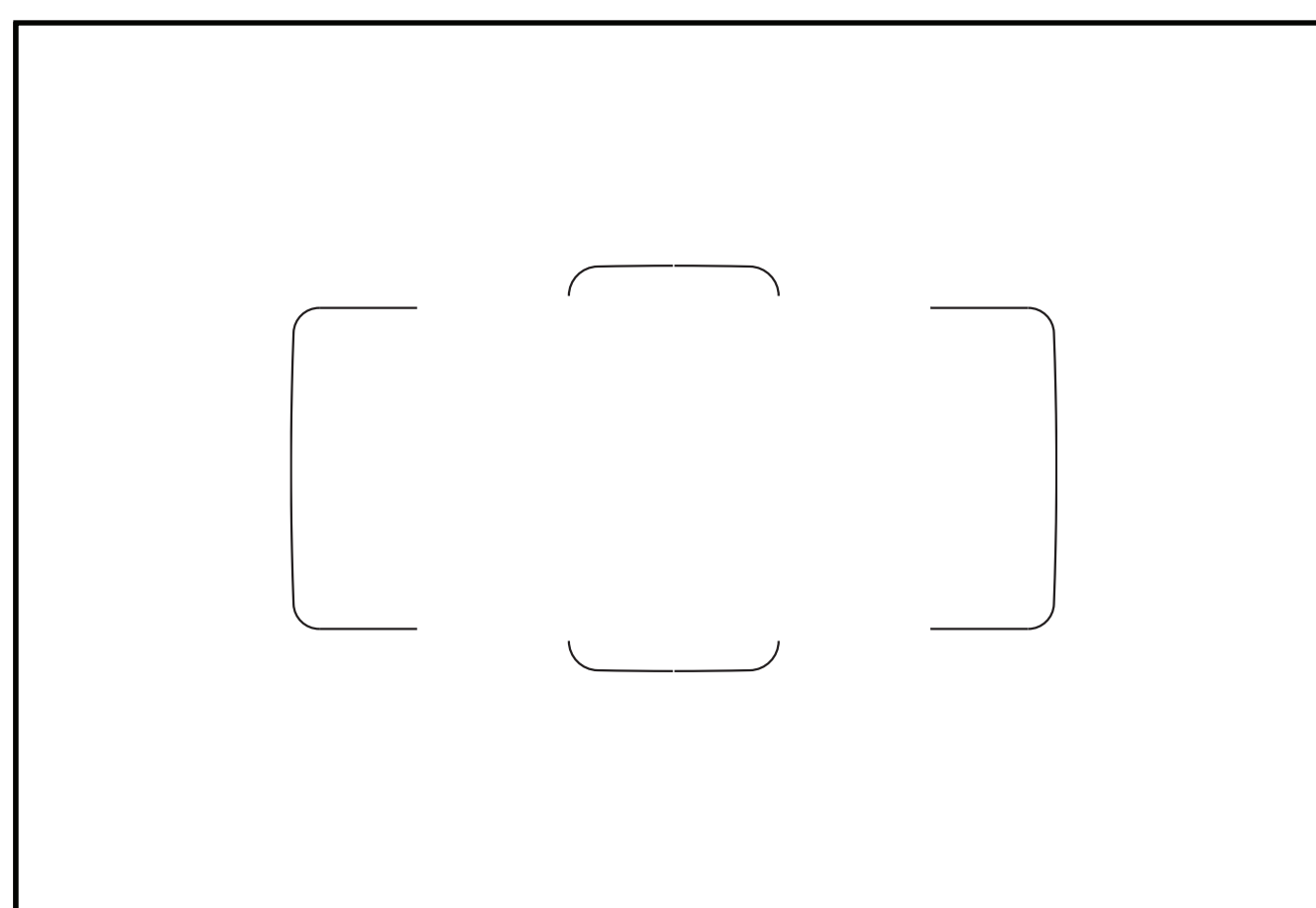
Vertically shot photo of a motorcycle coming towards the camera around a corner in a motorsport event.

The bottom area of **[Large Zone AF]** was selected, and the photo shot with the background composing a large portion of the upper part of the screen.

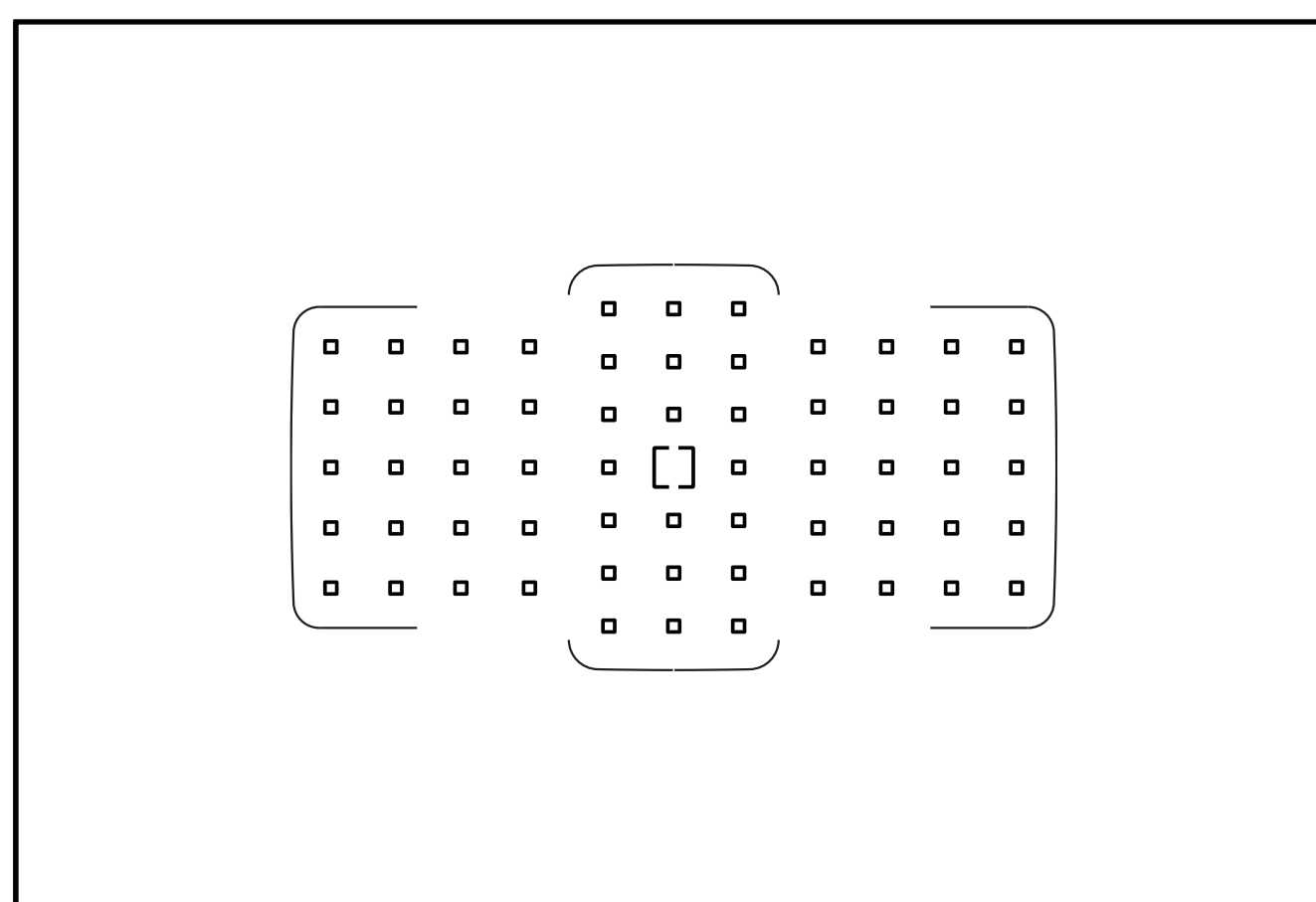
Auto selection AF

Indicated by a thin outline surrounding the entire 61-point AF array, all 61 points are active. Whether in **[One-Shot AF]** or **[AI Servo AF]**, the camera will automatically select what to focus upon, and which AF point(s) to use.

[Auto selection AF] in [One-Shot AF] vs. [AI Servo AF]



One-Shot AF



AI Servo AF

When using **[One-Shot AF]**, one (or more) AF points are selected automatically from the 61-point array. The camera will always attempt to focus on the nearest subject within the entire AF array.

With **[AI Servo AF]**, the camera normally begins focusing on a moving subject at a user-defined single AF point, and will then change AF points automatically to follow the subject if it moves around the frame. However, depending on the shooting conditions or if the subject is small, this side-to-side tracking around the AF array may not be possible, so caution is necessary.

[Auto selection AF] is a great option for a sequence of shots, where you want a moving subject to move across the frame, from shot to shot. It can also be useful simply to keep track of subjects which will move erratically (figure skating jump scenes for example). Another effective use is when you want to take action images for publication/articles with lots of space in the composition for text etc.

In the examples below, shooting began by capturing the targeted cyclist first with a manually selected AF point (in the center etc.). From there, while continuously shooting and moving the camera (lens) to the left or right, it is possible to position the lead cyclist off to one side and include a lot of background (focusing continues to track the cyclist by automatically switching AF points). **[Auto selection AF]** can be effective when you want to include both the subject and the background in the composition when shooting.



Begin focusing on the subject with an AF point near the center, and then by moving the camera to the left, you can compose a photo with space on the left side of the frame.

Shooting started by pinpointing focus on the leader of a cycling road race with a manually selected AF point. While taking continuous shots, the camera was moved to the left so the following cyclists on the left of the leader are rendered beautifully out of focus in the background.

Auto selection AF is effective to include the background (on the right or left) in the photo



Hints & Tips

With AF4 [Initial AF pt for AI Servo AF during Auto selection AF], it is possible to have Auto selection AF start from a manually selected AF point.

During AI Servo AF, if the **[Initial AF pt for AI Servo AF during Auto selection AF]** setting is **[Auto]**, the first subject to be captured will be selected automatically — usually, the nearest subject.


When you want to start shooting from a manually selected AF point, set the initial AF point to a setting other than **[Auto]**. (Refer to P. 121)

EOS iTR (intelligent tracking and recognition) AF

This is the algorithm used to determine AF point auto switching during **[Auto selection AF]**, **[Large Zone AF]**, and **[Zone AF]**. By detecting people's faces and subject's colors, extremely accurate subject detection and tracking is possible.


EOS iTR AF does not operate outside of **[Auto selection AF]**, **[Large Zone AF]**, and **[Zone AF]**.

Increased precision of face and color detection, and improved auto selection and tracking performance

Auto AF pt sel.:EOS iTR AF	
EOS iTR AF (Face priority)	
EOS iTR AF	ON
Disable	OFF
INFO. Help	

A big advance in the EOS-1D X Mark II is its new 360,000 pixel RGB color metering system. This not only provides superb exposure control, but is able to recognize the color, size and shape of an initial subject — as well as detect human faces — and then assist the AF system to change AF points as a detected subject moves around the frame.

[Enable (face detection)], **[Enable]**, and **[Disable]** can utilize EOS iTR, Intelligent Tracking and Recognition, and leverage this color and face-detect information to keep AF points upon many moving subjects.

Auto AF pt sel.:EOS iTR AF	
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Automatic selection: EOS iTR AF

[EOS iTR AF (Face priority)]

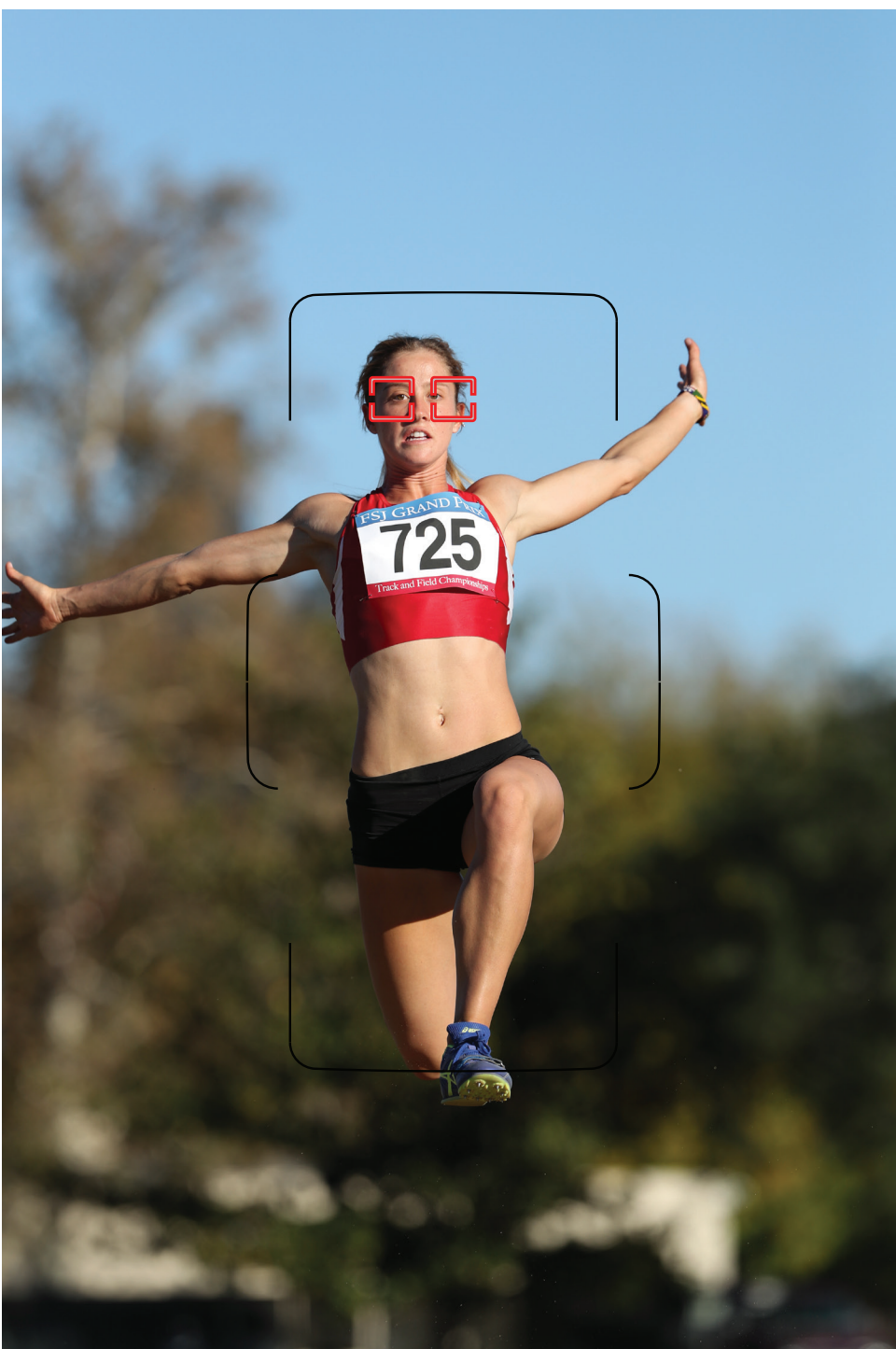
The RGB color metering system prioritizes detection of human faces, and combines with the 61-point AF system to keep focus upon faces, even if they move around the AF array. In scenes without faces, it defers to using the initially-detected subject's shape and color.

[EOS iTR AF]

The 360,000 pixel RGB color metering system still can detect faces, but now prioritizes color information to maintain AF coverage with moving subjects. This may be a better choice, with **[Auto selection AF]**, **[Large Zone AF]**, and **[Zone AF]**, if faces are not a prominent part of the subject (such as photographing birds, vehicles, athletes with helmets, etc.).

[Disable]

This performs AF point selection and subject tracking with only sharpness information from the AF system, and does not apply color or face detection info from the RGB color metering system.



Track and focus on the athlete's face with [EOS iTR AF (Face priority)]

A photo of an athlete photographed in the center of the frame as she leaps during the long-jump.

It was shot using [**Auto selection AF**] with EOS iTR AF set to [**EOS iTR AF (Face priority)**]. In this way, even when the location of a person's face moves around the screen erratically, it is possible to track the subject while precisely selecting the subject with [**EOS iTR AF (Face priority)**].

61-point AF

Overview of EOS-1D X 61-Point High-Density Reticular AF II



61-point AF (1)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/2.8 lenses



61-point AF (2)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/4 lenses



61-point AF (3)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/5.6 lenses



61-point AF (4)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/8 lenses



Overview of EOS-1D X 61-Point High-Density Reticular AF II

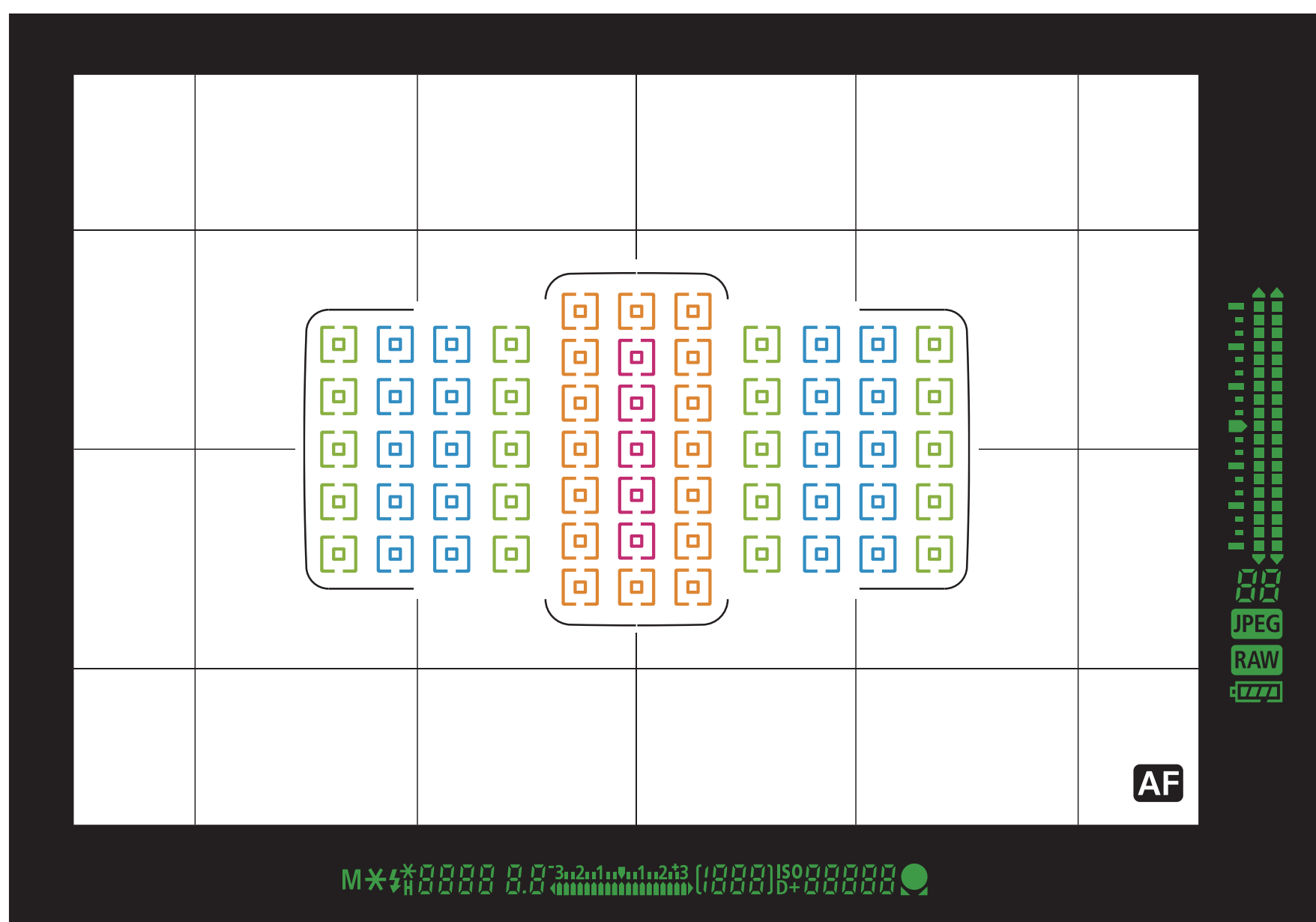
The 61-point AF has numerous cross-type points for great tracking performance

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Up to 41-point cross-type AF points, enabling superior tracking performance with most lenses

An important aspect for pro photographers is the AF system's high-precision AF points. When using fast f/4 or f/2.8 (or faster) maximum aperture lenses, added focus precision is possible at the following AF point locations

- Extra high-precision, diagonal cross-type coverage, with f/2.8 and faster lenses
- A high-precision, horizontal line sensor adds cross-type coverage when f/4 or faster lenses are used

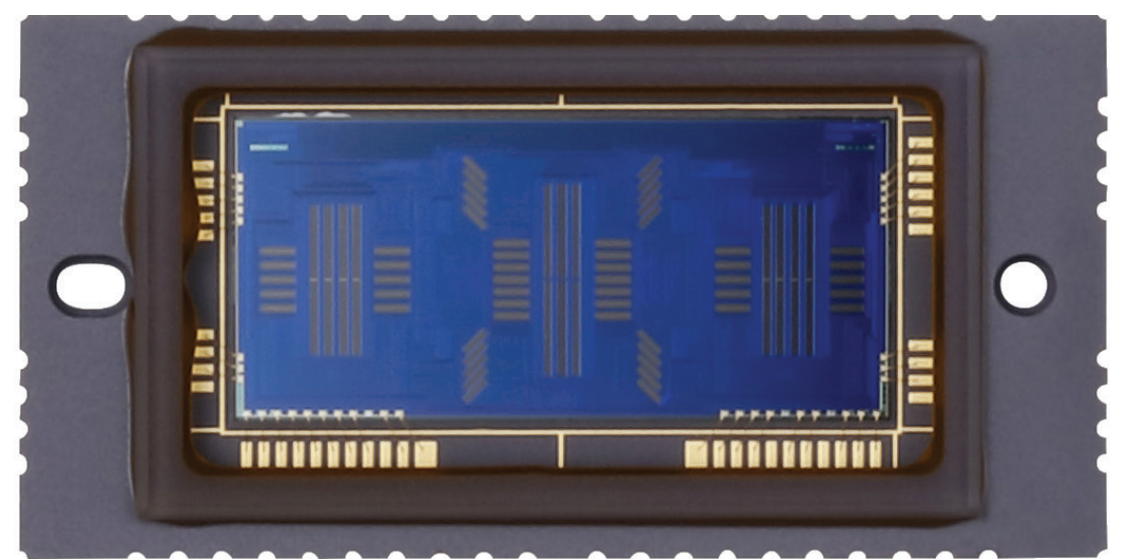


*The colored AF points are for illustrative purpose only. This does not represent the actual viewfinder display.

- **f/2.8 and f/5.6 cross-type AF (std. cross-type — f/3.5~5.6 lens)**
- **f/5.6 cross-type AF**
- **f/4 (vertical-line focusing) + f/5.6 (horizontal-line focusing) cross-type AF**
- **f/5.6 (horizontal-line focusing) AF**

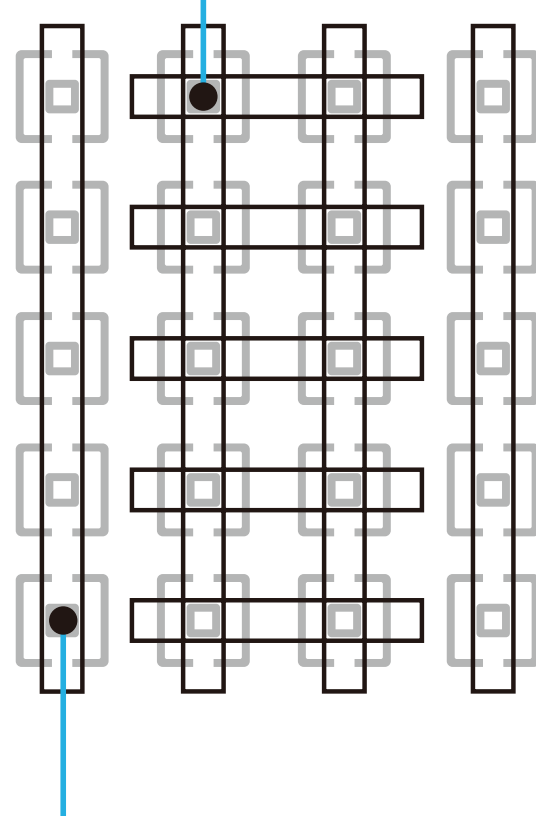
■ Newly developed 61-point AF sensor

In order to achieve even higher performance AF than the EOS-1D X, a newly developed AF sensor is included on the EOS-1D X Mark II. There's added vertical AF coverage in the frame, for freedom of composition, and the large number of cross-type AF points achieves great tracking performance. And as a result of two-line AF sensors in a zigzag pattern, tracking performance is improved for low contrast subjects as well. In addition to all AF points supporting f/8 AF, basic performance is improved so the center AF points expand to low-intensity limit EV -3.



Cross type AF:

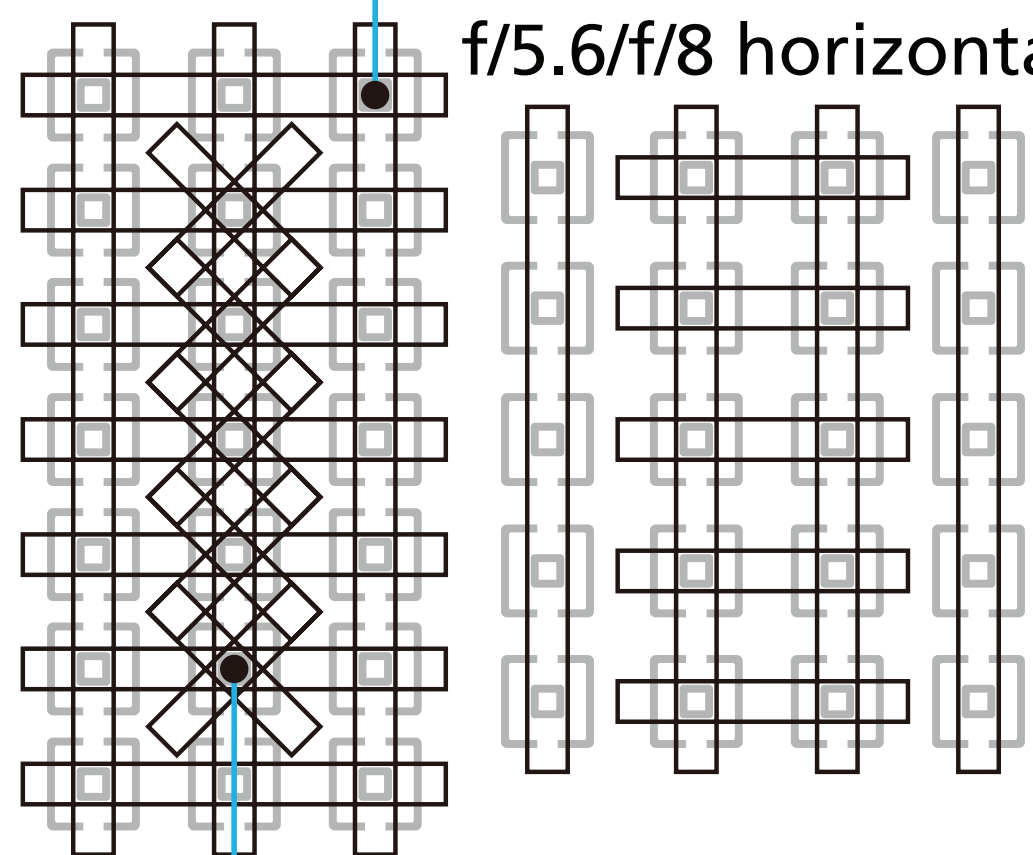
f/4 horizontal-line +
f/5.6/f/8 vertical-line



f/5.6/f/8 vertical-line AF

Cross type AF:

f/5.6/f/8 vertical-line +
f/5.6/f/8 horizontal-line



Dual cross type AF:

f/2.8 right diagonal-line +
f/2.8 left diagonal-line,
f/5.6/f/8 vertical-line +
f/5.6/f/8 horizontal-line

Up to 41-point AF cross focusing is possible even using lenses with a maximum aperture f-number of f/4. In addition, f/8 AF is possible with all 61 AF points

The AF system of the EOS-1D X Mark II has many attractive features such as the high level of composition freedom with 61 different AF points, AF area selection modes that utilize the merits of the multi-point AF system, and implementation of the AF Configuration Tool which takes advantage of the improved AI Servo AF. In addition to these, is the high precision and improved tracking performance of each AF point to capture both still and moving subjects.

The same as the EOS-1D X, most f/2.8 – f/4 lenses can utilize the high-performance 41-point cross-type AF points. Thank to the numerous high precision f/2.8 and f/4 AF points, focusing with higher precision than before when using larger aperture lenses can be achieved.

Also, on the EOS-1D X the only f/8 supported points were the center point the center point, and AF point expansion to the four points on the top, bottom, and left, so being able to use all 61 points is a main feature. Even with the condition of a maximum aperture value of f/8 using an extender, etc., it is now possible to use all AF points with high precision focusing. Please note that f/8 AF performance at all 61 AF points does depend upon using specific compatible Canon EF lenses and Canon version III tele extenders.

61-point AF (1)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/2.8 lenses

41-point cross-type AF points and 5 Dual Cross-f/2.8 AF points can be used with many lenses

Most wide-aperture lenses with a maximum aperture up to f/2.8 are in Group A. With this group, the five vertical f/2.8 dual-cross AF points, and the left and right f/4 and f/5.6 cross-type AF points (20 points) can be used. There are a total of 41 cross-type points including the f/5.6 cross-type points. (All 61 AF points can be used with Group A lenses; the remaining AF points function with single-line coverage at the AF sensor.)

Lenses with a maximum aperture of f/2.8 in Group B, will only have a single f/2.8 dual-cross AF point in the center.



EF400mm F2.8L IS II USM

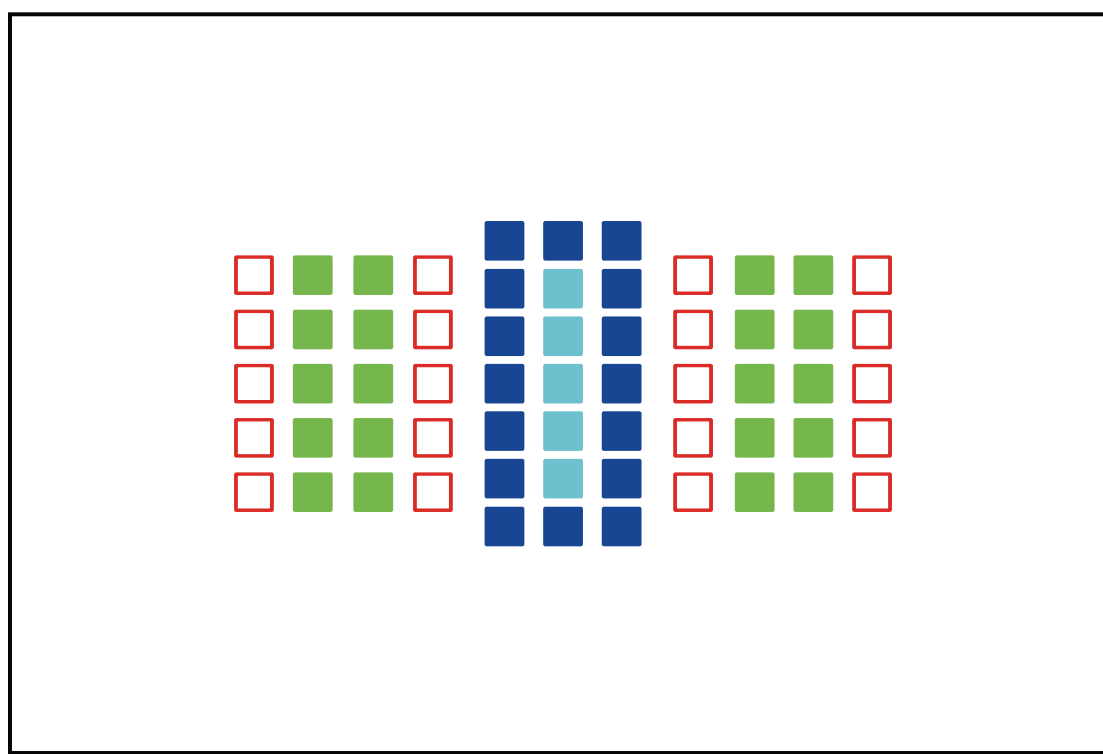


EF85mm F1.2L II USM

Group A

41-point cross-type AF, with five f/2.8 dual-cross AF points at the center

AF focusing is possible with all 61 points. All AF area selection modes can be chosen.



- f/2.8 and f/5.6/f/8 (dual-cross AF)
- f/4 and f/5.6/f/8 (cross-type AF)
- f/5.6 and f/8 (cross-type AF)
- f/5.6 and f/8 (horizontal-line focusing AF)

Major lenses in Group A

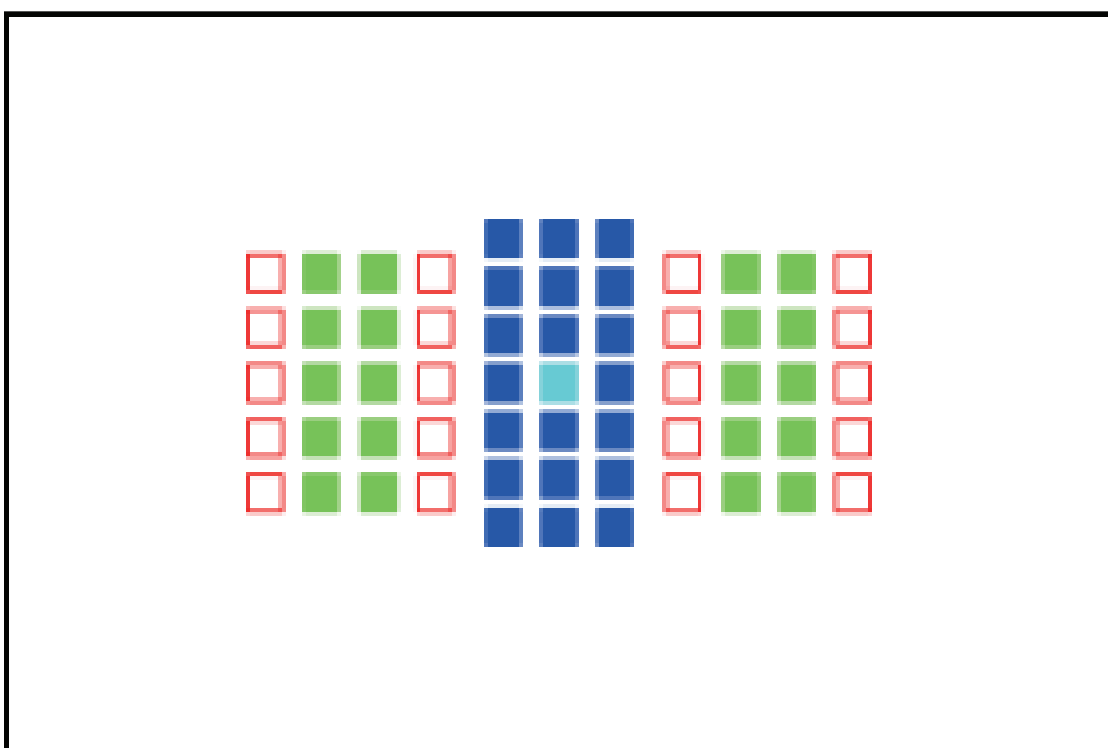
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EF35mm F2 IS USM	EF28mm F1.8 USM
EF35mm F1.4L II USM	EF35mm F2 IS USM
EF50mm F1.0L USM	EF50mm F1.2L USM
EF50mm F1.4 USM	EF50mm F1.8 II
EF50mm F1.8 STM	EF85mm F1.2L USM
EF85mm F1.2L II USM	EF85mm F1.8 USM
EF100mm F2 USM	EF135mm F2L USM
EF135mm F2L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF135mm F2.8 (with soft focus)
EF200mm F1.8L USM	EF200mm F1.8L USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF200mm F2L IS USM	EF200mm F2L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF200mm F2.8L USM	EF200mm F2.8L II USM
EF300mm F2.8L USM	EF300mm F2.8L IS USM
EF300mm F2.8L IS II USM	EF400mm F2.8L USM
EF400mm F2.8L II USM	EF400mm F2.8L IS USM
EF400mm F2.8L IS II USM	TS-E45mm F2.8*
TS-E90mm F2.8*	EF16-35mm F2.8L USM
EF16-35mm F2.8L II USM	EF17-35mm F2.8L USM
EF35mm F1.4L USM	EF28-70mm F2.8L USM
EF24-70mm F2.8L II USM	EF70-200mm F2.8L USM
EF70-200mm F2.8L IS USM	EF70-200mm F2.8L IS II USM

* Focus confirmation light works during manual focus (without any tilt or shift movements). "Ext EF1.4x" is an abbreviation of various EF 1.4x Extenders.

Group B

41-point cross-type AF, with one f/2.8 dual-cross AF point at the center

AF focusing is possible with all 61 points. All AF area selection modes are available.



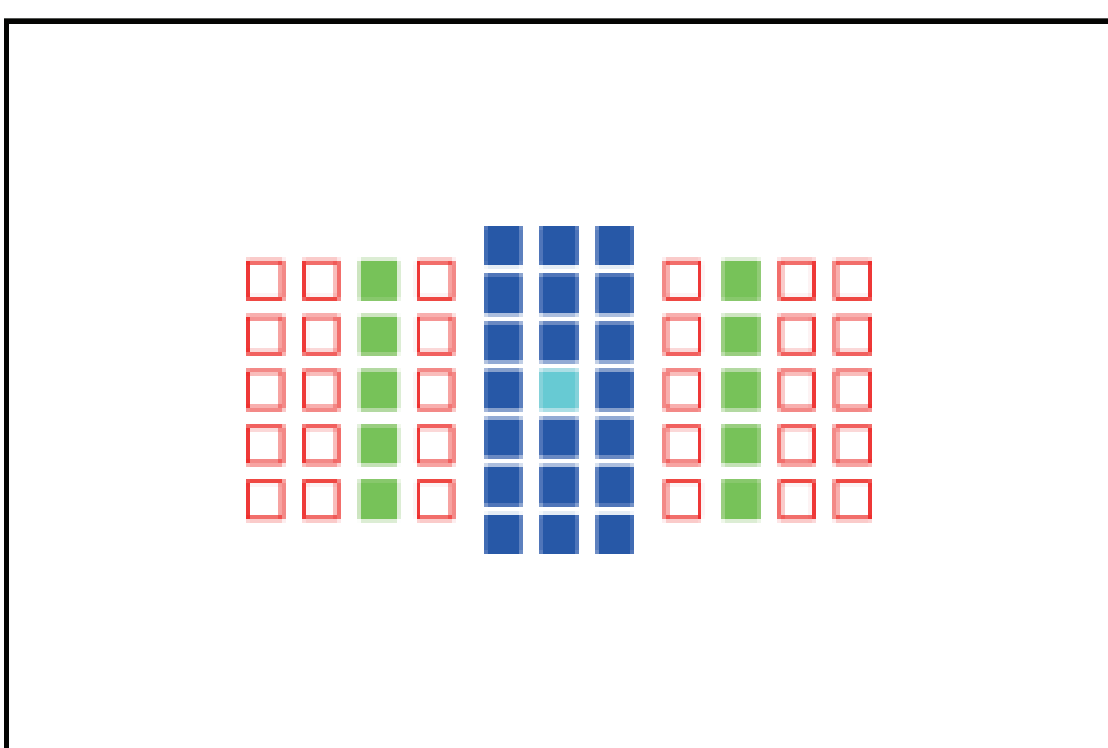
Major lenses in Group B

EF14mm F2.8L USM
EF14mm F2.8L II USM
EF15mm F2.8 Fisheye
EF20mm F2.8 USM
EF24mm F2.8
EF24mm F2.8 IS USM
EF28mm F2.8 IS USM
EF24-70mm F2.8L USM

Group D

31-point cross-type AF, with one f/2.8 dual-cross AF point at the center

AF focusing is possible with 61 points. All AF area selection modes are available.



Major lenses in Group D

EF28mm F2.8
EF40mm F2.8 STM

61-point AF (2)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/4 lenses

41-point cross-type AF points can be used

In Group C, 41-point cross-type AF points can be used with lenses having an f/4 maximum aperture (or many f/2.8 maximum aperture lenses using the EF 1.4x Extenders). Of these, the 20 points on the left and right are f/4 and f/5.6 cross-type AF providing even higher precision focusing in these areas than with previous cameras. Some macro lenses with a maximum aperture of f/2.8 are also included.



EF70-200mm f/4L IS USM

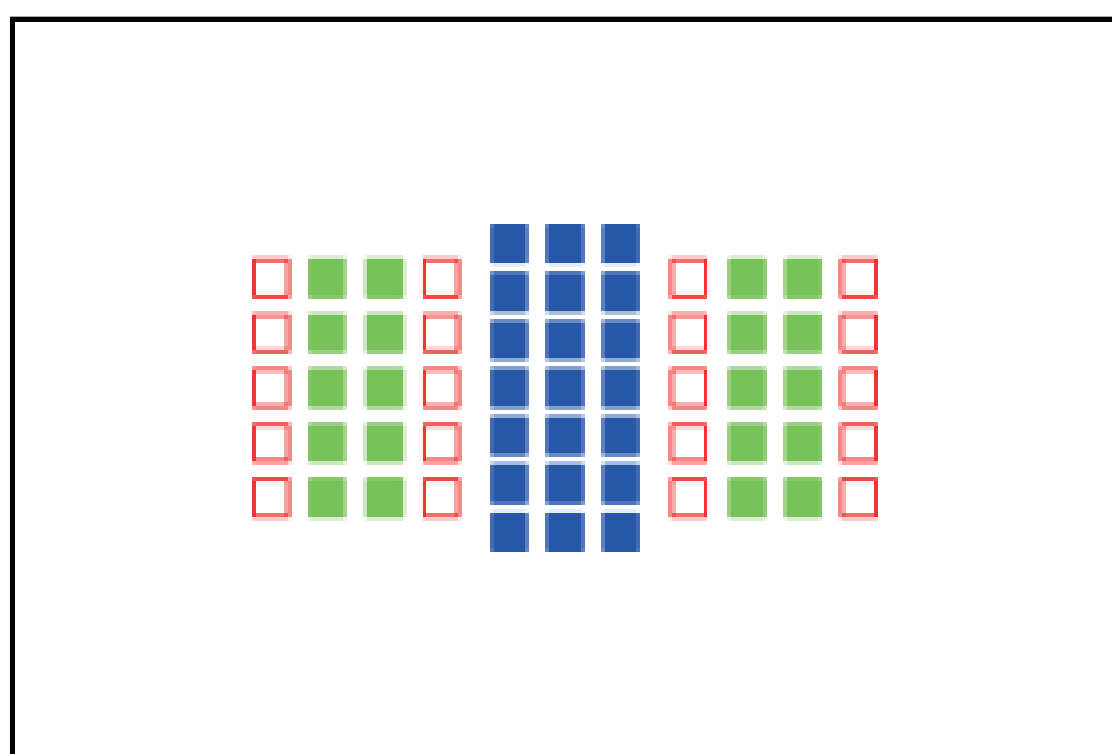


EF16-35mm f/4 L IS USM

Group C

41-point cross-type AF points available, and they can be used with a high level of tracking performance

AF focusing is possible with all 61 points. All AF area selection modes are available.



Major lenses in Group C

EF50mm f/2.5 Compact Macro	EF100mm F2.8 Macro
EF100mm F2.8L Macro IS USM	EF300mm F4L USM
EF300mm F4L IS USM	EF400mm F4DO IS USM
EF200mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF200mm F2.8L II USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF300mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF300mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF300mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF400mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF400mm F2.8L II USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF400mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF400mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF135mm F2L USM + Ext EF2x
EF200mm F1.8L USM + Ext EF2x	EF200mm F2L IS USM + Ext EF2x
EF8-15mm F4L fisheye USM	EF16-35mm F4L IS USM
EF17-40mm F4L USM	EF24-70mm F4L IS USM
EF24-105mm F4L IS USM	EF28-80mm F2.8-4L USM
EF70-200mm F4L IS USM	EF70-200mm F4L USM
EF70-200mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF70-200mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF70-200mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF400mm F4 DO IS II USM
EF500mm F4L IS USM	EF500mm F4L IS II USM
EF600mm F4L USM	EF600mm F4L IS USM
EF600mm F4L IS II USM	TS-E17mm F4L
TS-E24mm F3.5L	TS-E24mm F3.5L II

Group E

31-point cross-type AF points available, with 10 cross-type points supported f/4 + f/5.6

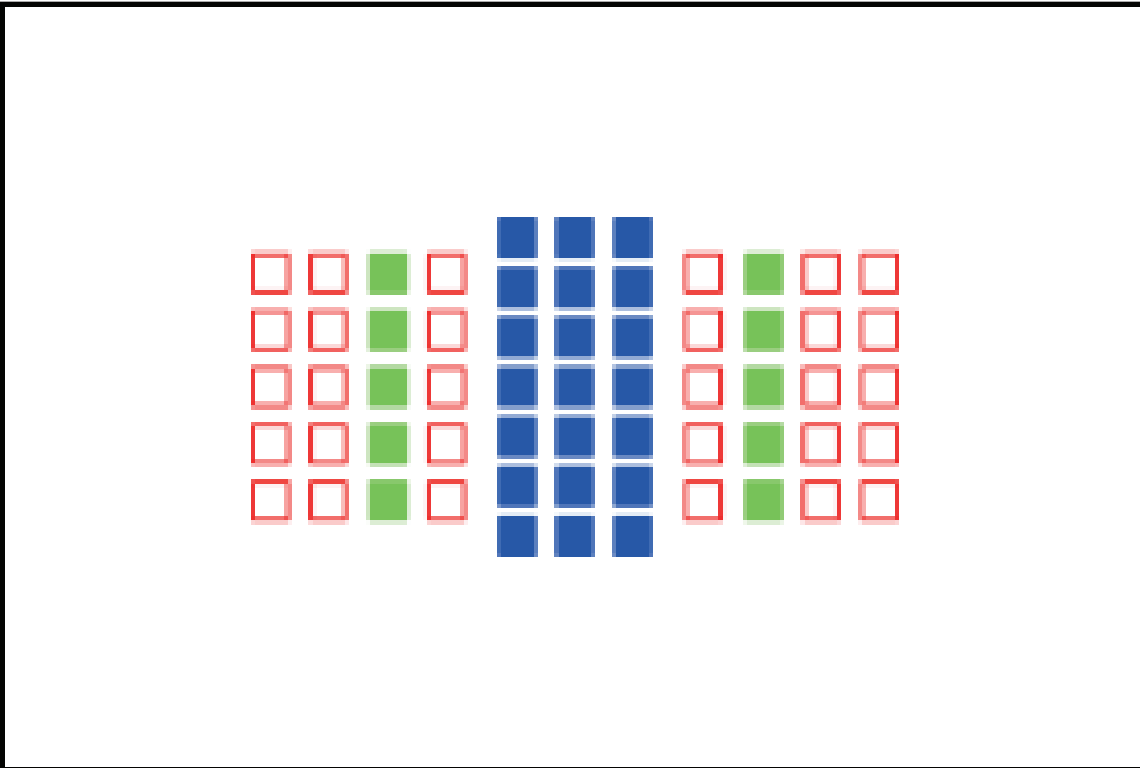
AF can be carried out using 61 points

You can choose all AF area selection modes.

Major lenses in Group E

EF11-24mm F4L USM

EF200-400mmF4L IS USM Ext 1.4x



61-point AF (3)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/5.6 lenses

The majority of lenses can make use of the central 21-point cross-type AF

With the exception of a small group of lenses (groups G and H), almost all lenses that have a maximum aperture up to f/5.6 are included in Group F, and can use all 61 AF points, including the 21-point cross-type AF (f/5.6 cross-type) in the central area. Many f/2.8 maximum aperture large aperture telephoto lenses when used with the various EF 2x Extenders will fit into this group.



EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS II USM

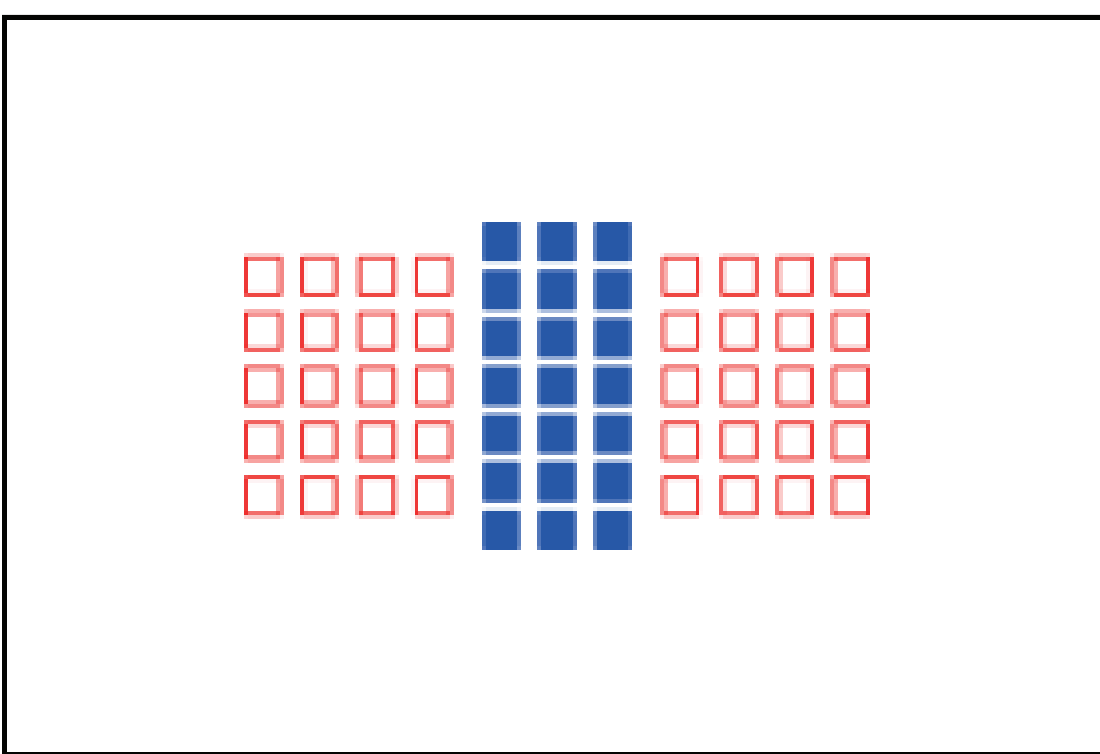


EF70-300mm F4-5.6L IS USM

Group E

The central 21-point cross-type AF can be used

AF focusing is possible with 61 points. All AF area selection modes are available.



Major lenses in Group E

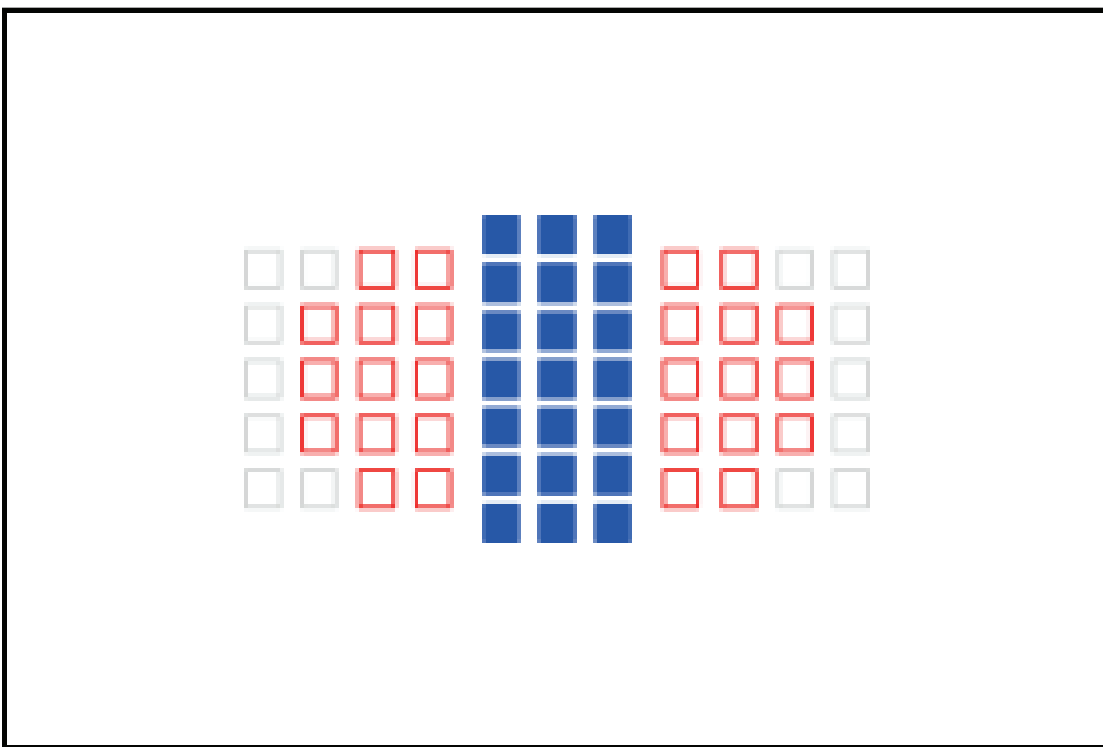
EF 50mm f/2.5 compact macro + life size converter EF	EF100mm F2.8 Macro USM
EF400mm F5.6L USM	EF500mm F4.5L USM
EF300mm F4L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF300mm F4L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF400mm F4 DO IS USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF400mm F4DO IS II USM+Ext EF1.4x
EF500mm F4L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF600mm F4L USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF600mm F4L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF200mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF2x
EF200mm F2.8L II USM + Ext EF2x	EF300mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF2x
EF300mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF2x	EF300mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF2x
EF400mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF2x	EF400mm F2.8L II USM + Ext EF2x
EF400mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF2x	EF400mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF2x
EF500mm F4L IS II USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF600mm F4L IS II USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF24-105mm F3.5-5.6 IS STM	EF70-200mm F2.8L USM + Ext EF2x
EF70-200mm F2.8L IS USM + Ext EF2x	EF70-200mm F2.8L IS II USM + Ext EF2x
EF70-200mm F4L USM + Ext EF1.4x	EF70-200mm F4L IS USM + Ext EF1.4x
EF28-300mm F3.5-5.6L IS USM	EF70-300mm F4-5.6 IS USM
EF70-300mm F4-5.6L IS USM	EF70-300mm F4.5-5.6 DO IS USM
EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS USM	EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS II USM
EF200-400mm F4L IS USM +Ext EF x1.4 (*1)	—

*1 When using built-in 1.4x extender, or externally-mounted Extender EF 1.4x.

Group G

21-points cross-type available, total of 47 AF points available to select

AF focusing is possible with 47 points (61-point AF is not possible). All AF area selection modes are available.



Major lenses in Group G

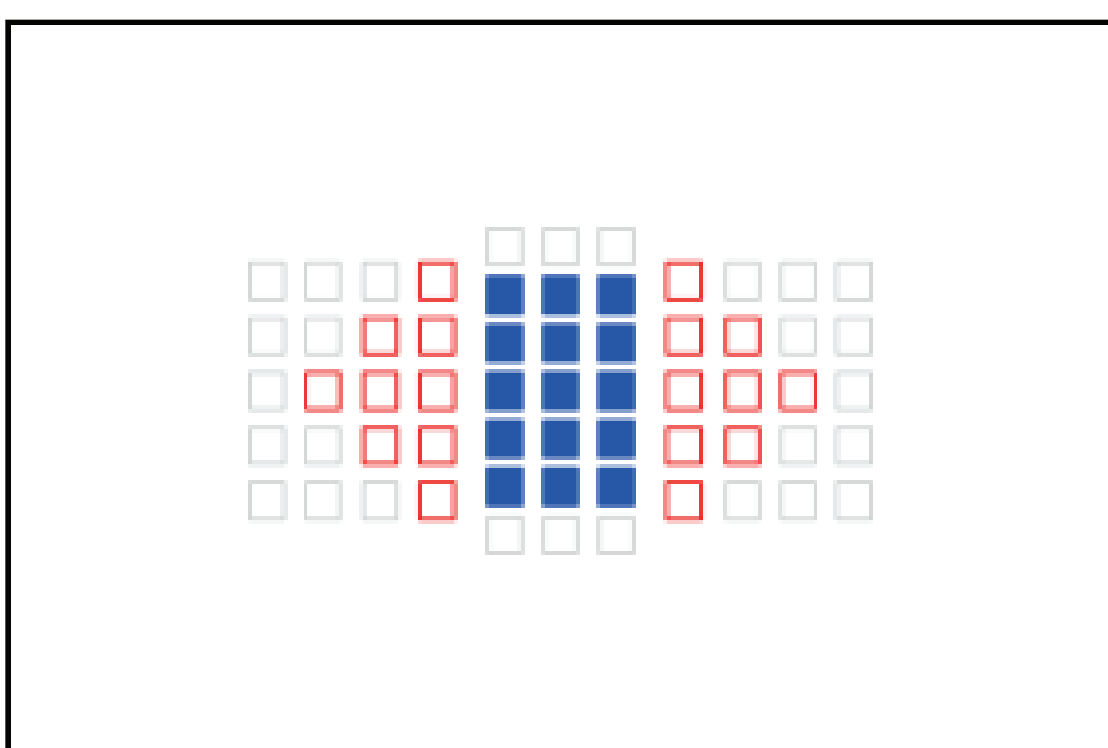
EF800mm F5.6L IS USM

EF35-350mm F3.5-5.6L USM

Group H

15-points cross-type available, total of 33 AF points available to select

AF focusing is possible with 33 points (61-point AF is not possible). All AF area selection modes are available.



Major lenses in Group H

EF180mm F3.5L Macro USM

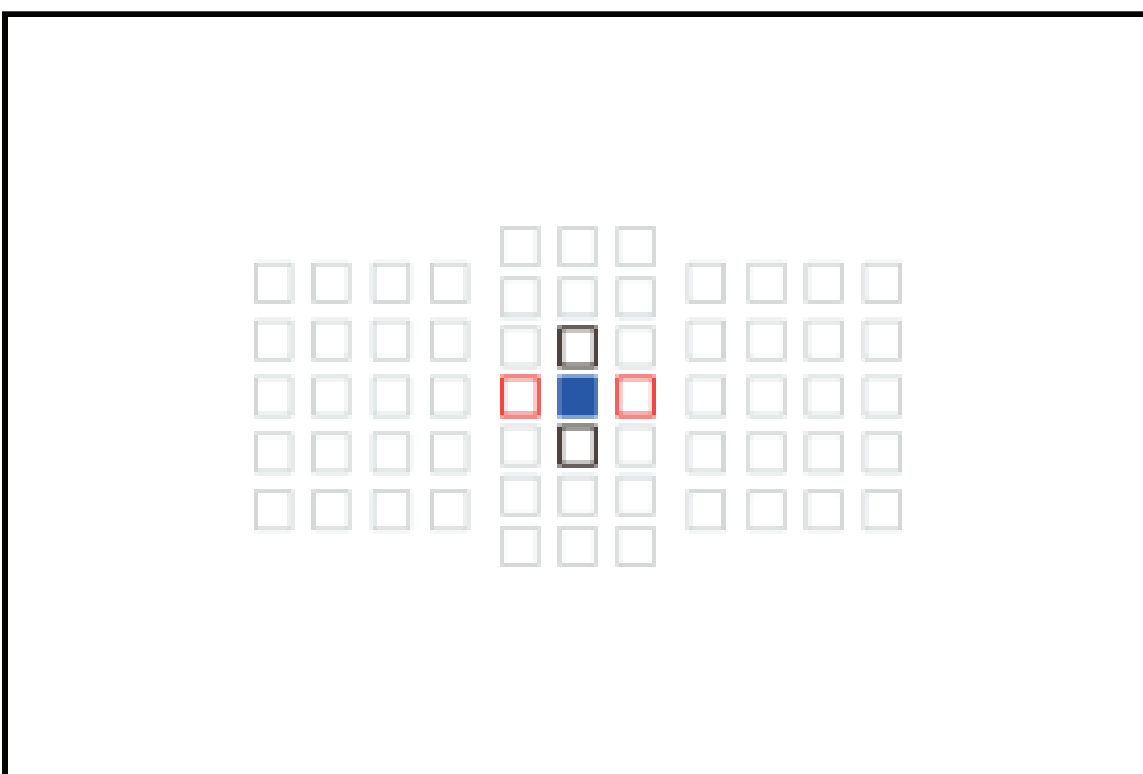
EF180mm F3.5L Macro USM + Ext. EF1.4x
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EF1200mm F5.6L USM

Group K

Single cross-type AF point available

You can carry out AF focusing with five points, but it is not possible to manually select the points above, below, to the left and right. The following AF area selection modes are available: Single-point Spot AF, Single-point AF, and AF point expansion (the points above, below, left, and right).



**f/5.6 and f/8 support
(vertical-line focusing AF)**

Major lenses in Group K

EF35-105mm F4.5-5.6
EF35-105mm F4.5-5.6 USM

61-point AF (4)

The number and placement of cross-type points when using f/8 lenses

AF shooting is possible on most lenses using all AF points with a maximum aperture value of f/8

When using a compatible lens + extender on the EOS-1D X Mark II, AF is possible using all 61 points, even with a maximum effective aperture of f/8.

Combining many Canon EF lenses with f/4 max. apertures with a 2x extender, or f/5.6 lenses with a 1.4x extender, you can still autofocus using some or all of the 61 AF points. Lens + extender combinations in Group F allow AF at all 61 points; lens + extenders in Group I or J will have fewer AF points available, but still allow for AF away from the center of the viewfinder.



EF500mm F4L IS II USM



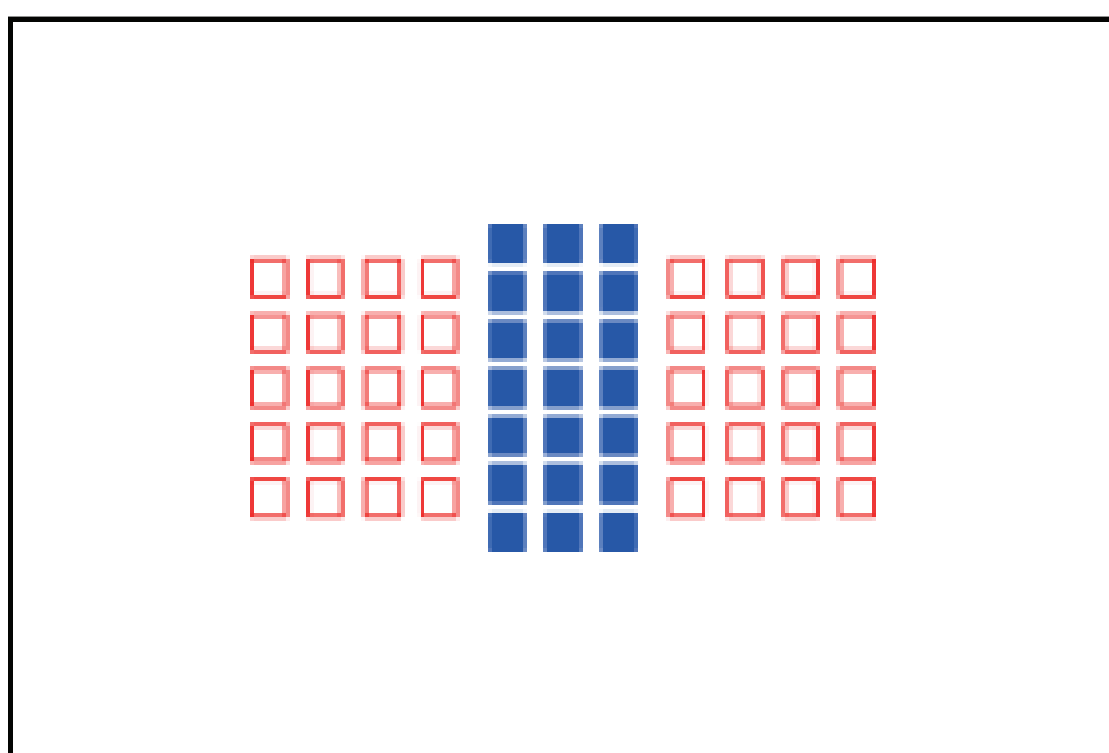
Extender EF 2x III

Group F (f/8 supported AF points)

AF is possible with all 61 points

Cross-type AF is possible with 21 points

AF focusing is possible with all 61 points. All AF area selection modes can be chosen.



Major lens + extender combinations in Group F

EF400mm F2.8L IS II USM+ Ext EF2x	EF400mm F2.8L IS USM+ Ext EF2x
EF400mm F4 DO IS II USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF400mm F4 DO IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x
EF500mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF500mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x
EF600mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF600mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x
EF70-200mm F2.8L IS II USM+ Ext EF2x	EF70-200mm F2.8L IS USM+ Ext EF2x
EF70-200mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF70-200mm F4L USM+ Ext EF1.4x
EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS II USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x
EF200-400mm F4L IS USM Ext 1.4x Ext EF2xIII	EF200-400mm F4L IS USM Ext 1.4x: using built-in Ext + Ext EF1.4x III
EF400mm F4 DO IS II USM+ Ext EF2xIII	EF400mm F4 DO IS USM+ Ext EF2xIII
EF400mm F5.6L USM+ Ext EF1.4xIII	EF500mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF2xIII
EF500mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2xIII	EF600mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF2xIII
EF600mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2xIII	EF500mm F4.5L USM+ Ext EF1.4xIII
EF600mm F4L USM+ Ext EF2xIII	EF300mm F2.8L USM+ Ext EF2x
EF400mm F2.8L II USM+ Ext EF2x	EF400mm F2.8L USM+ Ext EF2x
EF600mm F4L USM+ Ext EF1.4x	EF70-200mm F2.8L USM+ Ext EF2x

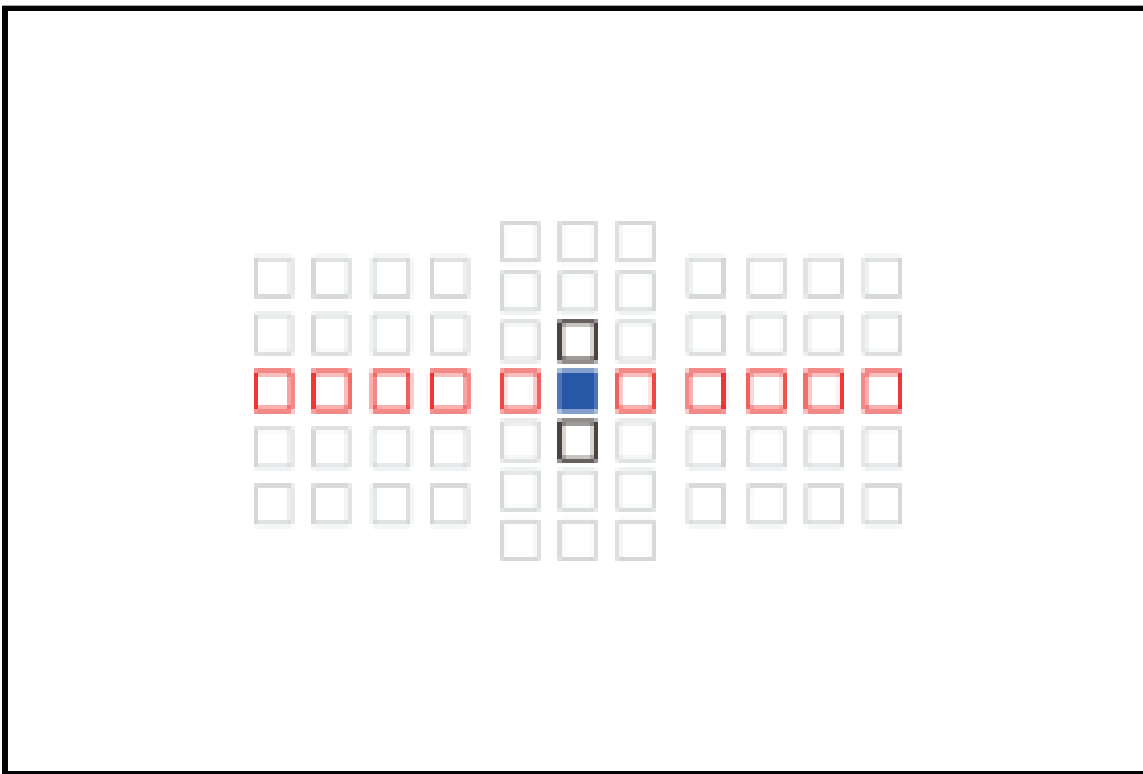
* "Ext EF1.4x" is an abbreviation of EF 1.4x Extender, and "Ext EF2x" is an abbreviation of EF2x Extender. If no specific type (version I, II, or III) is indicated after 1.4x or 2x, any version of that extender can be used.

Group I

AF is possible with 13 points

AF is possible with the center point

AF focusing is possible with 13 points. The following AF area selection modes are available: Single-point Spot AF, Single-point AF, Shooting with AF point expansion (up, down, left, and right), Zone AF (manual selection of zone), and Auto selection of 13 AF points.



Major lens + extenders— Group I

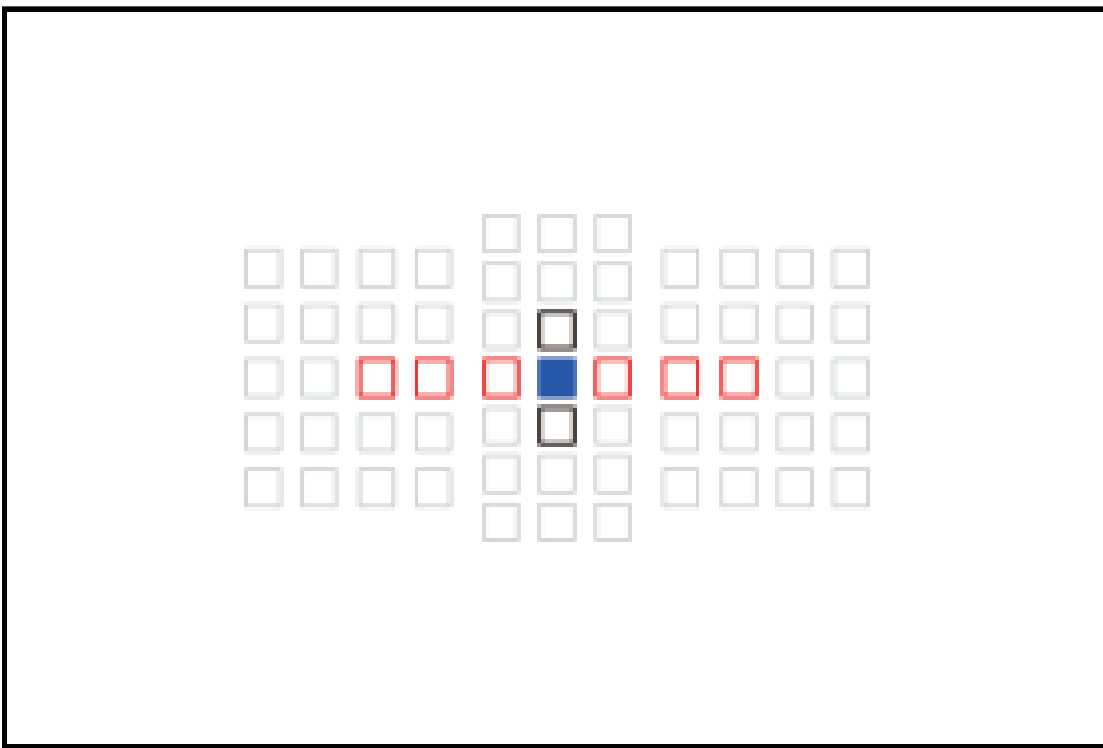
EF300mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2x III
EF300mm F4L USM+ Ex EF2x III
EF70-200mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2x III
EF70-200mm F4L USM+ Ext EF2x III

Group J

AF is possible with 9 points

AF is possible with the center point

AF focusing is possible with 9 points. The following AF area selection modes are available: Single-point Spot AF, Single-point AF, Shooting with AF point expansion (up, down, left, and right), and Auto selection of 9 AF points.



Major lenses + extender combinations — Group J

EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS II USM+ Ext EF1.4x I/II	EF100-400mm F4.5-5.6L IS USM+ Ext EF1.4x I/II
EF200-400mm F4L IS USM Ext 1.4x+ Ext EF1.4x I/II	EF200-400mm F4L IS USM Ext 1.4x: using built-in Ext + Ext EF1.4x I/II
EF300mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF300mm F4L USM+ Ext EF2x I/II
EF400mm F4 DO IS II USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF400mm F4 DO IS USM+ Ext EF2x I/II
EF400mm F5.6L USM+ Ext EF1.4x I/II	EF500mm F4.5L USM+ Ext EF1.4x I/II
EF500mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF500mm F4L II USM+ Ext EF2x I/II
EF600mm F4L IS II USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF600mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2x I/II
EF600mm F4L USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF70-200mm F4L IS USM+ Ext EF2x I/II
EF70-200mm F4L USM+ Ext EF2x I/II	EF800mm F5.6L IS EF1.4x+ Ext EF1.4x
EF1200mm F5.6L USM+ Ext EF1.4x	—

“Ext EF1.4x” is an abbreviation of EF 1.4x Extender, and “Ext EF2x” is an abbreviation of EF2x Extender. Extenders without the type (I, II, or III) indicated after “1.4x” or “2x” can be used with all I, II, or III types.

■ Capability of f/8 supported AF points

When using an extender and a maximum aperture of f/8, all 61 AF points and AF area selection mode can be fully utilized on most lenses.

As indicated in the chart on P. 92 "Group F (f/8 supported AF points," with the combination of many lenses and extenders that total a maximum aperture of f/8, AF is possible with all AF points. In addition, in this case the AF area selection modes such as **[Auto selection AF]** and **[Zone AF]** can all be used. Therefore, it is effective when using a combination of Lens Extender EF 2x with a lens with a maximum aperture of f/4, or Lens Extender EF1.4x with a lens with a maximum aperture of f/5.6. Utilizing an extender is recommended when you want to do telephoto shooting with your existing lenses.



Shot with Extender EF 2x III attached to EF500mm F4L IS II USM.

* Check with Group F, Group I, and Group J on P. 91-93 for combinations of lenses with f/8 supported AF points and extenders.

Release property settings and anti-flicker shooting

AF operation and shutter-release timing settings



Anti-flicker shooting

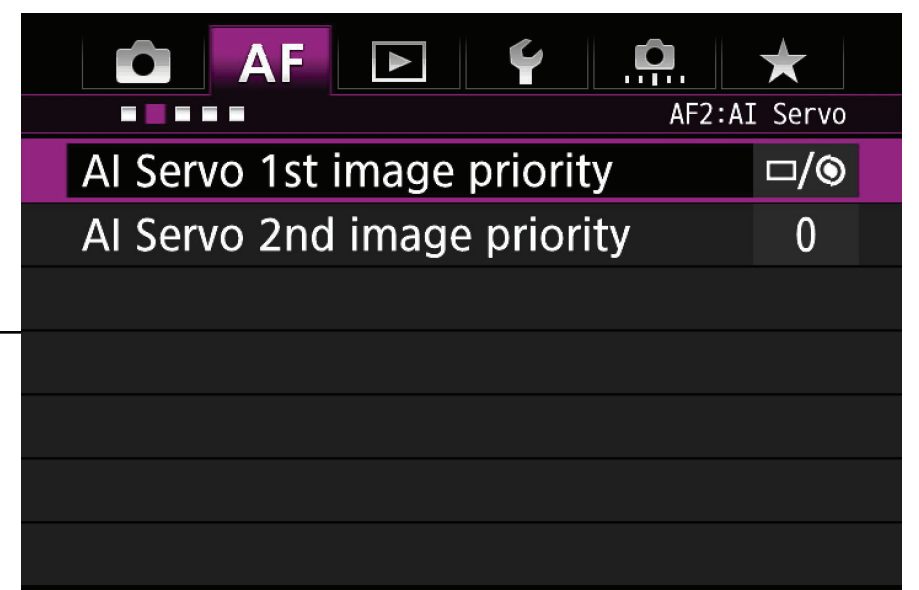


AF operation and shutter-release timing settings

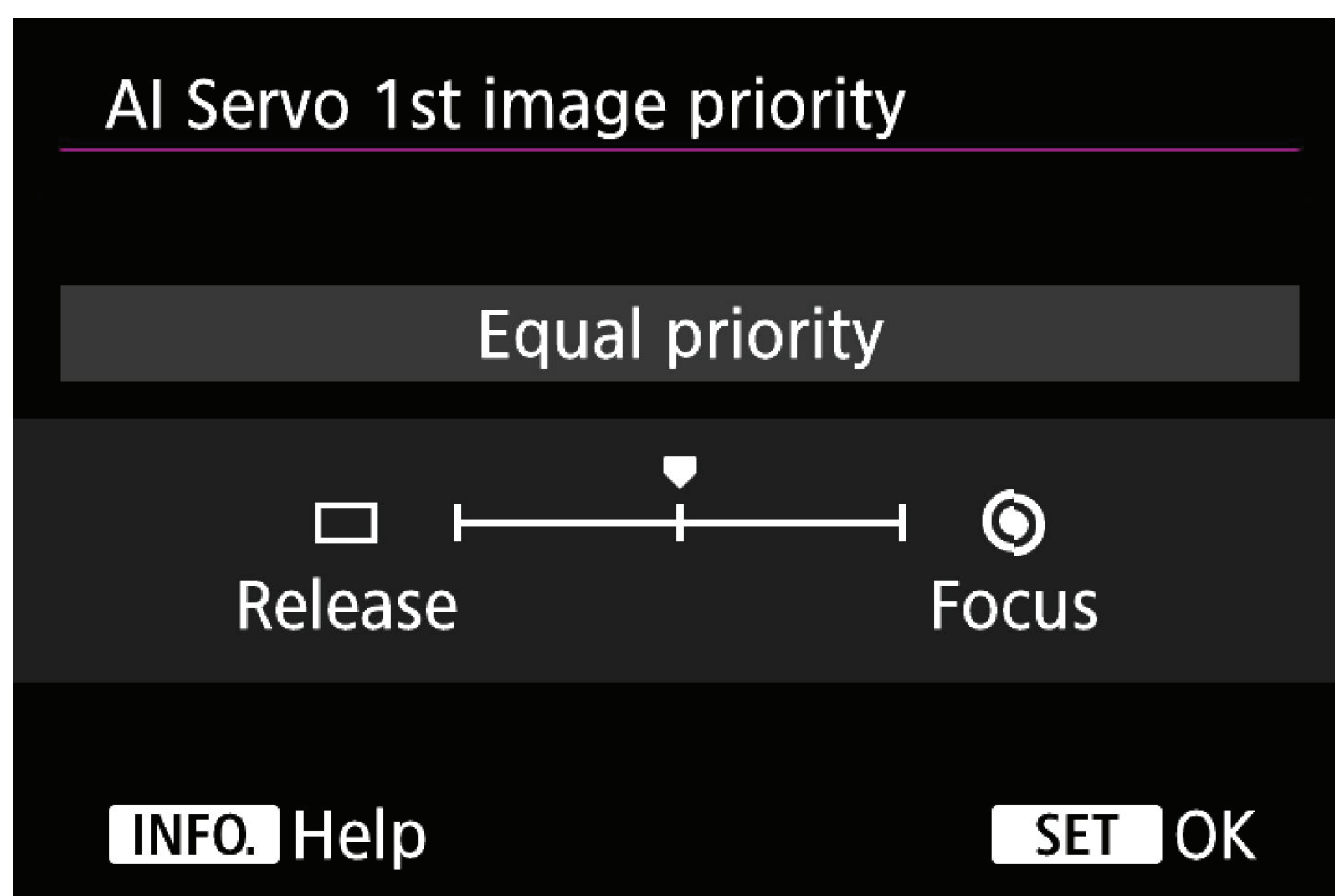
You can set whether focusing or shutter-release has priority

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Shutter-release parameters during AI Servo [Set in the AF 2 tab]



1 1st image parameter [AI Servo 1st image priority]



Equal priority

This setting gives an equal priority to both focus and shutter-release, for the first shot in an AI Servo AF sequence.

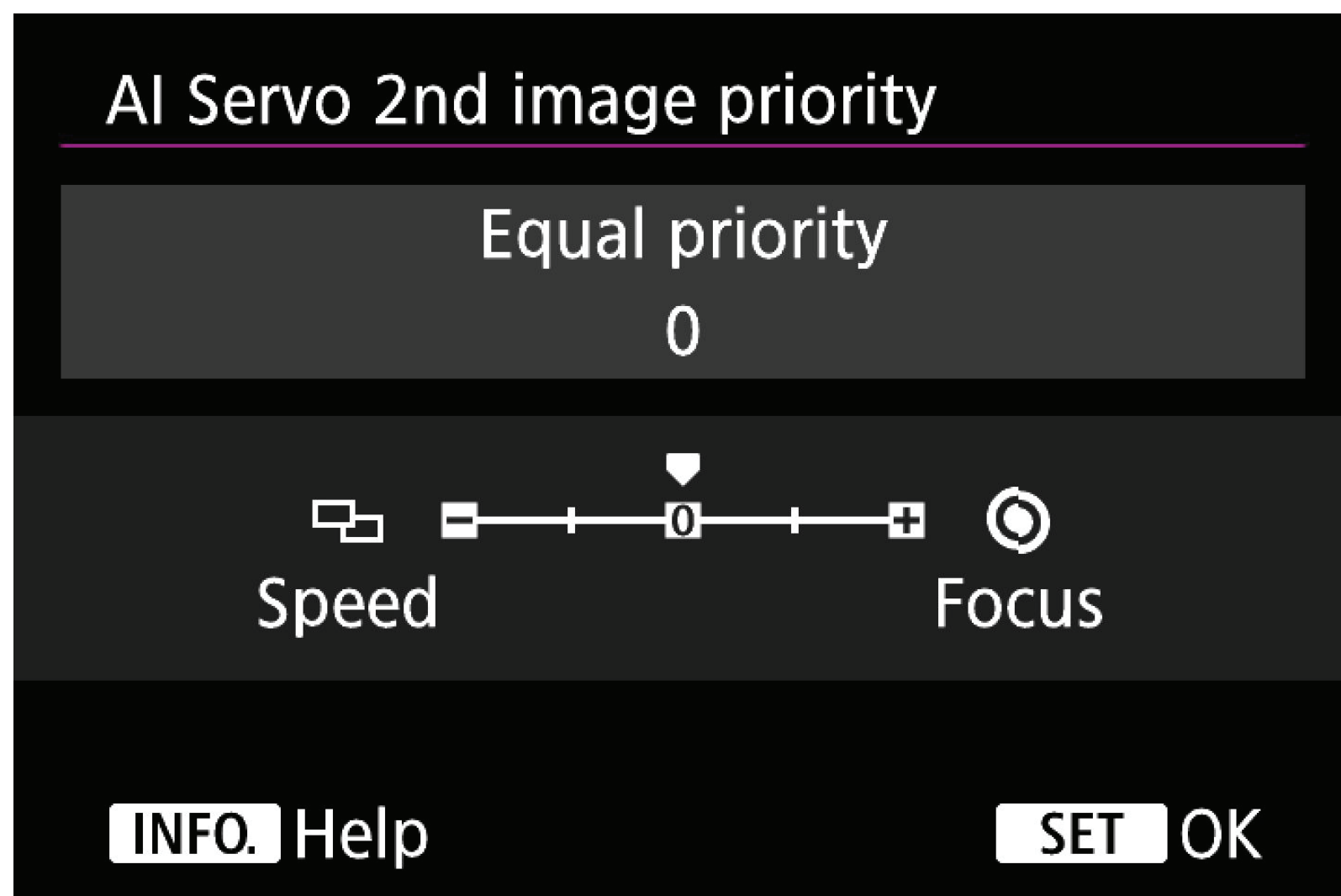
Release priority

For first image in a sequence, priority is on firing shutter — even if sharp focus isn't confirmed. It is effective when you want to minimize any delay when shooting, sacrificing AF performance.

Focus priority

For initial shot in a sequence, in AI Servo AF, camera won't fire until sharp focus has been confirmed. It is recommended when you want to ensure your images are in focus, even at the cost of added "lag time."

2 Parameters during continuous shooting [AI Servo 2nd image priority]



Equal priority

For 2nd and subsequent shots in a continuous sequence, this setting gives equal priority to both focus and shooting speed. The FPS rate of continuous shooting may slow down when it is dark, or in low contrast.

Shooting speed priority

This setting gives priority to continuous shooting speed over focus. Continuous shooting speed will not drop. Effective when you want to shoot with an approximate fixed interval between photos. A setting of **[-2]** will maintain continuous shooting speed.

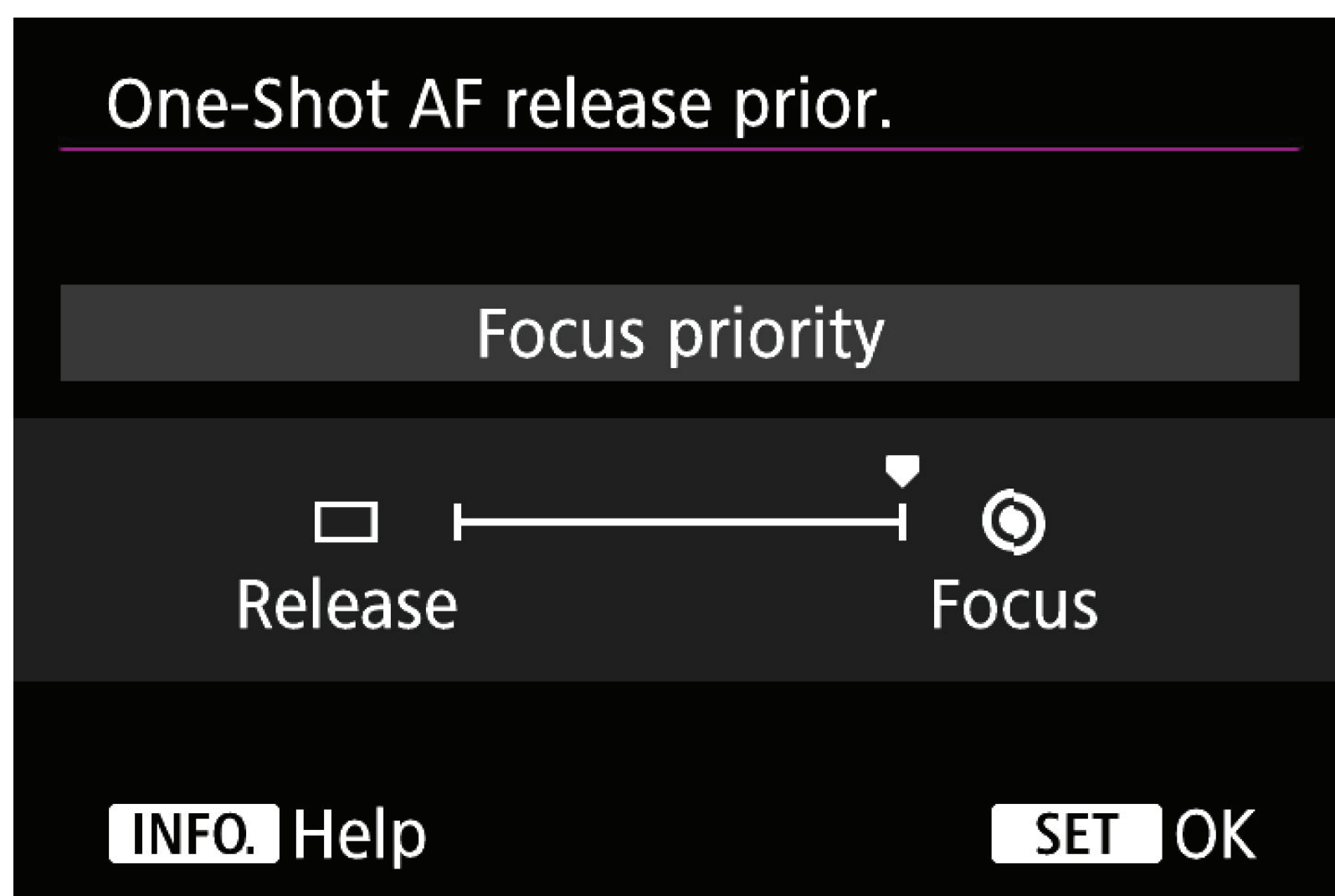
Focus priority

This setting gives priority to focusing over continuous shooting speed. It will not shoot a picture unless it is in focus. It is recommended when you want to shoot only after focusing on the subject. This setting makes the most of AF low-light performance with AI Servo AF, but when **[+2]** is selected the continuous shooting rate will be reduced.

Shutter-release parameter for One-Shot AF [Set in the AF3 tab]



[One-Shot AF release priority]



Focus priority

You cannot shoot a picture unless the camera has confirmed sharp focus. It is effective when you want to shoot only after ensuring sharp focus. This is the factory-default setting for One-Shot AF in most EOS cameras.

Release priority

Priority with One-Shot AF is on shutter timing when you press the button, rather than pausing to ensure sharpest focus. It is recommended only when you want to put priority on capturing split-second photo opportunities, and sharpness is less important — as may be the case in certain types of news photojournalism.

Anti-flicker shooting

This feature can detect the rapid on-off-on flicker of fluorescent and similar artificial lights, and make slight changes in shutter timing so that each shot is captured at the lighting's peak brightness. It's for still images only.

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Anti-flicker shooting [Set in the tab]

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Beep	Disable
Release shutter without card	ON
Mirror lockup	OFF
Dust Delete Data	
External Speedlite control	
Anti-flicker shoot.	Disable

Anti-flicker shooting

Anti-flicker shoot.

Disable

Enable

If [Enable] is set, the shutter release time lag may become longer or continuous shooting speed may become slower

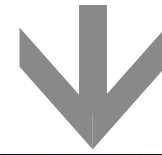
When shooting fast shutter speeds under artificial light sources, erratic exposure and changes in color, from shot to shot, can occur if the lights flicker on and off. Anti-flicker shooting is a function that reduces this effect, by optimizing shutter timing, so that the shutter fires at the instant of peak brightness of the artificial lights. It is effective when shooting with fast shutter speeds with the kind of light sources that display the **[Flicker!]** detection icon in the Intelligent Viewfinder (P. 120).

* As the influence of flickering can appear with shutter speeds of 1/250 sec. or faster, this is simply a guideline for using [Anti-flicker shooting].

Reduction of exposure and color irregularities during anti-flicker shooting



**Anti-flicker shooting
[Enable]**



**Anti-flicker shooting
[Disable]**

When compared to **[Disable]**, photos shot with Anti-flicker shooting set to **[Enable]** can be shot continuously with stable exposure and color. Please note that it does not operate while shooting with the mirror locked up, during Live View shooting, or during movie shooting.

Utilizing the AF and Movie Servo AF Other useful functions (1)

Memorize and immediately change AF points

Automatic switching of AF points for horizontal and vertical shooting



Memorize and immediately change AF points

[Separate AF points: Point only] is added to [Orientation linked AF point]



Memorize and immediately change AF points

Instantly recall AF points using [Switch to registered AF point]



Instantly switch AF area selection modes



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Synchronize initial AF point used for auto selection AF with manually selected point



Assigning functions to the AF-ON/✳ button



Custom Controls detailed settings



Custom Controls
Rotation setting of functions



Movie servo AF



Using ISO Auto

Exposure compensation is possible
in M mode and ISO Auto



Using ISO Auto

Minimum shutter speed during
ISO Auto expanded to 1/8000 sec.

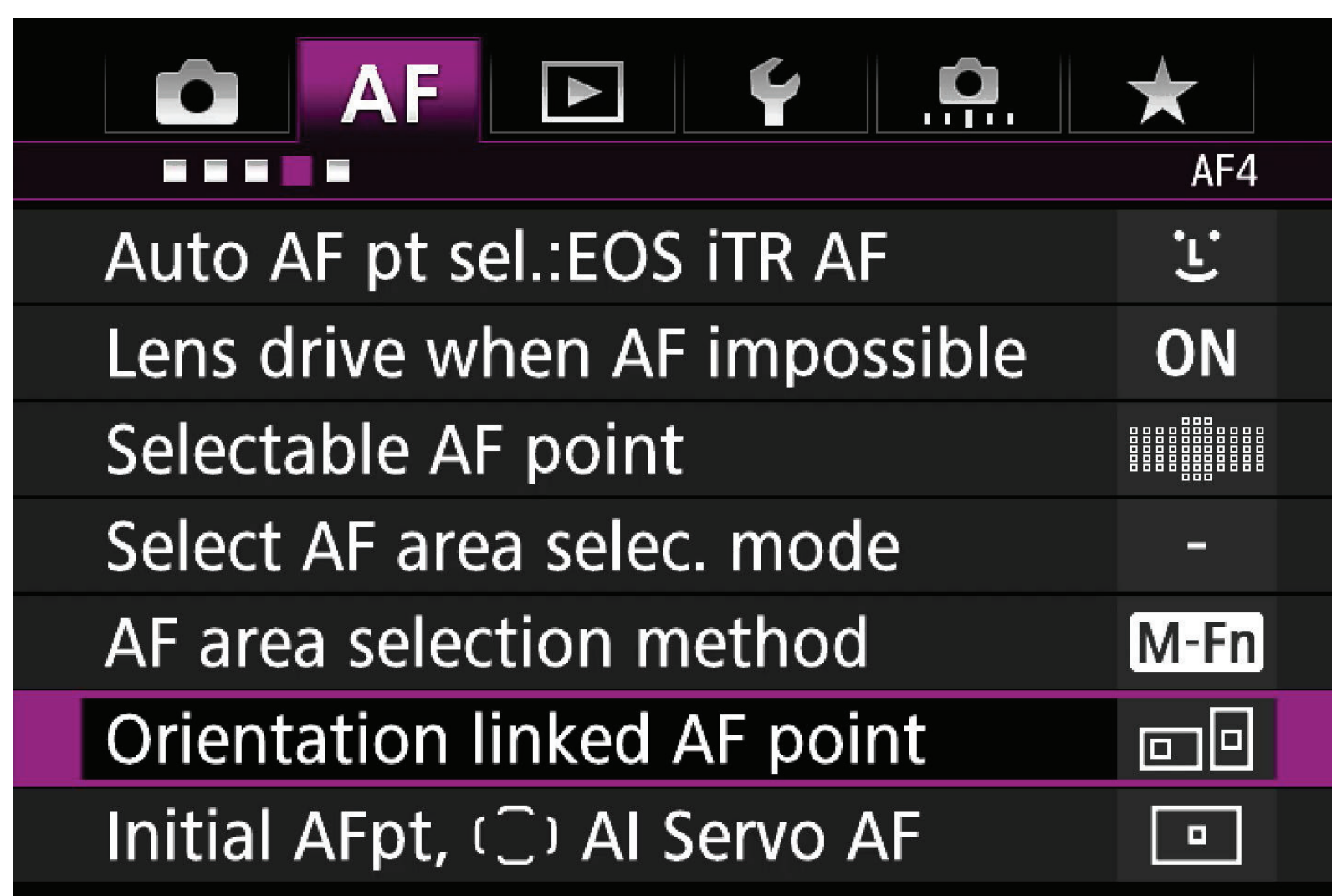


Memorize and immediately change AF points Automatic switching of AF points for horizontal and vertical shooting

[Orientation linked AF point] is an outstanding feature for photographers who quickly change from horizontal to vertical compositions.

Separate AF points can be memorized for each, and the camera will automatically switch from one to another as its orientation is rotated.

Automatic switching of AF points for horizontal and vertical shooting



Set up steps

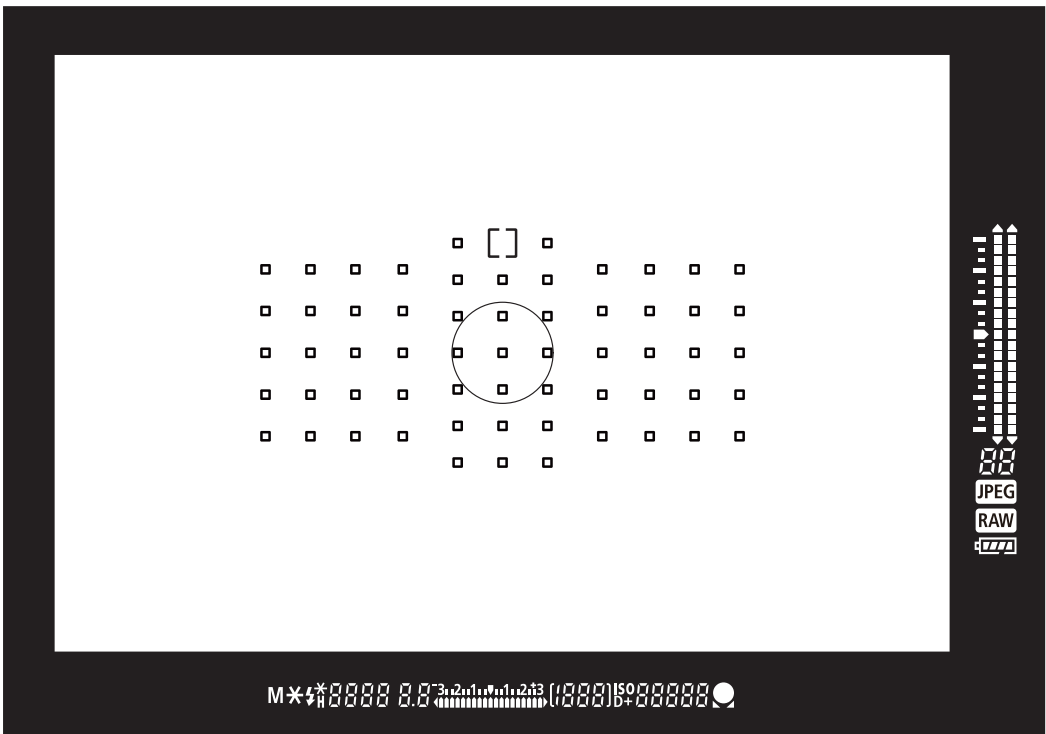
Use [Orientation linked AF point] in the [AF4] tab to set the AF points for each orientation

- 1 Select a [Separate AF points] option from [Orientation linked AF point]

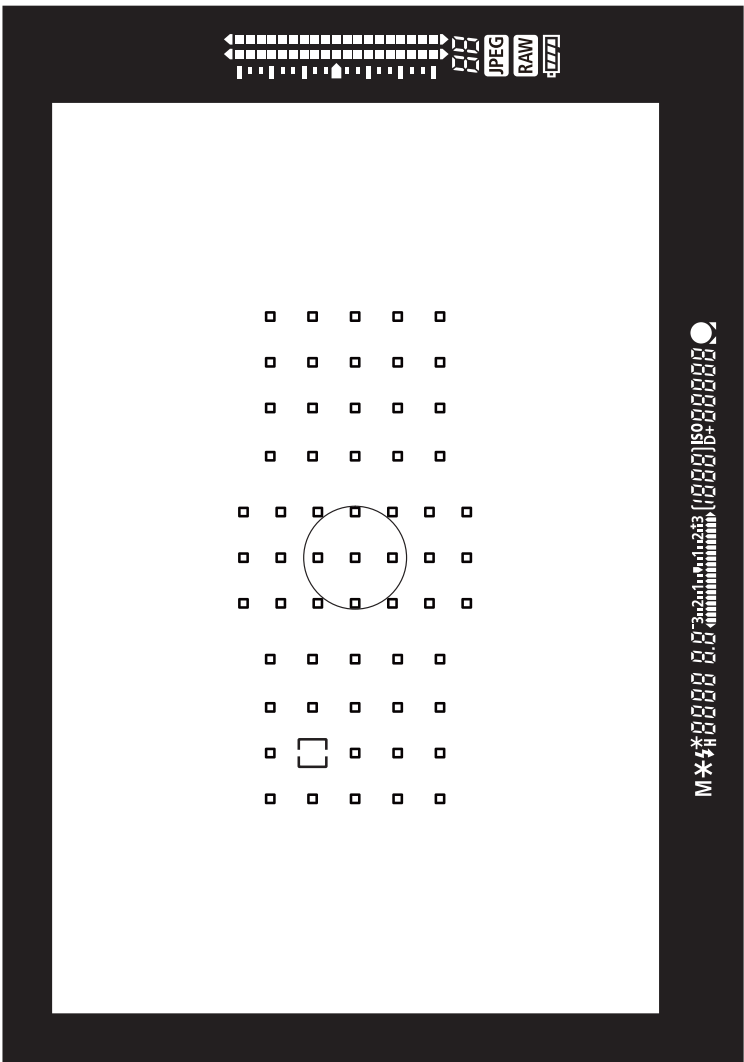
Set up steps

2 Change the camera position and select the desired AF point or AF mode

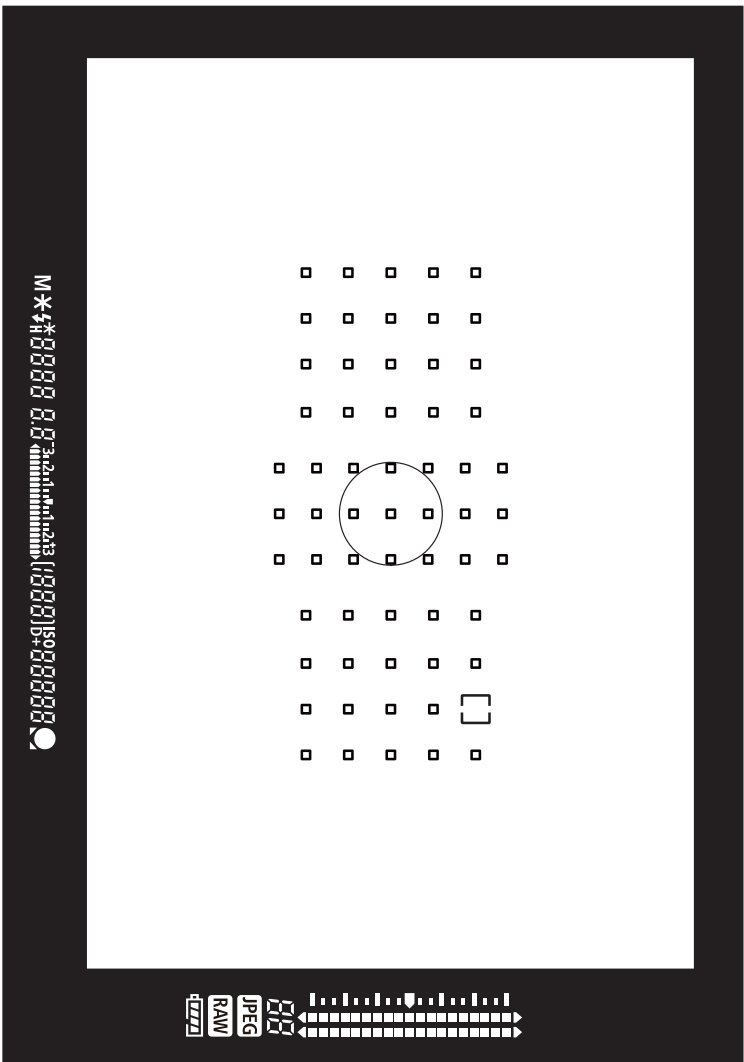
A Horizontal position



B Vertical position with grip at the top



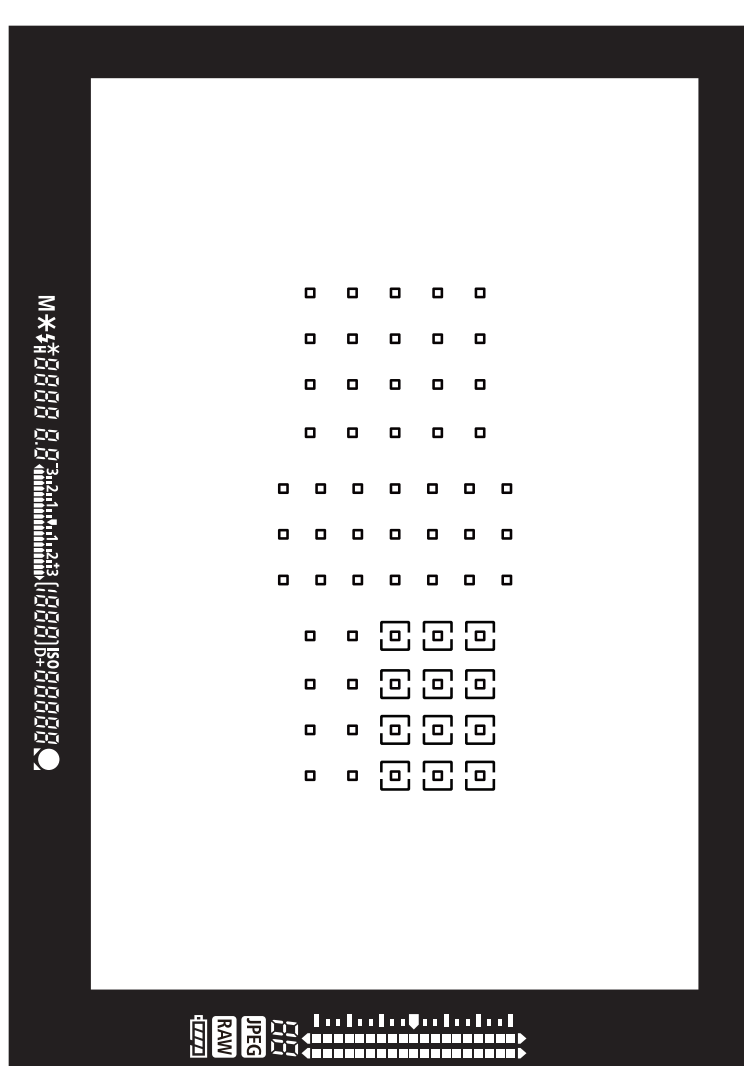
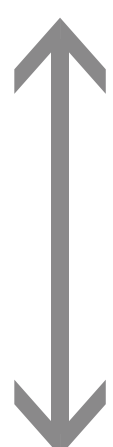
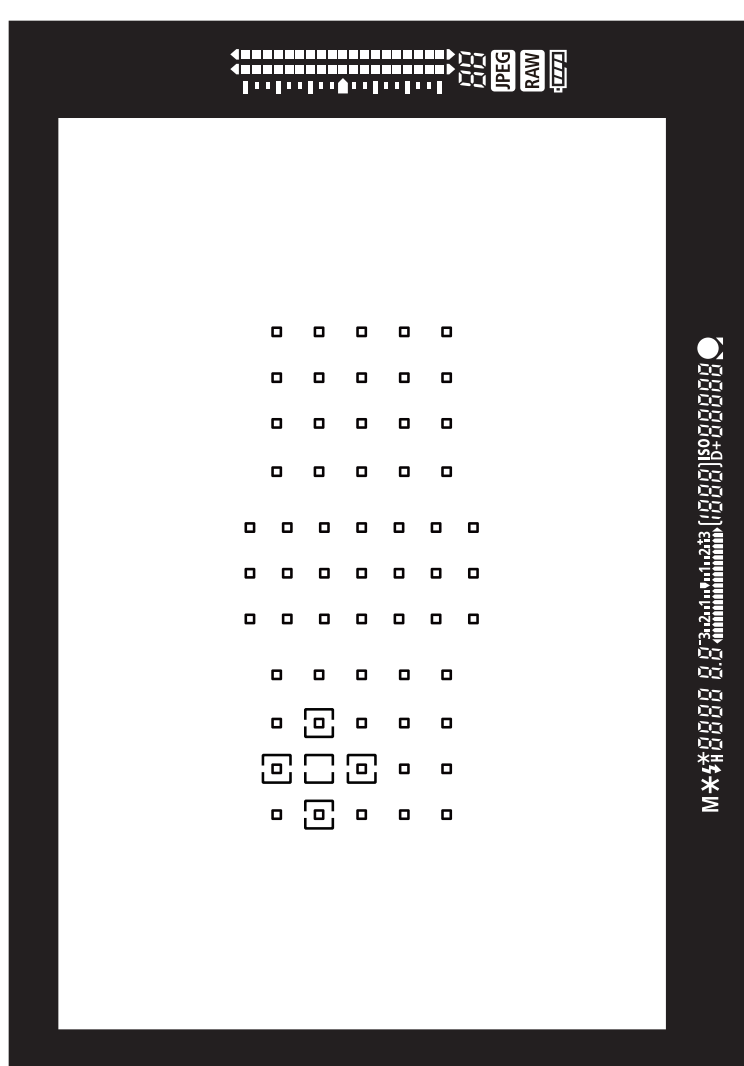
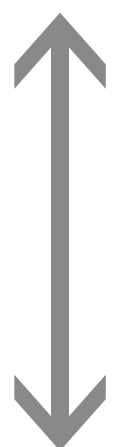
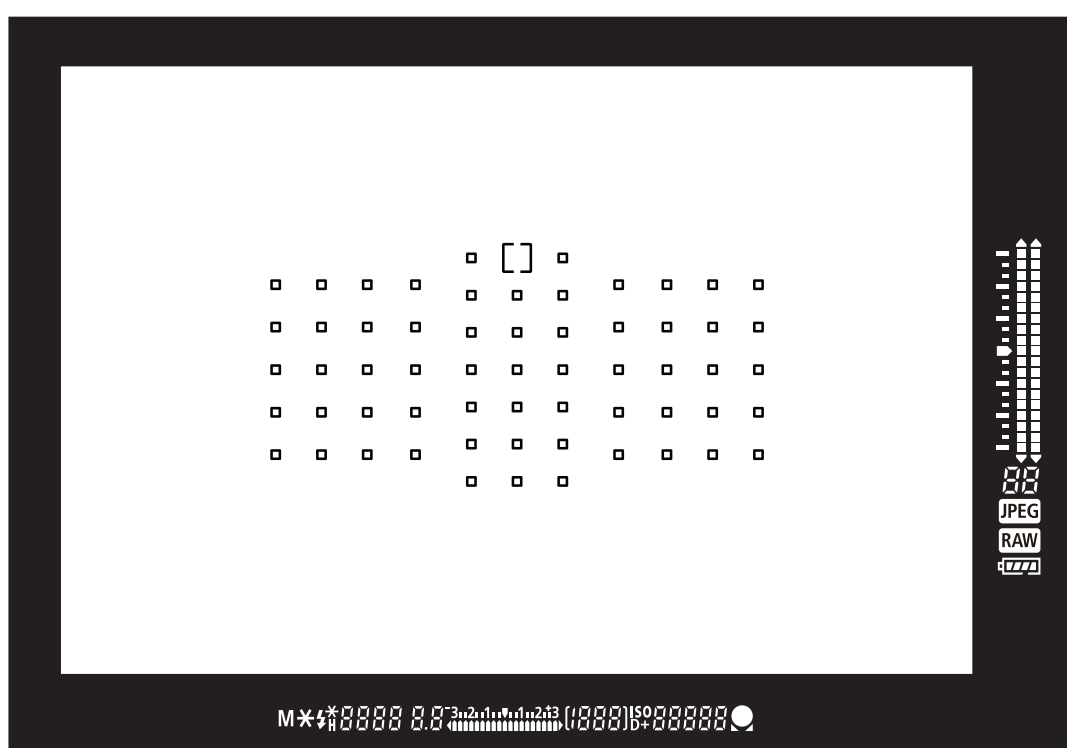
C Vertical position with grip at the bottom



Select the AF point for each position

Set up steps

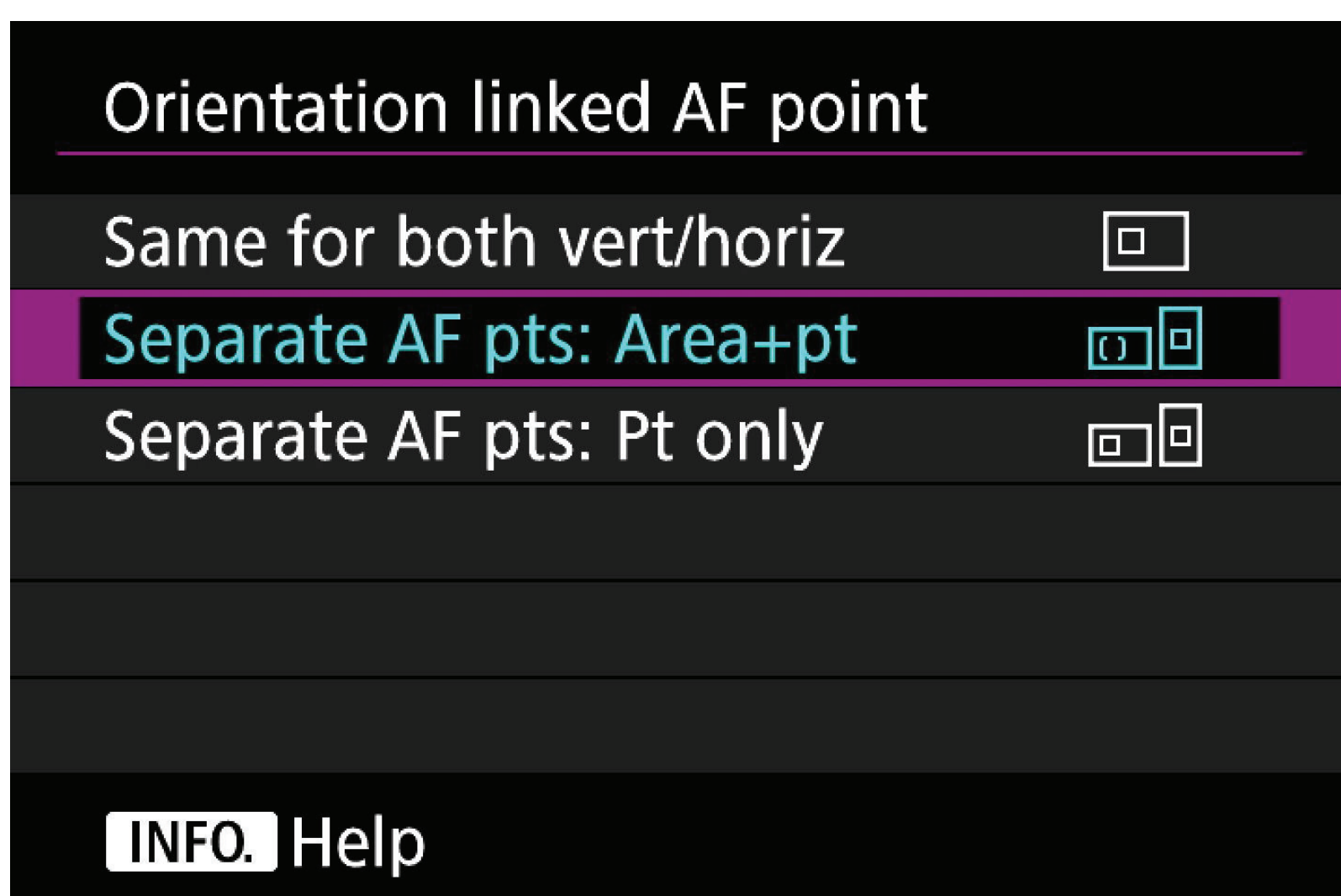
3 [AF area selection mode]



Select the [AF area selection mode] for each position

Set up steps

First, select **[Separate AF pts: Area+pt]** from **[Orientation linked AF point]**. Next, select the AF area selection mode and manually select an AF point location for each of the positions (orientation): A) camera Horizontal; B) camera Vertical with grip at the top; and C) camera Vertical with grip at the bottom. The settings will automatically be remembered. Now, for each of these orientations it will automatically switch to the select mode and AF points.



Whether you shoot sports or portraits, wildlife or fashion, it's common to quickly rotate the camera from horizontal to vertical orientation.

The EOS-1D X Mark II is equipped with an abundance of AF points to choose from — 61 points to be exact. This provides a high degree of freedom when composing shots. However, one downfall is that, when the uppermost left AF point is selected for shooting while the camera is held in the horizontal position, when the grip is switched to the vertical position, the AF point ends up in the bottommost lower left of the screen. If you want to keep the entire body of the athlete in the frame while focusing on their face, you must choose another AF point.

In situations like this, AF point settings for each position are especially useful. By selecting **[Separate AF pts: Area+pt]** from **[Orientation linked AF point]**, individual settings for each of the AF area selection modes and the manually selected AF points can be stored in the camera memory.

In the previous case, for example, if you set the center upper edge AF point beforehand when in the vertical position with the grip at the top, it is possible to have the AF point line up with the position of the face instantly when switching from the horizontal to vertical position.

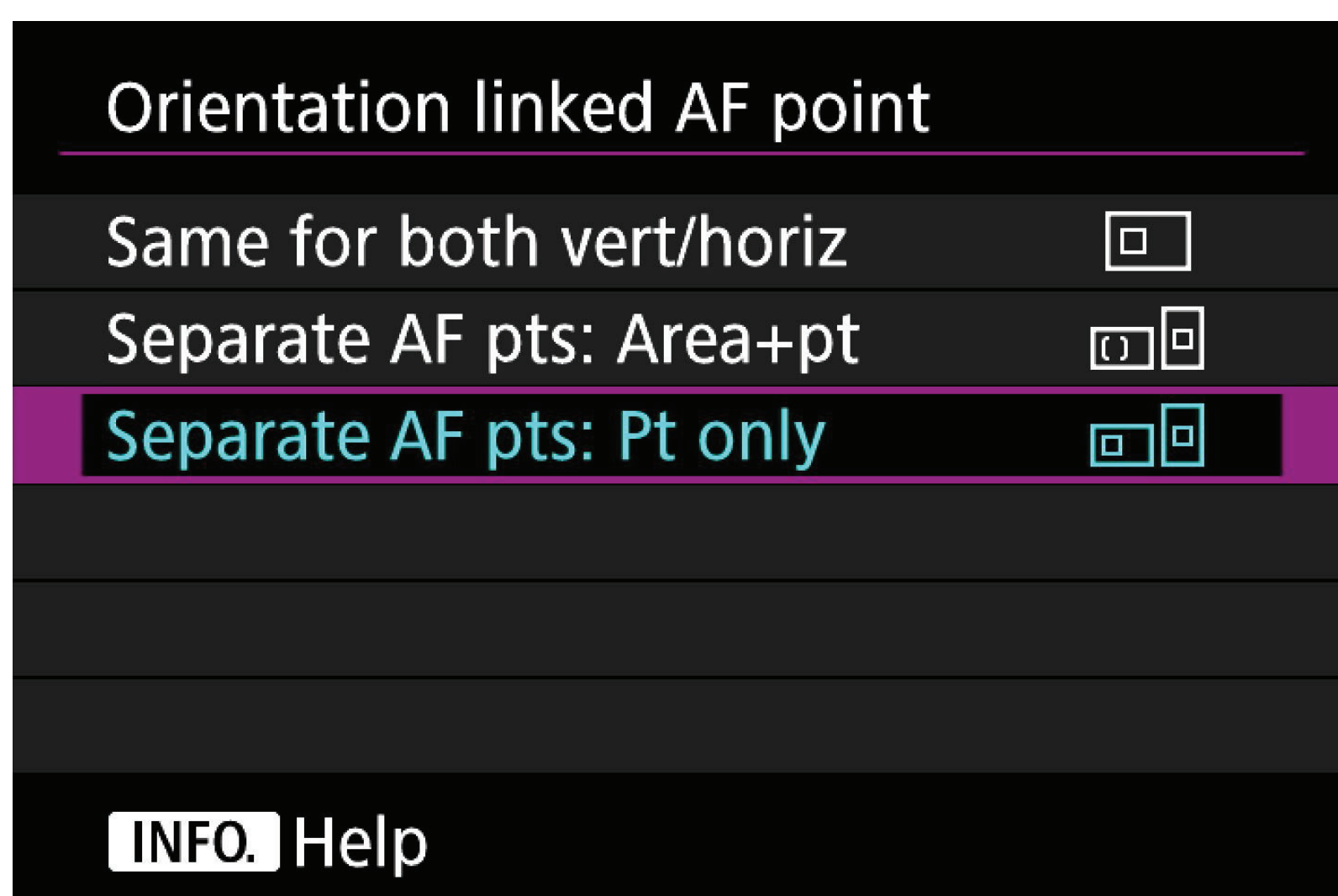
Memorize and immediately change AF points
[Separate AF points: Point only] is added to **[Orientation linked AF point]**

Two **[Orientation linked AF point]** options:

- Choose a different AF point and AF Area for horizontal and vertical orientations
- Keep same AF Area for horiz. and vert.

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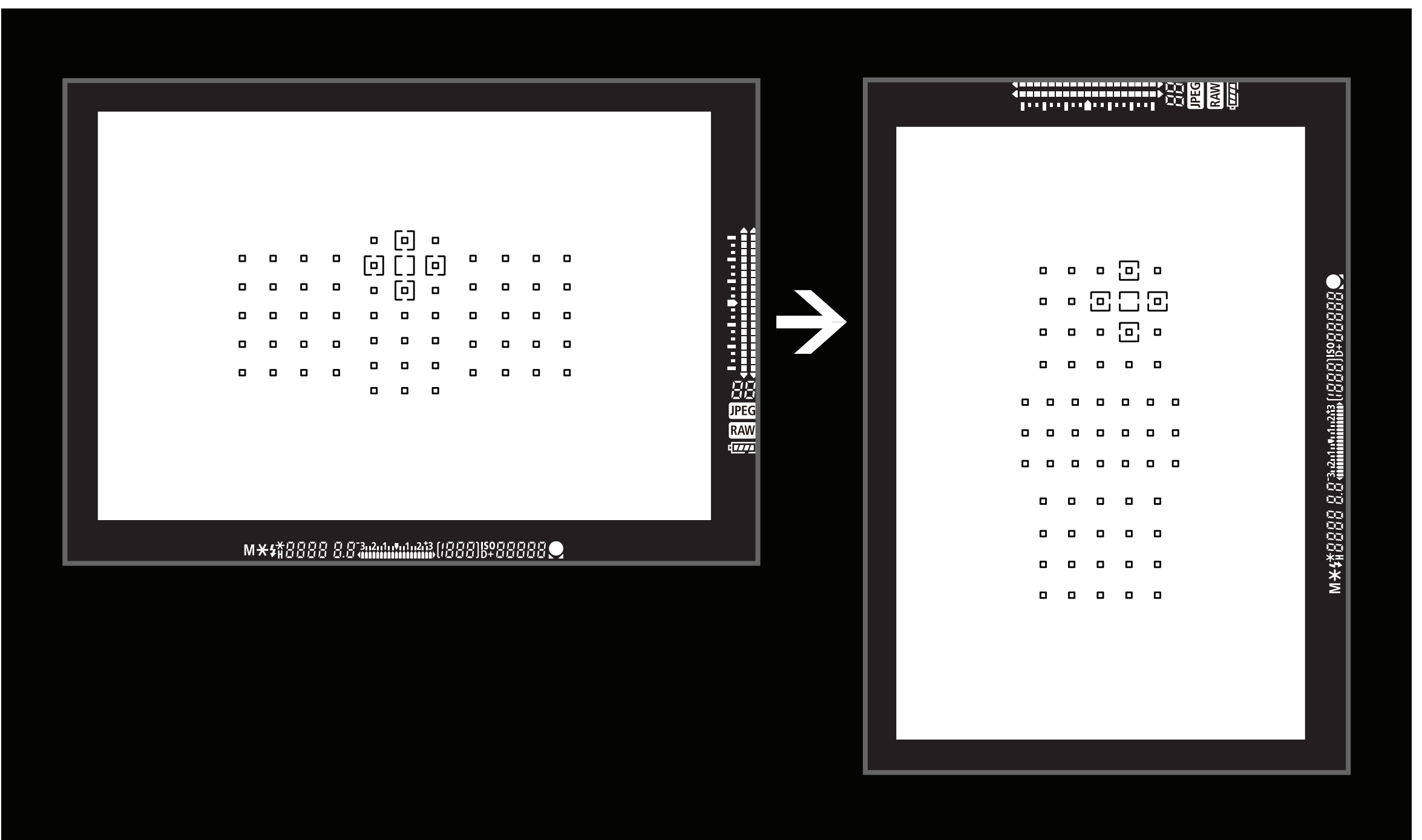
Set different AF points, but use the same AF area selection mode in both vertical and horizontal positions.



One more setting of **[Orientation linked AF point]** is **[Separate AF points: Point only]**. This lets you set different AF points but use the same AF area selection mode for vertical and horizontal positions. Because settings are simple, this is an excellent feature for shooting in the vertical and horizontal positions with the same **[AF area selection mode]**.

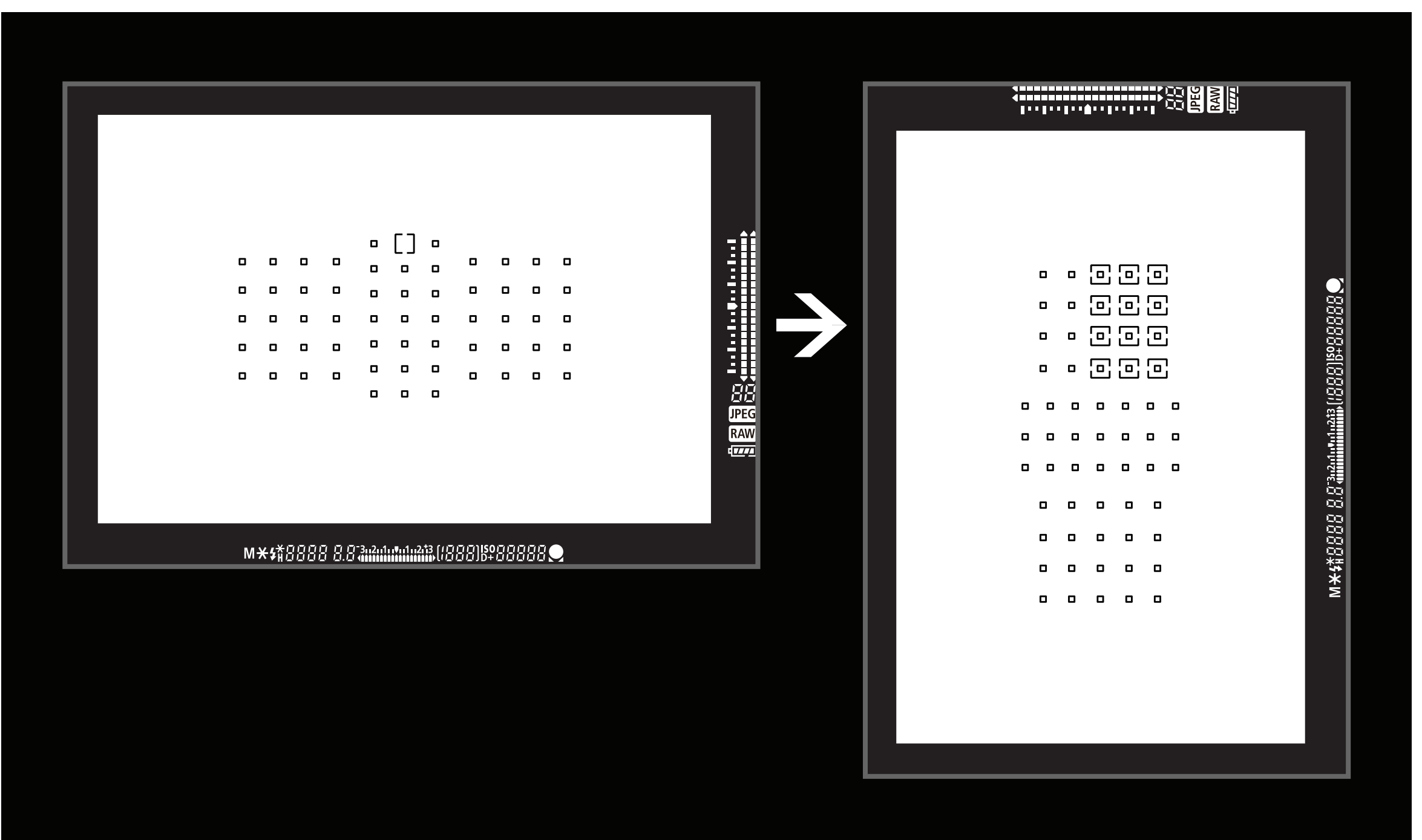
With this setting, if you change the AF Area for either horizontal or vertical shots, the AF Area for the opposite orientation changes automatically as well.

[Separate AF points: Point only]



Once an AF Area is selected (here, AF Point Expansion), it stays the same for horizontal and vertical shooting.

[Separate AF points: Area+Point]



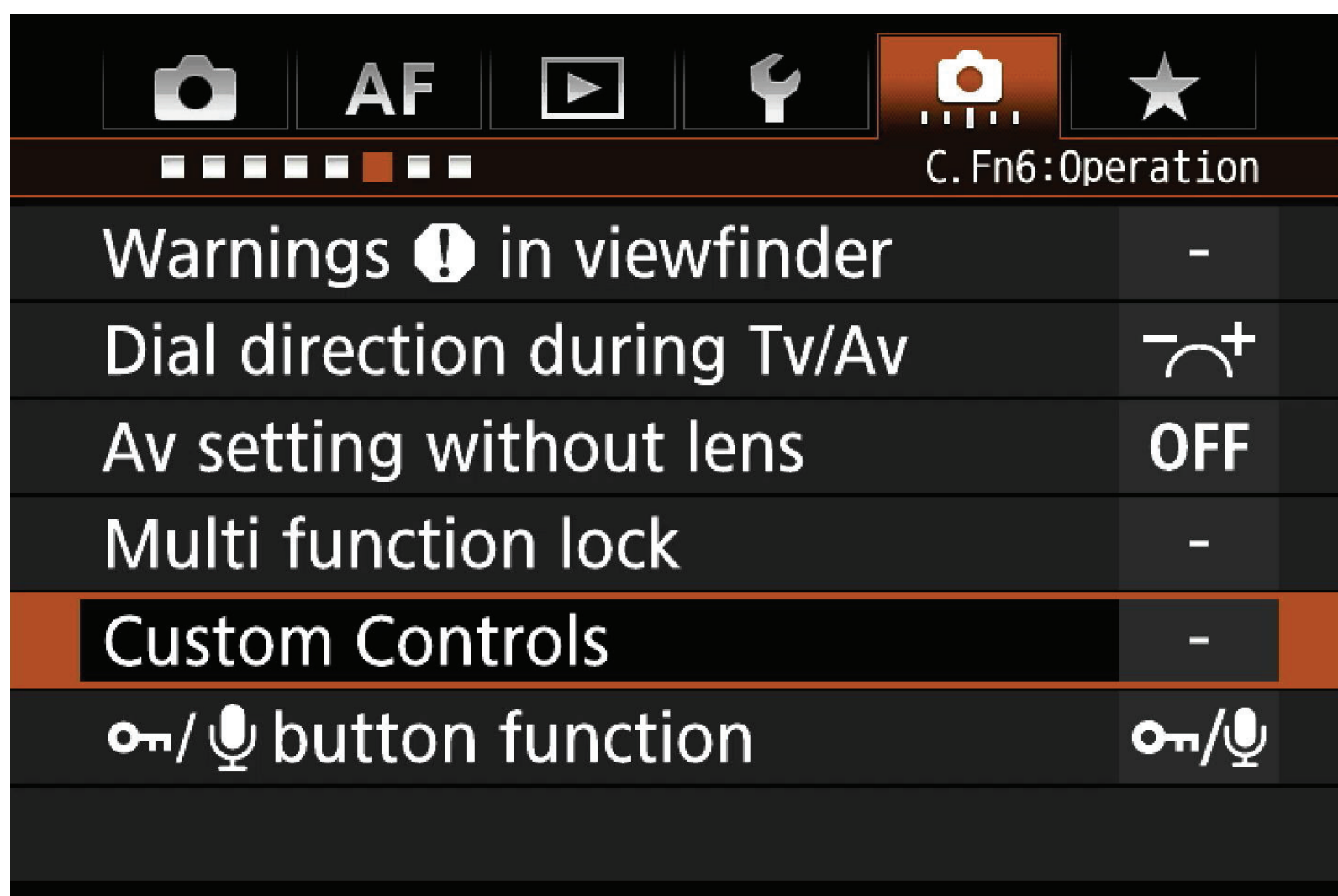
Separate AF Area settings, as well as AF points, can be set for horizontal and vertical

Memorize and immediately change AF points **Instantly recall AF points using [Switch to registered AF point]**

Memorize an AF point location, and instantly return to it by pressing a user-defined button

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Store your preferred AF point for instant access at the touch of a button



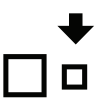


Use [Custom Controls] from [C.Fn5: operation]

Using the **[Custom Controls]** option from the custom function **[C.Fn5: operation]** menu allows an AF point to be registered and recalled instantly. This function can also be used to assign various functions to the different camera controls.

Set up steps

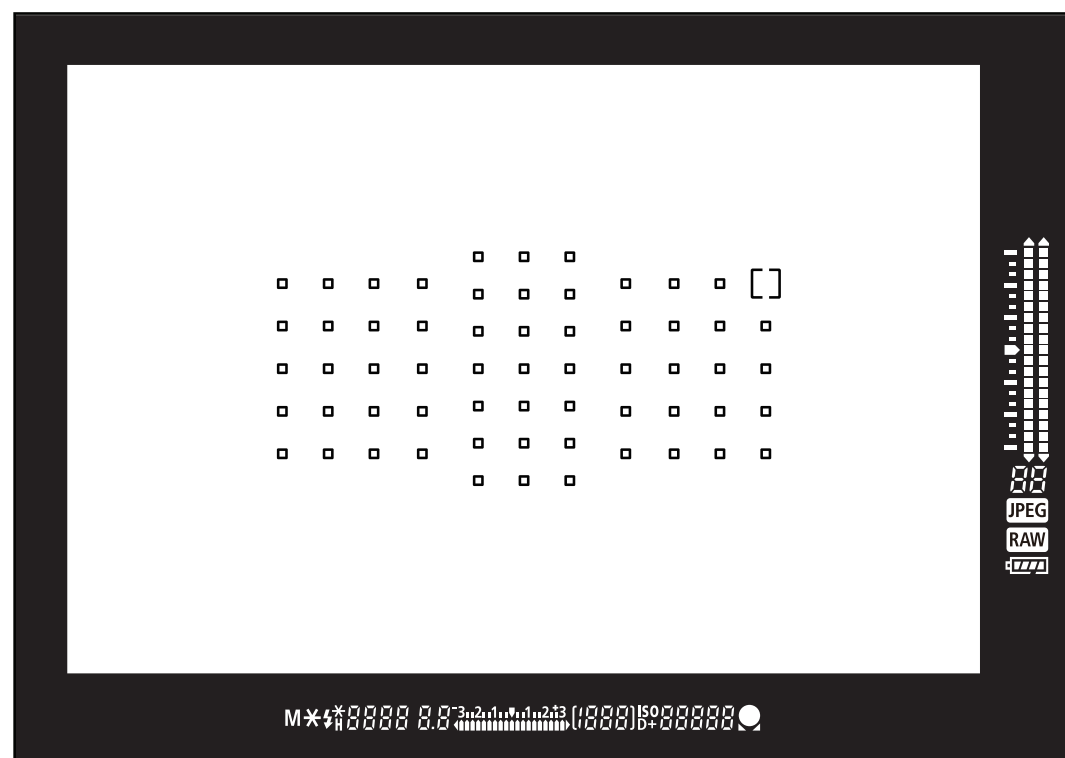
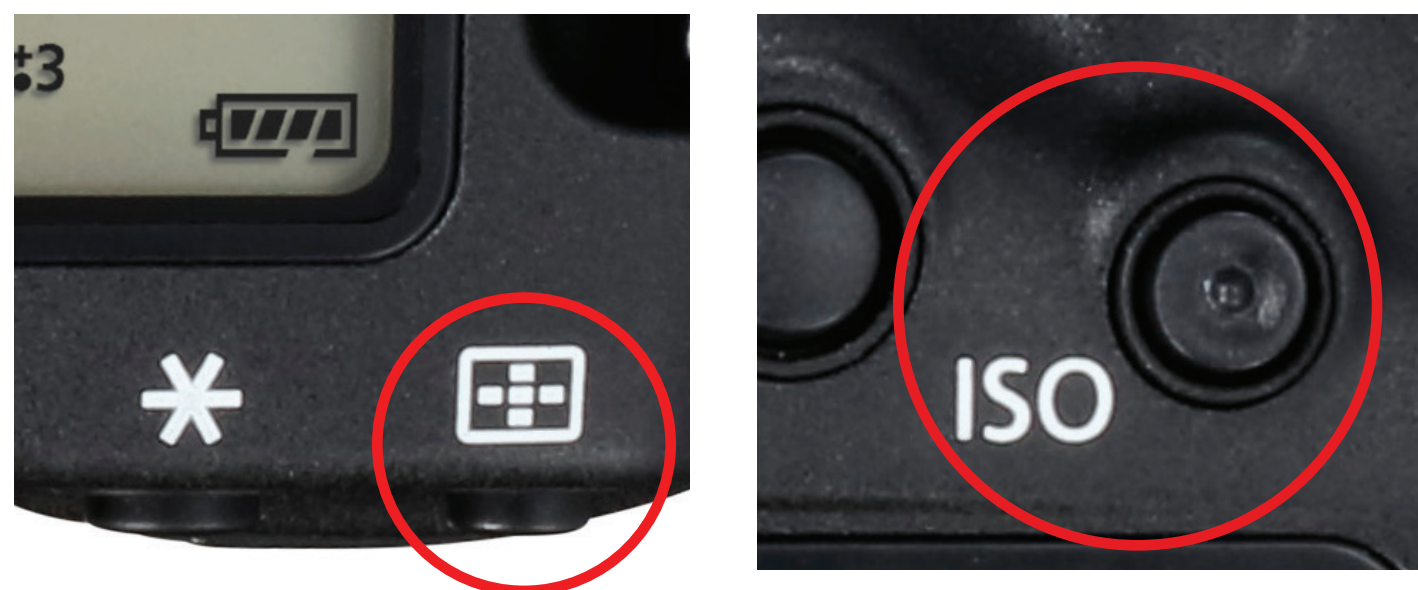
1 There are two options to customize the controls to register an AF point


A Assign  AF [Metering - AF start] to the AF-ON button, or the  button then press info and select [Registered AF point]

B Assign   [Switch to registered AF point] to the  button, LENS, or M-Fn2 button. Press info to select if the option is applied only when the button is held or not

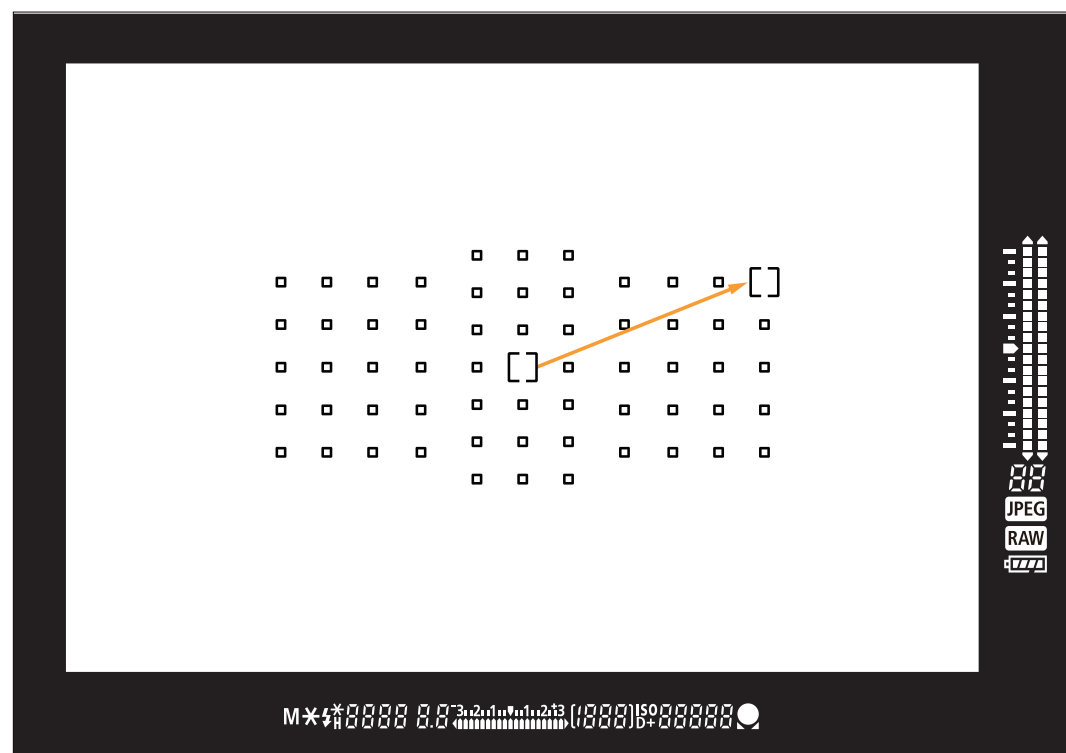
2 Manually select AF points you will want to recall.

(This is possible with all AF area selection modes except Zone AF)

**3** Press the  button while pressing the ISO button until you hear a beep.

When the AF-ON button, or the  button are assigned to the function **[Metering - AF start]**, instant switching of registered AF points becomes possible. Press the INFO. button in the **[Customize Controls]** assignment screen, and then select **[Registered AF point]**. Now when the button is held the AF will use the registered AF point.

- 4 Press the assigned button (selected in stage 1) to switch to the registered AF point.



AF point registration and usage is described above. Also, for more advanced usage this setting can be combined with **[Orientation linked AF point]** setting (described on pages 103-110). Selecting the option **[Select separate AF points]**, from the **[Orientation linked AF point]** option makes it possible to register and recall AF points separately for all three positions, vertical (grip top/bottom), and horizontal as well as the remembered AF point for orientation.

How to cancel registered [Switch to registered AF point]

Press  and .

Another function that is effective for quickly switching AF points while shooting is AF point registration and recall feature possible using **[Custom Controls]**. There are several methods to achieve this; one is to assign registered AF points to a button via **[Custom Controls]** function. The second method is AF point or **[AF area selection mode]** registration. By carrying out either of the two options, you can press a button and instantly switch to registered AF points.

Registering frequently used AF points, or a strategically placed AF point, enables instant response without the need to reframe or alter the cameras position. Further refinement in operation is possible, with the <Depth-of-field preview>, and the <M-Fn2> buttons when set to (**[Switch to registered AF point]** setting). These buttons provide the possibility to **[Switch only while pressed]** or **[Maintain switching until pressed again]** settings, making detailed customization possible. Using these settings enables the camera suit the way you shoot.



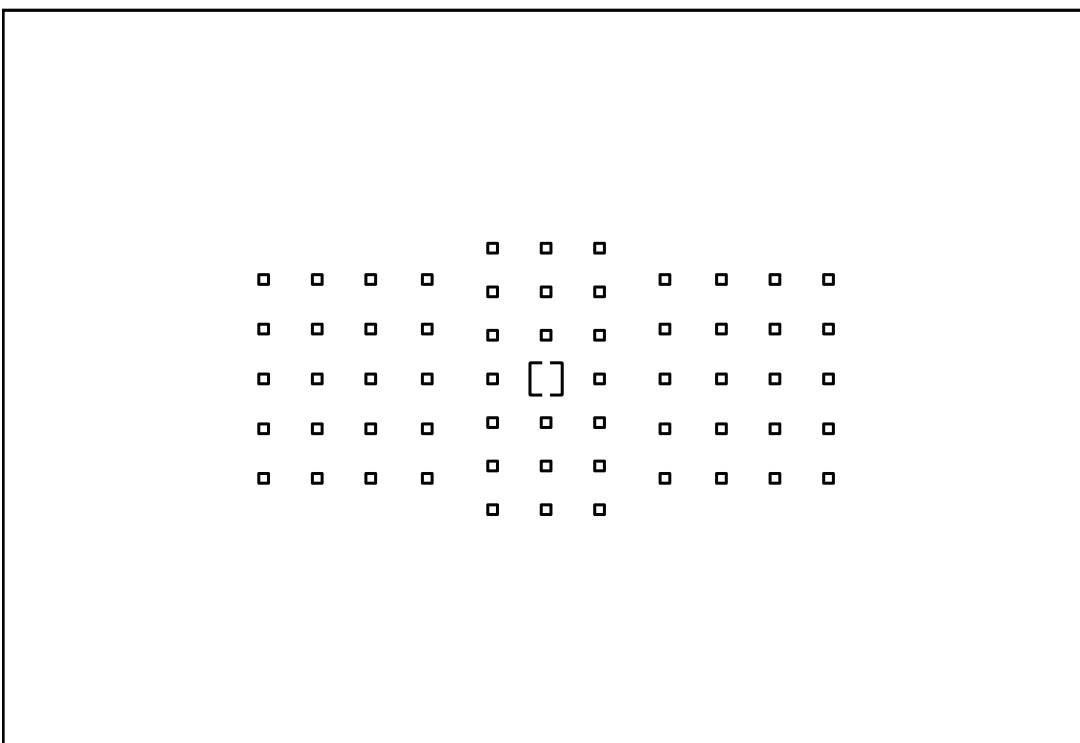
Shooting the side to side movement of tennis strokes. After photographing the player positioned to the right side with a manually selected AF point at the upper right, it was switched to the AF point registered/memorized at the upper left, with a single push of a button, then the player was photographed returning a backhand shot positioned to the right side.

Instantly switching AF area selection modes

By assigning an [AF area selection mode] to a specific button in the [Custom Control] screen, you can continue shooting and switch AF areas instantly with the press of single button without having to move your eye from the viewfinder.

Instantly switch AF area selection modes with a single button

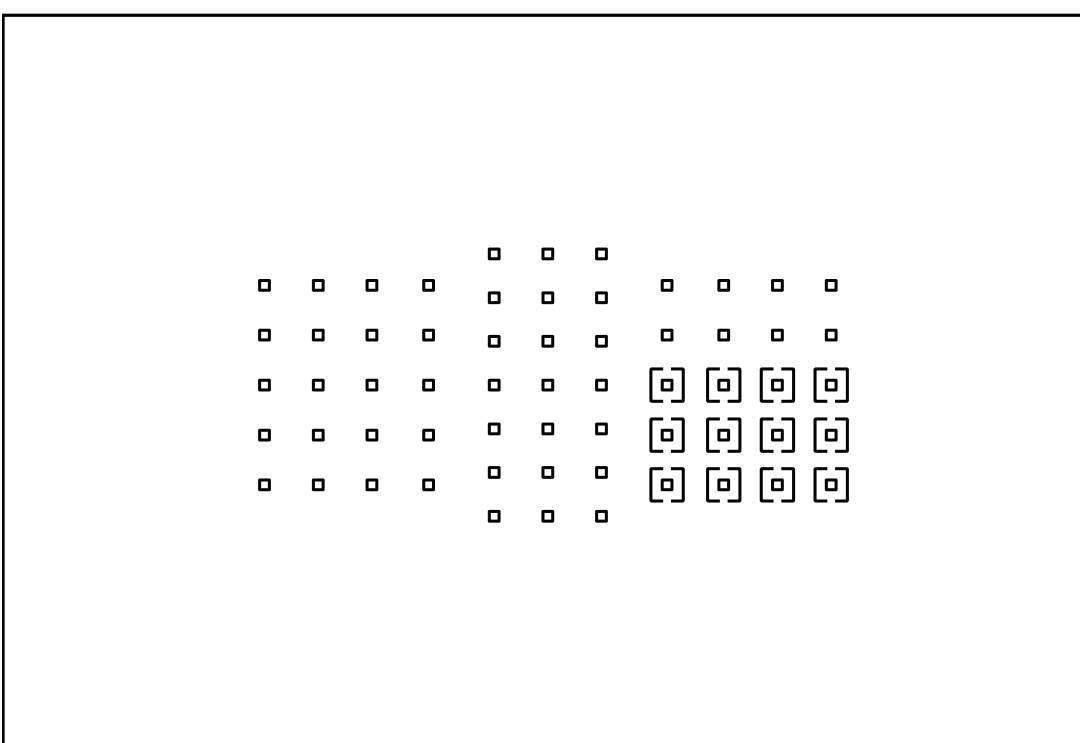
Assigning functions



While shooting with an optional 'AF area selection mode'

↓
AF-ON
↓

By pressing the assigned button



You can switch the set 'AF area selection mode'

Buttons that can be assigned to switching AF area selection modes

There are the five buttons that can be assigned to switch AF area selections modes.

The **AF-ON** button and ***** button can be assigned with **[Custom Controls]** to **[Register/recall shooting functions]**, and the **LENS** button and  button can be assigned with **[Switch to registered AF functions]**.

'Register/recal shooting functions' assigned to:

AF-ON AF-ON button

***** AE lock button

'Switch to registered AF functions' assigned to:

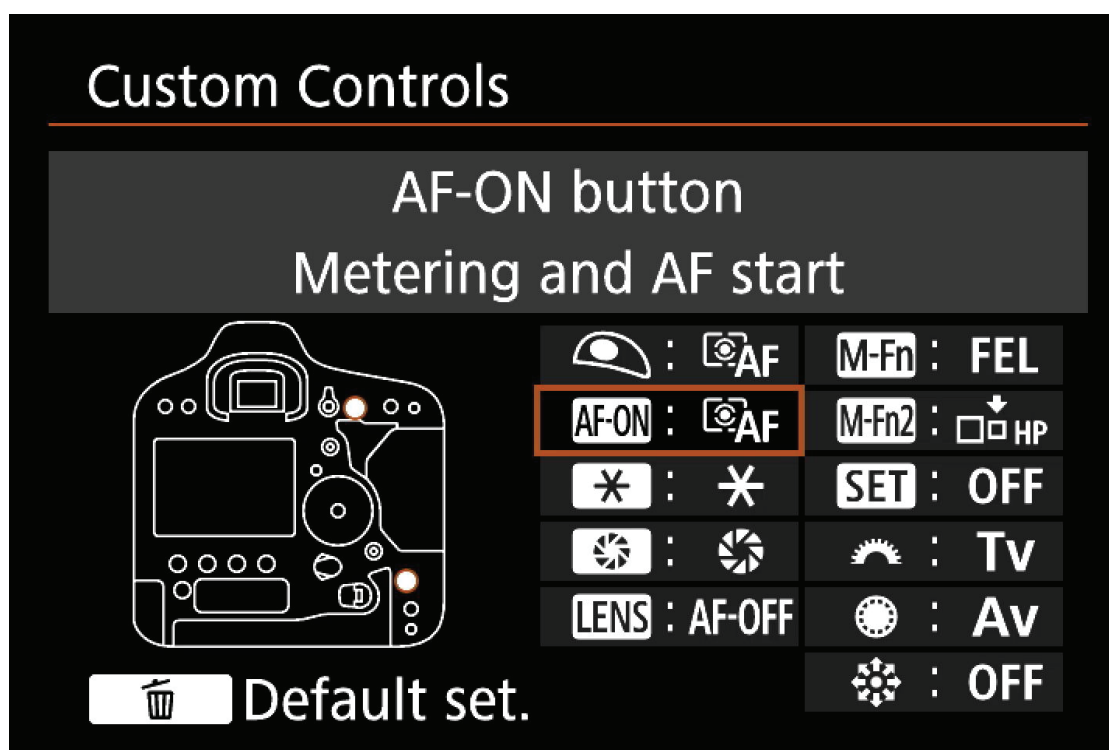
LENS Lens AF stop button

M-Fn2 Multi function2 button

 Depth-of-field preview button

Set up steps

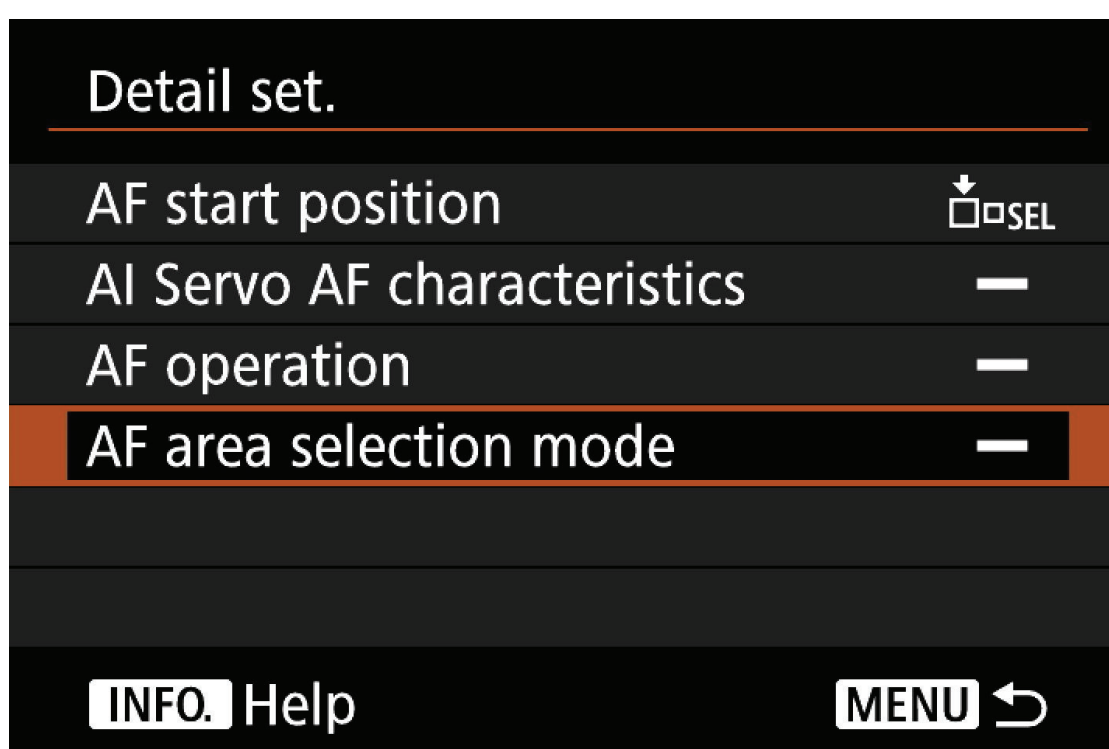
[Register/recall shooting functions]



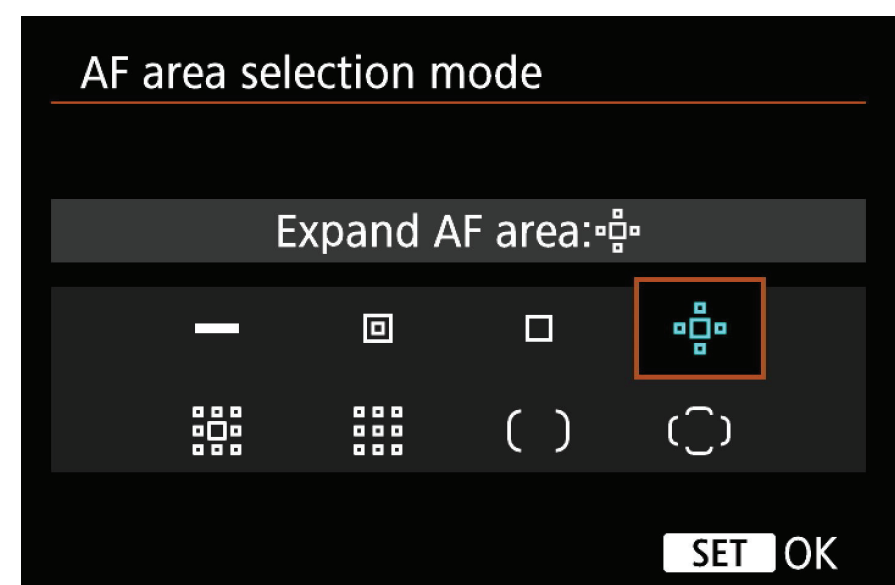
Assign to the AF-ON button, or the * button to [Register/recall shooting functions]



Press the INFO. button

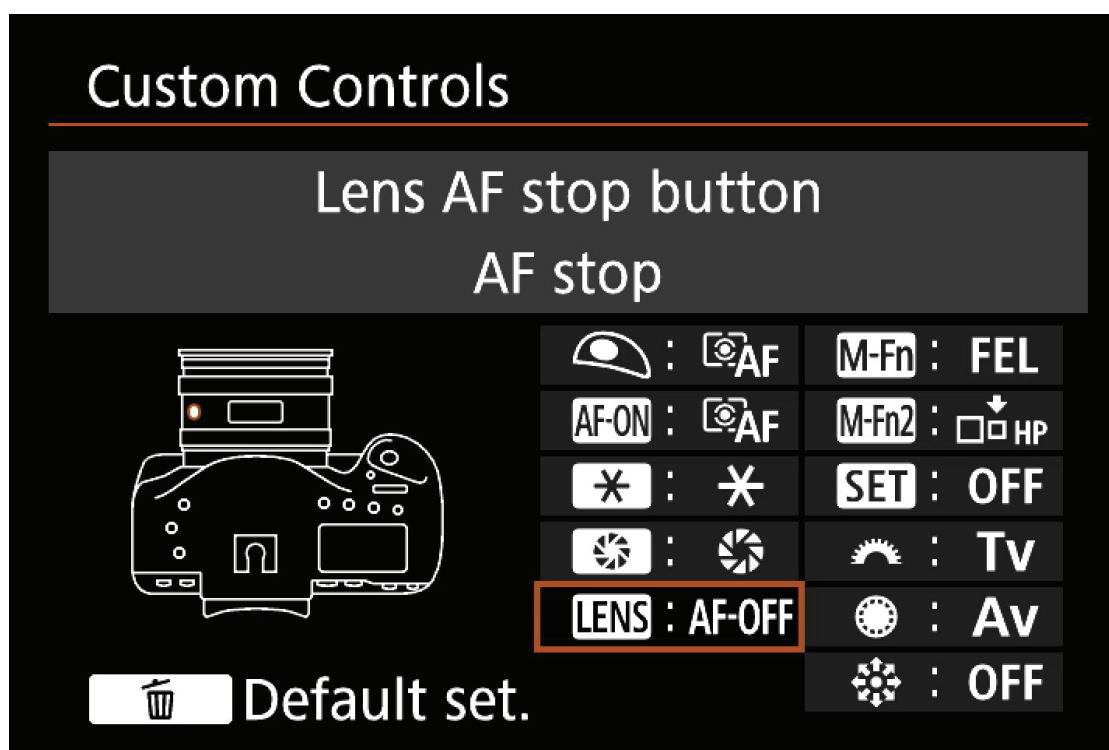


Select the [AF area selection mode]



Assign [Register/recall shooting functions] to the AF-ON button or the * button with the custom function's [Custom Controls]. Press the INFO. button on the assign function's selection screen (various functions can be set), and set [AF area selection mode] that you want to use.

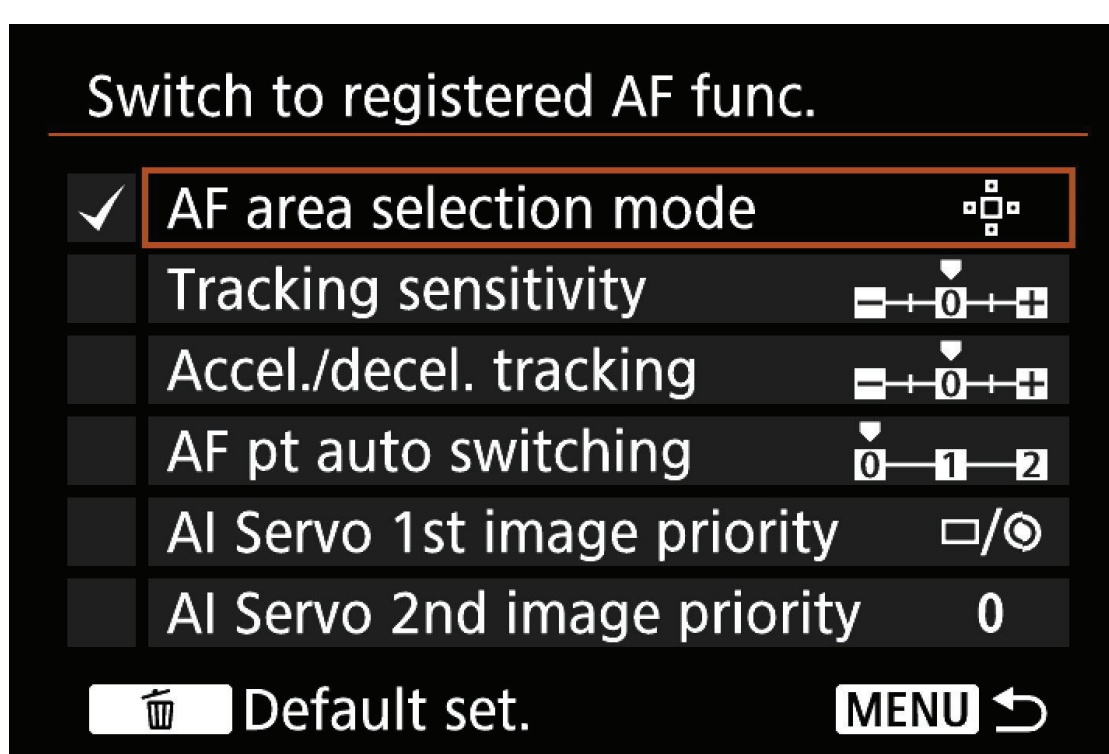
Set up steps

[Switch to registered AF functions]

Assign to the LENS or depth-of-field preview button



Press the INFO. button now



Select the [AF area selection mode]

Assign **[Switch to registered AF functions]** to the LENS button or button with **[Custom Controls]**. Press the INFO. button on the assign function's selection screen, and from various AF functions, select the **[AF area selection mode]**, and set to mode that you want to use.

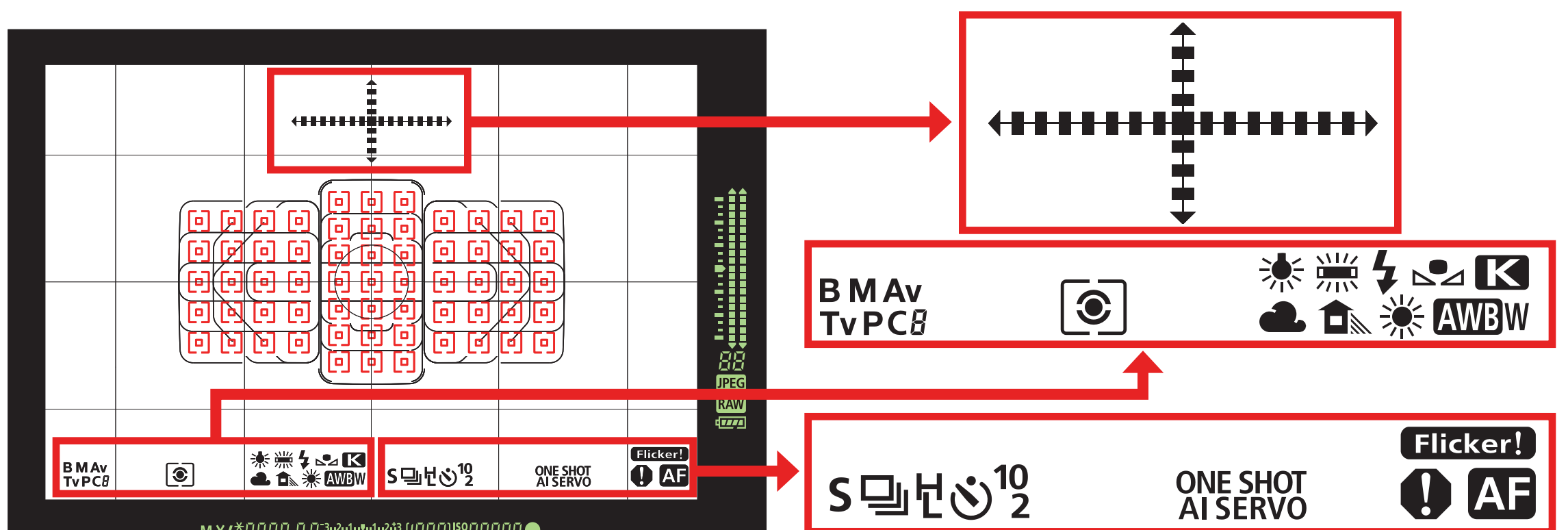
AF area selection modes such as **[Single-point AF]** and **[AF point expansion]** are effective for switching according to the size and type of subjects. While looking through the viewfinder it can be difficult to change the mode while tracking the subject. However, by assigning the AF area selection modes you want to use to specific buttons, you can switch instantly while continuing shooting.

There are five buttons on P. 117 that can be assigned. Think about the characteristics of the sports and subjects you want to shoot beforehand, and assign the AF area selection modes you think you will use.

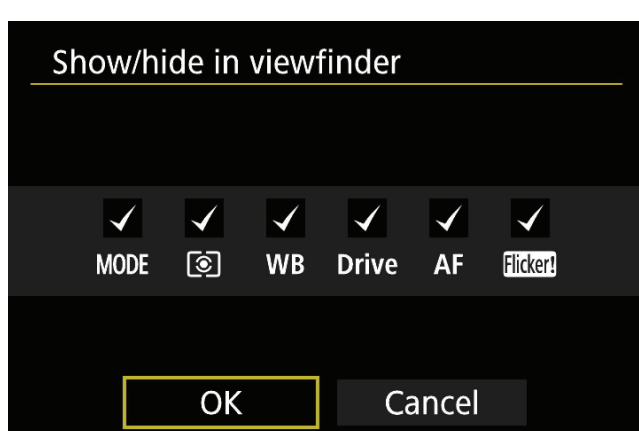
By assigning different modes to each of the five buttons, you can control up to five modes at will. In addition, aside from the AF area selection modes, various functions can be registered and applied, so by making settings as needed, you have the flexibility to handle conditions as they change.

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In addition to displaying an electronic level at the top of the viewfinder's display, various settings can be displayed at the bottom.



Using a transmissive LCD, this viewfinder can display a variety of information in your field of vision. Important camera settings such as AF area selection mode, shooting mode, metering mode, white balance, drive mode, AF operation, and flicker detection can be confirmed, and settings can be changed while looking through the viewfinder.






The items to display are selected from the  tab's [Viewfinder display] settings

Hints & Tips

Utilize functions while looking through the viewfinder

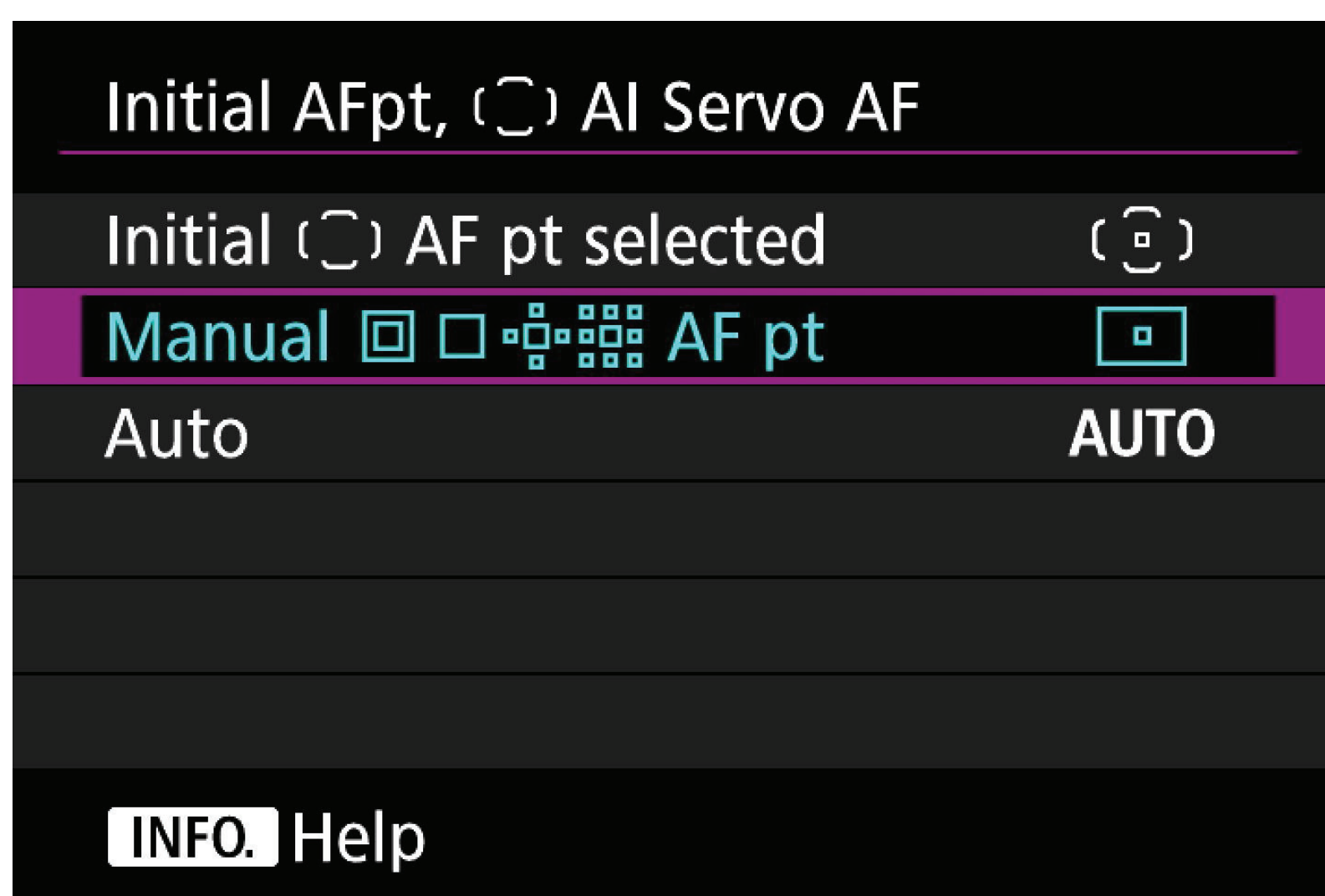
The EOS-1D X Mark II is equipped with operability to change settings and utilize functions while looking through the viewfinder. Use the AF point setting & registration and Custom Controls described in Chapter 6, and make use of the customization capabilities to quickly change necessary settings.

Synchronize initial AF point used for auto selection AF with manually selected point

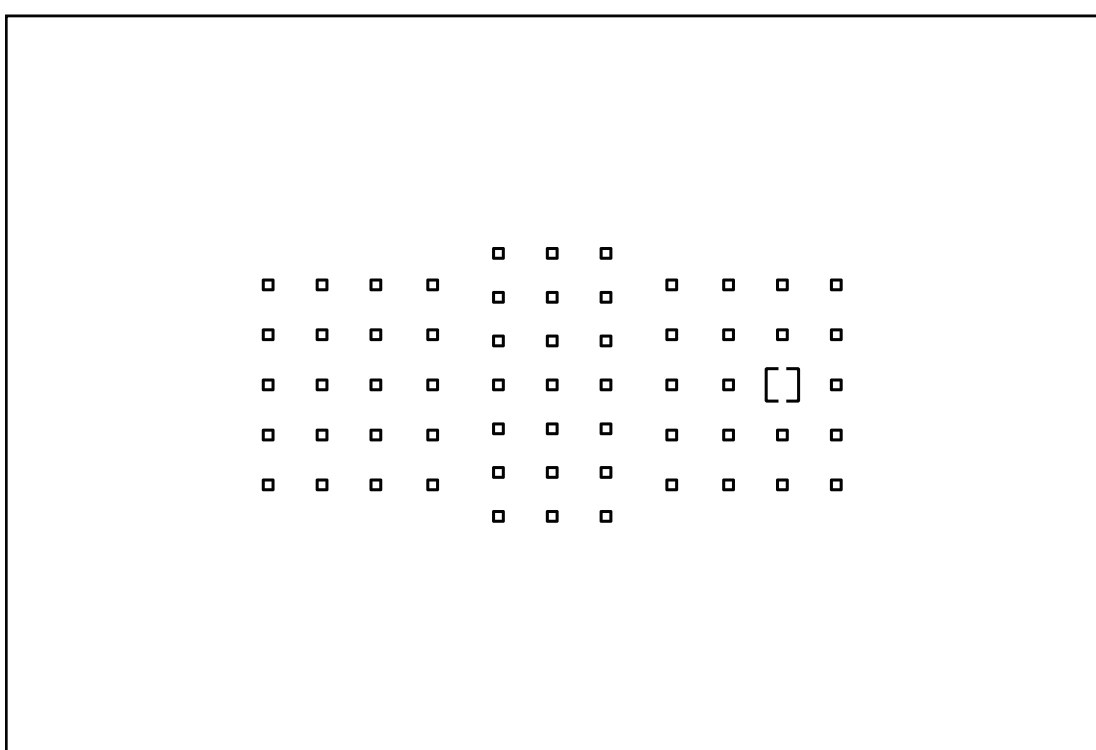
When switching to [Auto selection AF] from another [AF area selection mode], the setting [Manual   AF pt] activates auto selection AF starting with the AF point selected before switching in [Initial  AF pt. AI Servo AF].

This is extremely effective for a series of scenes when switching to other modes to [Auto selection AF] for shooting.

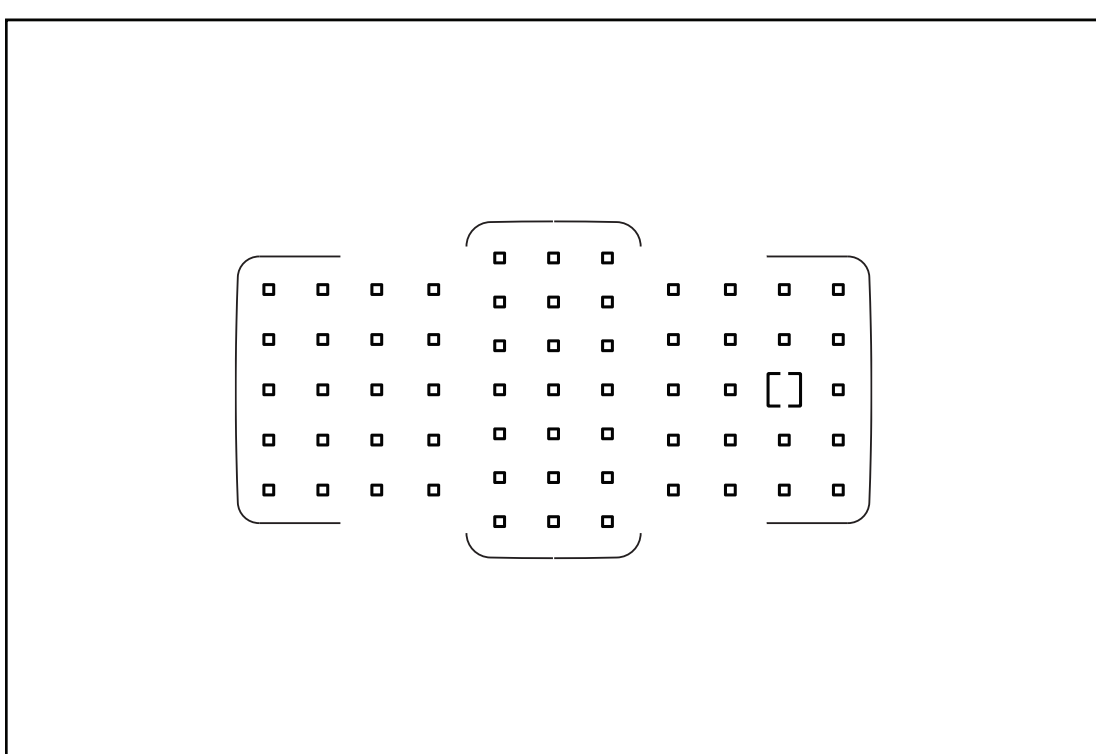
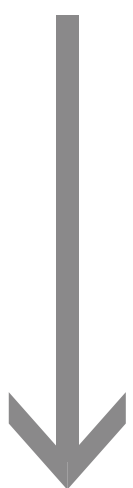
Use the AF point from another mode to move to auto selection



Set [Initial AF pt.  AI Servo AF] of the [AF4] tab to [Initial   AF pt selected]



**[Manual selection:
1 point AF]**



[Auto selection AF]

For example, this is effective when switching from **[Manual selection: 1 point AF]** to **[Auto selection AF]** when continuously shooting an athlete to track and shoot.

Assigning functions to the AF-ON/ \ast button

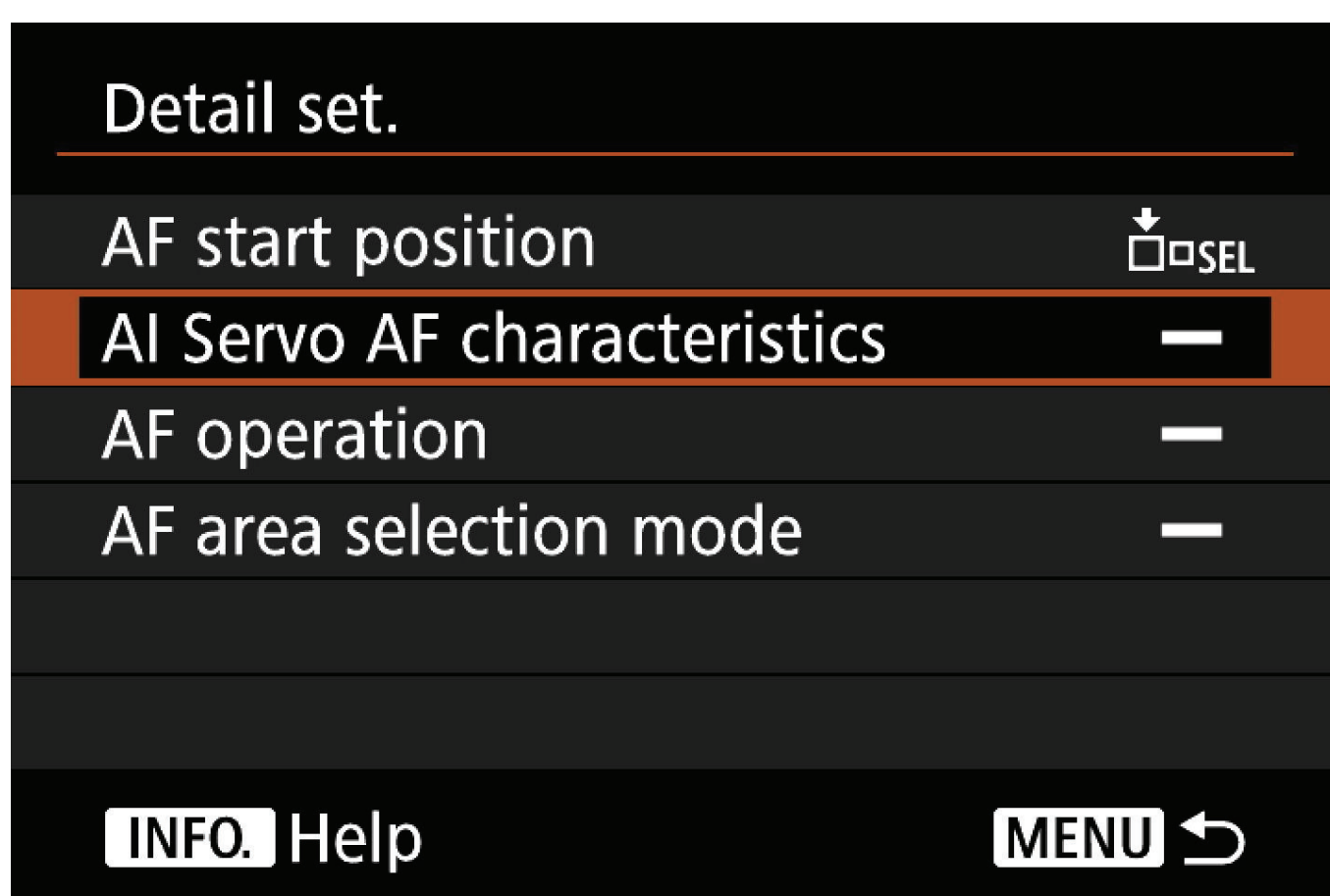
This introduces a few useful settings that can be assigned with customization function C.Fn5 [Custom Controls].

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- 1 Detailed settings for AF-ON/ \ast button's [AF/Metering start]**
Four settings can be assigned such as [AI Servo AF characteristics]



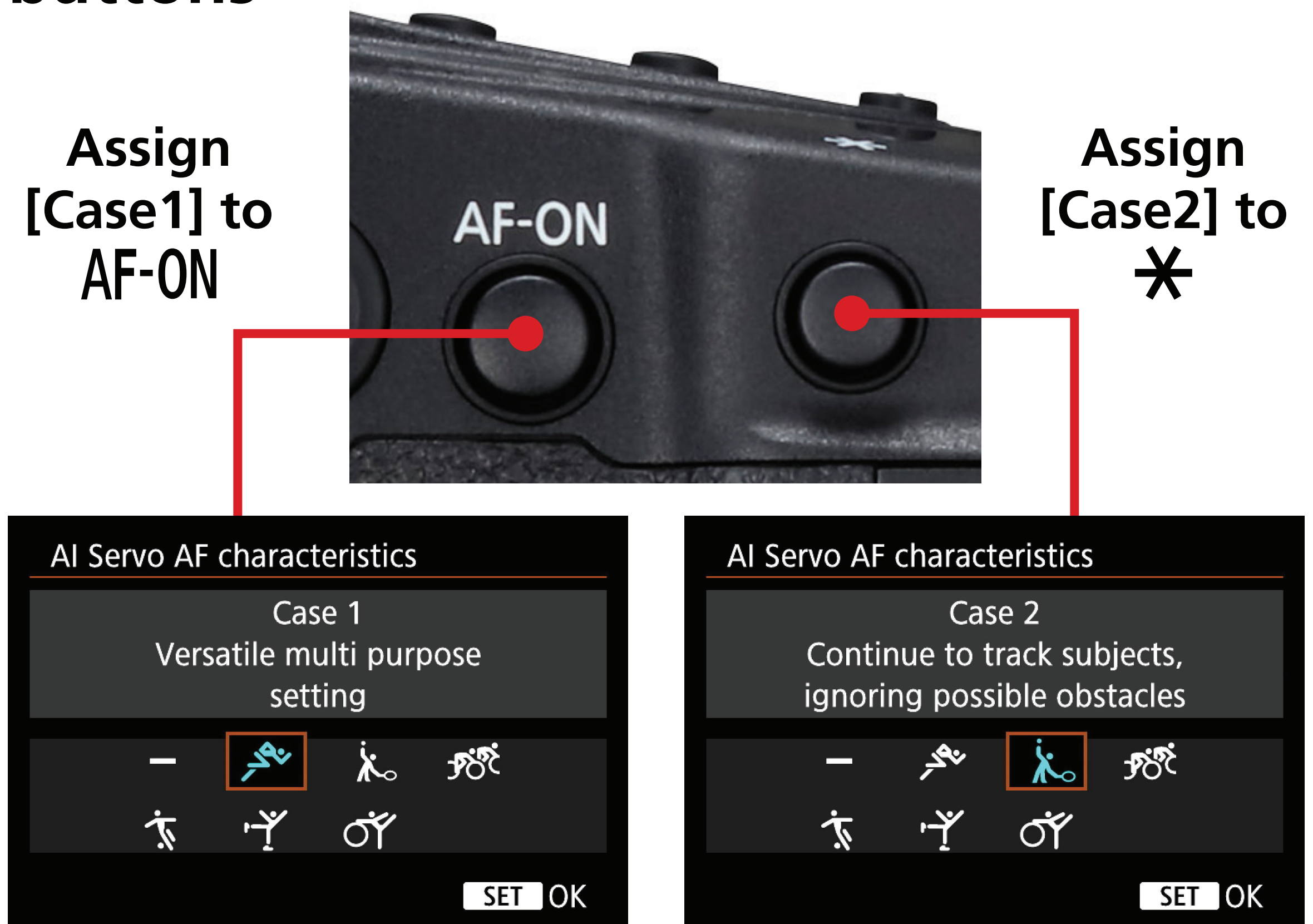
Press the INFO. button when the Custom Controls is in AF-ON/ \ast button



In detailed settings, the following four parameters can be set: [AF start position], [AI Servo AF characteristics], [AF operation], and [AF area selection mode]

In C.Fn5 [Custom Controls], press the INFO. button while [AF/Metering start] is selected for AF-ON and \ast buttons to display the detailed settings screen. You can perform four settings from this screen.

This feature makes it possible to instantly switch between continuous shooting modes using the two adjacent buttons



When usually using the AF-ON button (Case1) to shoot, use the * button (Case2) to shoot when there are many obstacles

Example:

Switch AI Servo AF characteristics with the AF-ON button and * button

When you assign functions to the AF-ON and * buttons, those two adjacent buttons can be used to instantly switch functions for shooting. For example, when assigning the two often used AI Servo AF characteristics (Cases) to each button, it is possible to switch to the optimal AI Servo AF characteristics depending on the subject and if any obstructions may enter the frame.

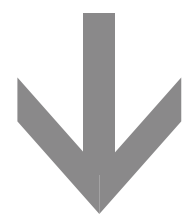
2 Assign [ONE SHOT ⇌ AI SERVO] to the AF-ON and * buttons



It is possible to assign [ONE SHOT ⇌ AI SERVO] to the AF-ON and * buttons using Custom Controls



You can switch the AF operation while the AF-ON/* button is pressed.

When it is difficult to press the M-Fn2 and  buttons which could be used for assigning functions



The AF-ON/ buttons can easily be used to switch to One Shot and AI Servo while looking through the viewfinder



Although it is possible to assign **[ONE SHOT ⇔ AI SERVO]** to the M-Fn2 and  buttons, when it is difficult to press these buttons on the front of the camera, it is effective to assign this function to the AF-ON and  buttons. When quick shooting is required, you can now instantly switch AF modes.

There are many useful settings that can be assigned to each button with customization function C.Fn5 **[Custom Controls]**. For example, when using AF functions that can be assigned to the **AF-ON** and **✳** buttons on the back of the camera, you can instantly switch functions to match the subject and situation without changing how you hold the camera.

When **[AF/Metering start]** is assigned to the **AF-ON** or **✳** buttons, you can perform detailed settings in **[AF start point]**, **[AI Servo AF characteristics (Case)]**, **[AF operation]**, and **[AF area selection mode]**.

Using those settings, you can instantly switch parameters to match subject movement and characteristics by using the **AF-ON** button to switch to Case1, and the **✳** button to switch to Case2, or using the **AF-ON** button to switch to AI Servo AF, and the **✳** button to switch to One Shot.

[ONE SHOT ⇔ AI SERVO] can also be assigned to the **AF-ON** and **✳** buttons. You can customize controls to meet your preferences or the scene.

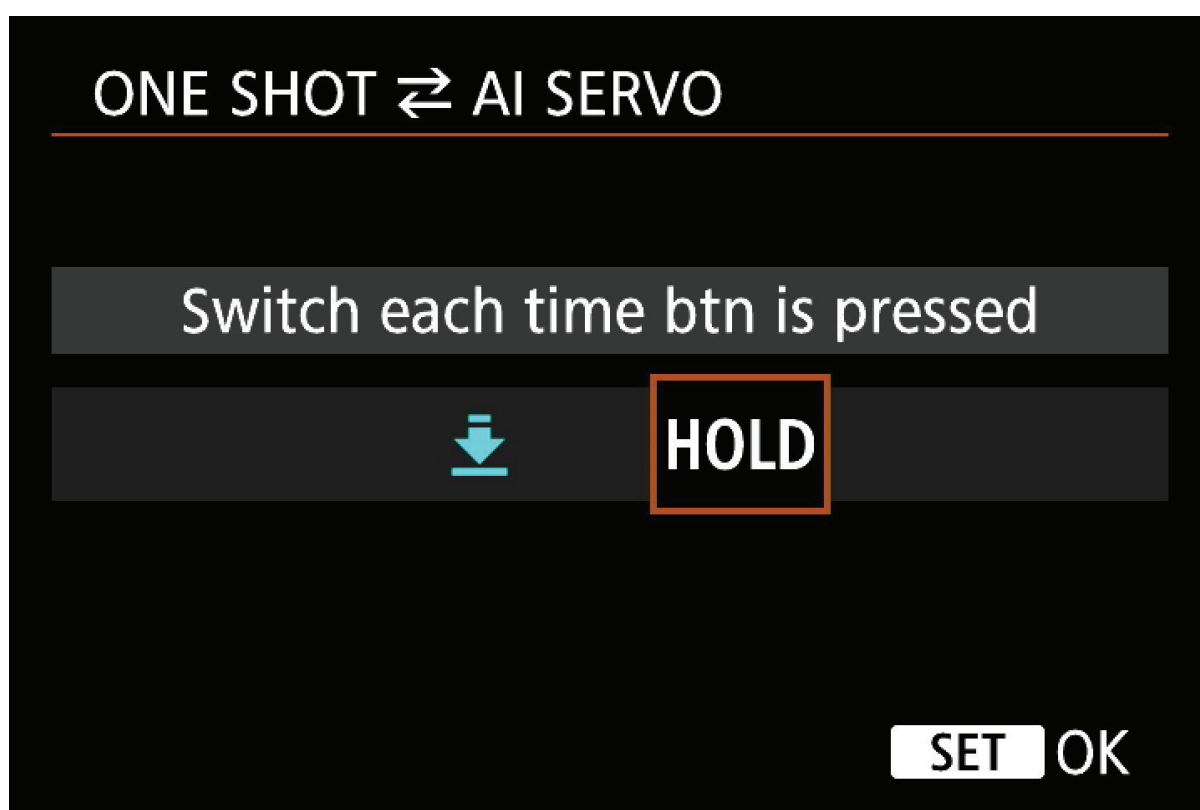
Custom Controls detailed settings

When assigning functions with Custom Controls, if the [INFO.] button displays at the bottom left of the screen, there are more detailed function settings available. Detailed setting items have been added to the EOS-1D X Mark II.

Detailed settings added to the EOS-1D X Mark II

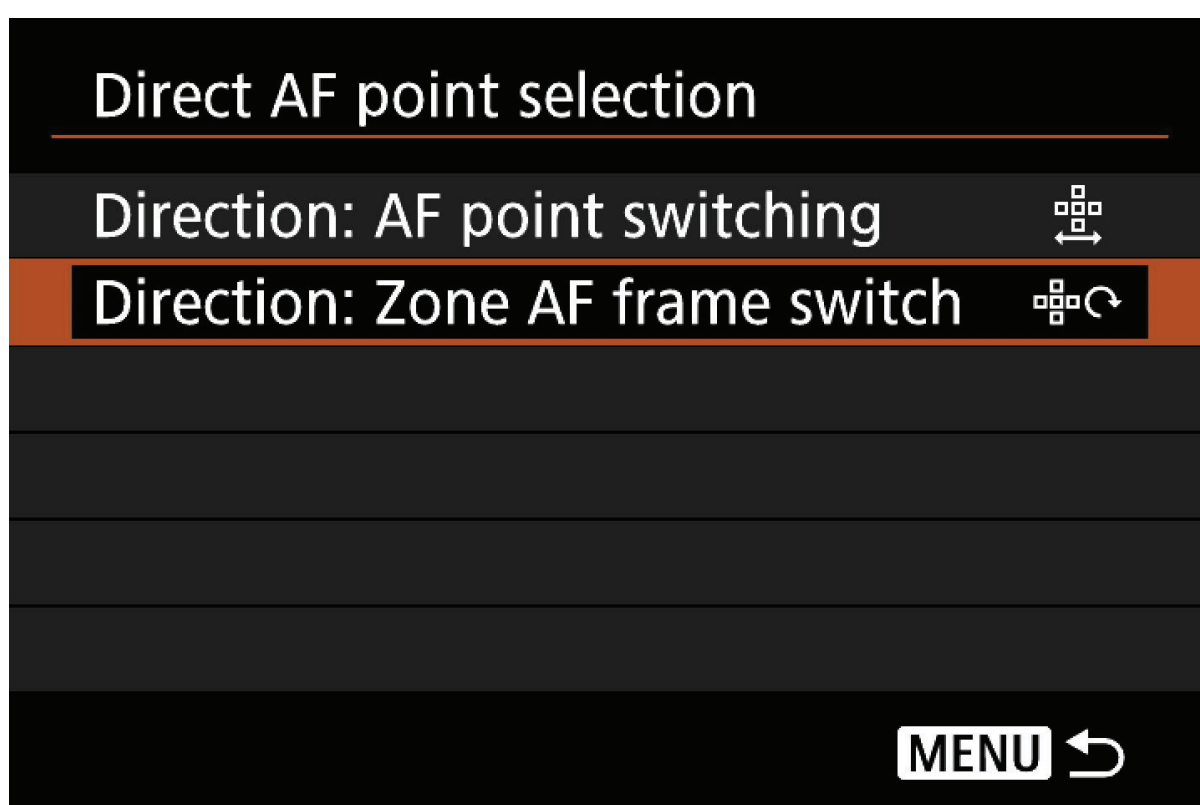
1 Detailed settings to assign [ONE SHOT ↔ AI SERVO] to the AF-ON * LENS M-Fn2 buttons

[Switch only when btn is held]
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 [Switch each time btn is pressed]



2 Detailed settings for assigning [Direct AF point selection] to the Quick Control Dial/Multi-controller

[Direction: AF point switching] and [Direction: Zone AF frame switch] detailed settings are possible



When assigning functions to buttons with Custom Controls, the [**<INFO.> detailed settings**] item will display at the bottom left of the setting screen. By pressing the **<INFO.>** button at this time, it is possible to perform detailed settings for the assign function.

With the EOS-1D X Mark II, [**Switch only when btn is held**] and [**Switch each time btn is pressed**] detailed settings have been added to [**One-Shot ⇔ AF Servo**] and [**Switch to registered AF point**] function assignments. For example, even when you want to use [**One-Shot AF**] and [**AI Servo AF**] at about the same ratio, the [**Switch each time btn is pressed**] detailed setting is effective.

In addition, [**Direction: AF point switching**] and [**Direction: Zone AF frame switch**] detailed settings are possible for function assignment of [**Direct AF point selection**] to the Quick Control Dial.

You can utilize the detailed settings to carry out customization for even greater ease of use.

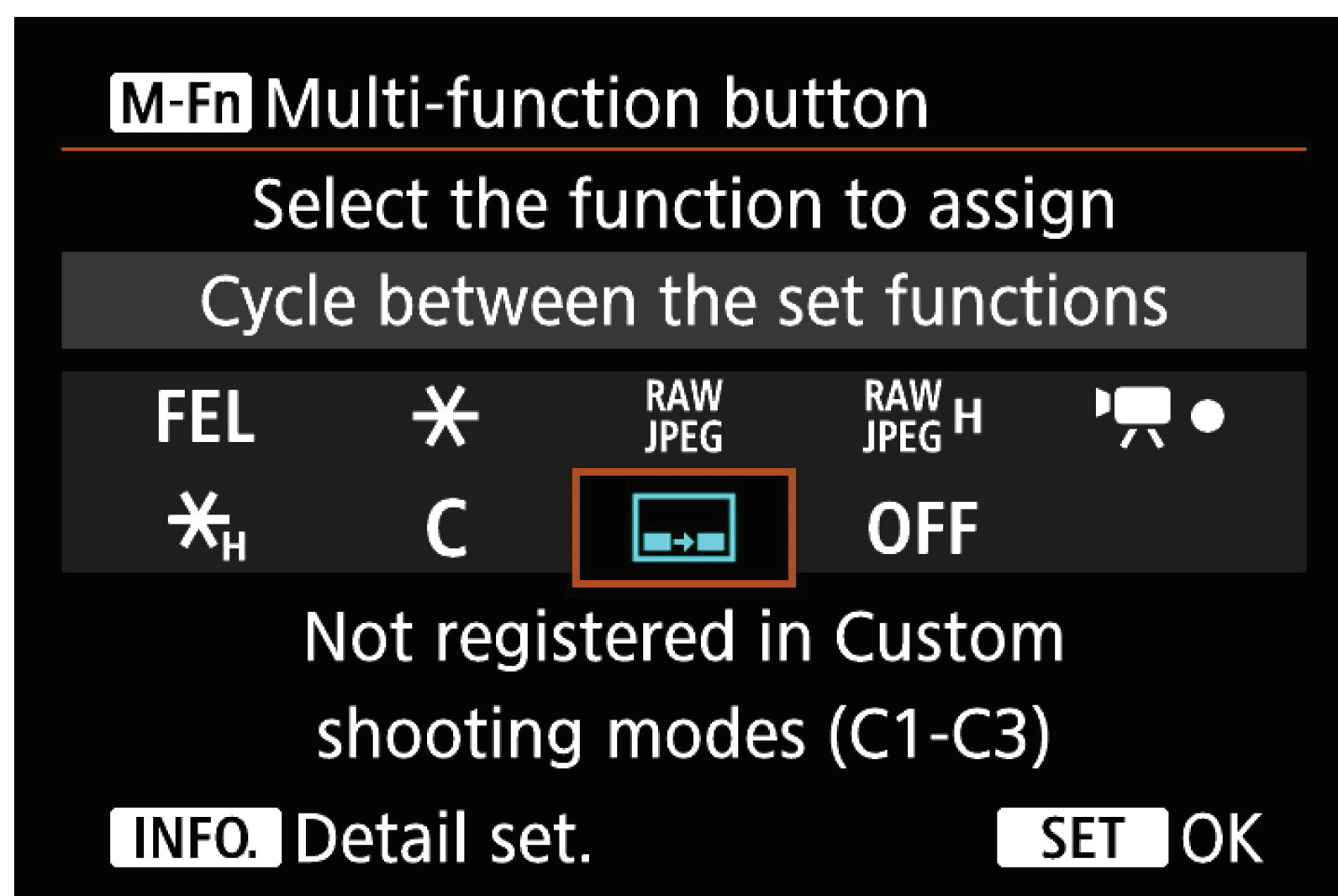
Custom Controls

Rotation setting of functions

By pressing the **M-Fn** button, included functions such as ISO speed, white balance, and drive mode can be switched, and each of the settings can be changed. It is possible to switch by rotating through the shooting function settings.

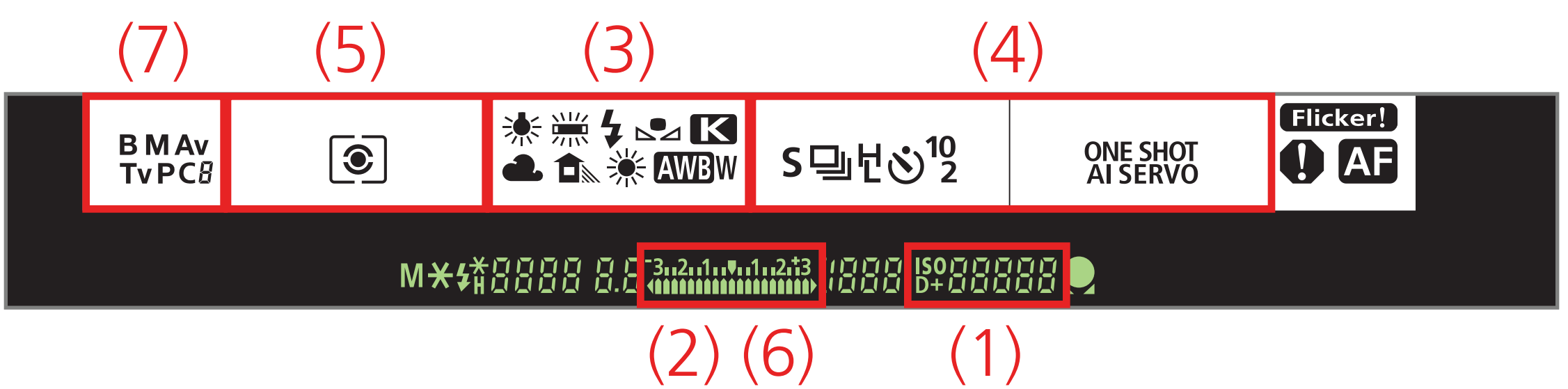
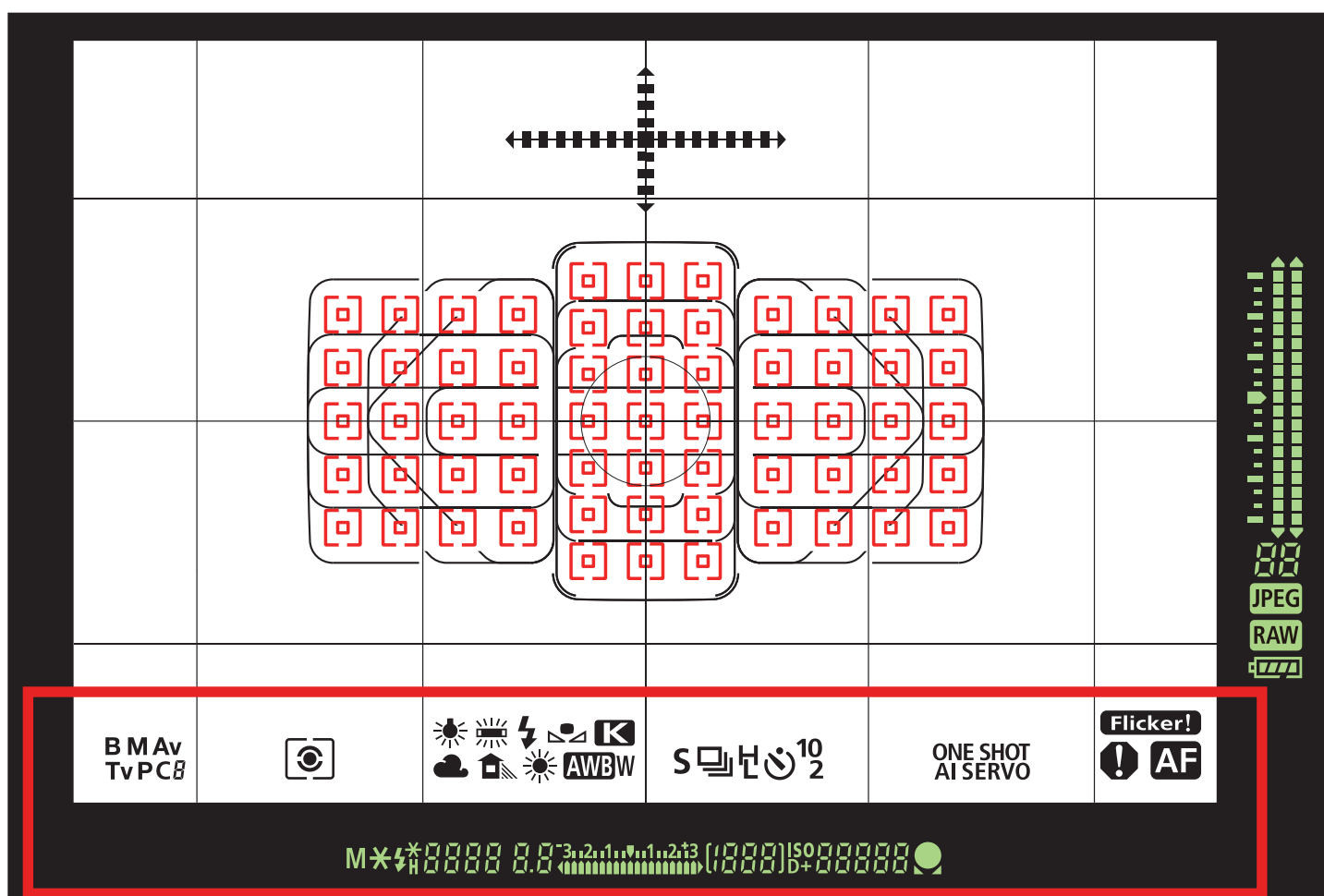
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Setting of shooting functions is possible without searching with just the M-Fn button and the dials.

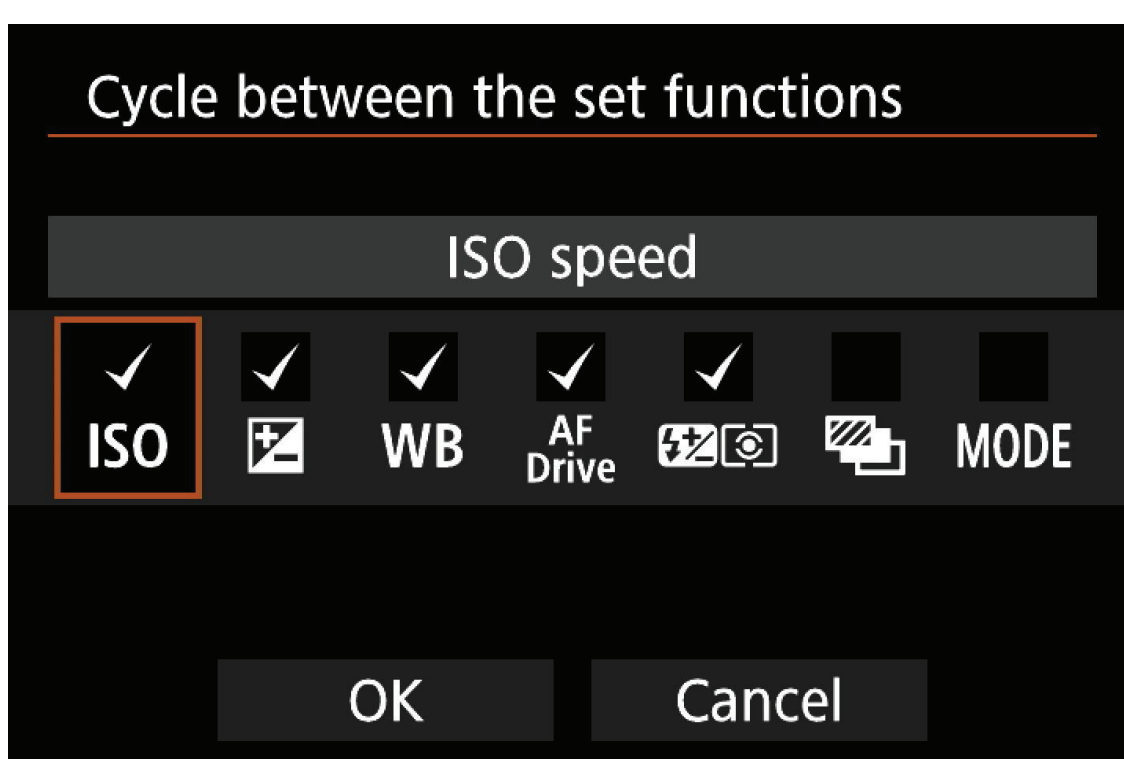


Assign **[Cycle between the set functions]** to the **M-Fn** button with **[Custom Controls]**. By carrying out this assignment, shooting function settings will switch between ISO speed, exposure compensation/aperture value, and white balance, and each setting can be changed with dial operations.

Each time the M-Fn button is pressed, it is possible to switch the shooting function settings.



With **[Cycle between the set function]** assigned, press the **M-Fn** button and shooting function settings switch in the order of (1) ISO speed -> (2) Exposure compensation/aperture value -> (3) White balance -> (4) Drive mode/AF operation -> (5) Flash exposure compensation/metering mode -> (6) AEB settings -> (7) Shooting mode. As shooting setting functions will display within and outside of the viewfinder display, it is possible to perform setting changes of various functions with the **M-Fn** button and dials while looking through the viewfinder. Display of functions within the viewfinder can be set with **[Viewfinder display]** settings (P.121).



By pressing the INFO. button on the **[Cycle between the set functions]** setting screen, the detailed settings screen will display. It is possible to select and set the functions to switch.

Movie servo AF

By using Dual Pixel CMOS AF, it is now possible to track the subject's movement with AF points and focus with **[Movie Servo AF]**. By tuning Movie Servo AF for AF speed and subject tracking sensitivity, etc., it is possible to handle a variety of shooting.

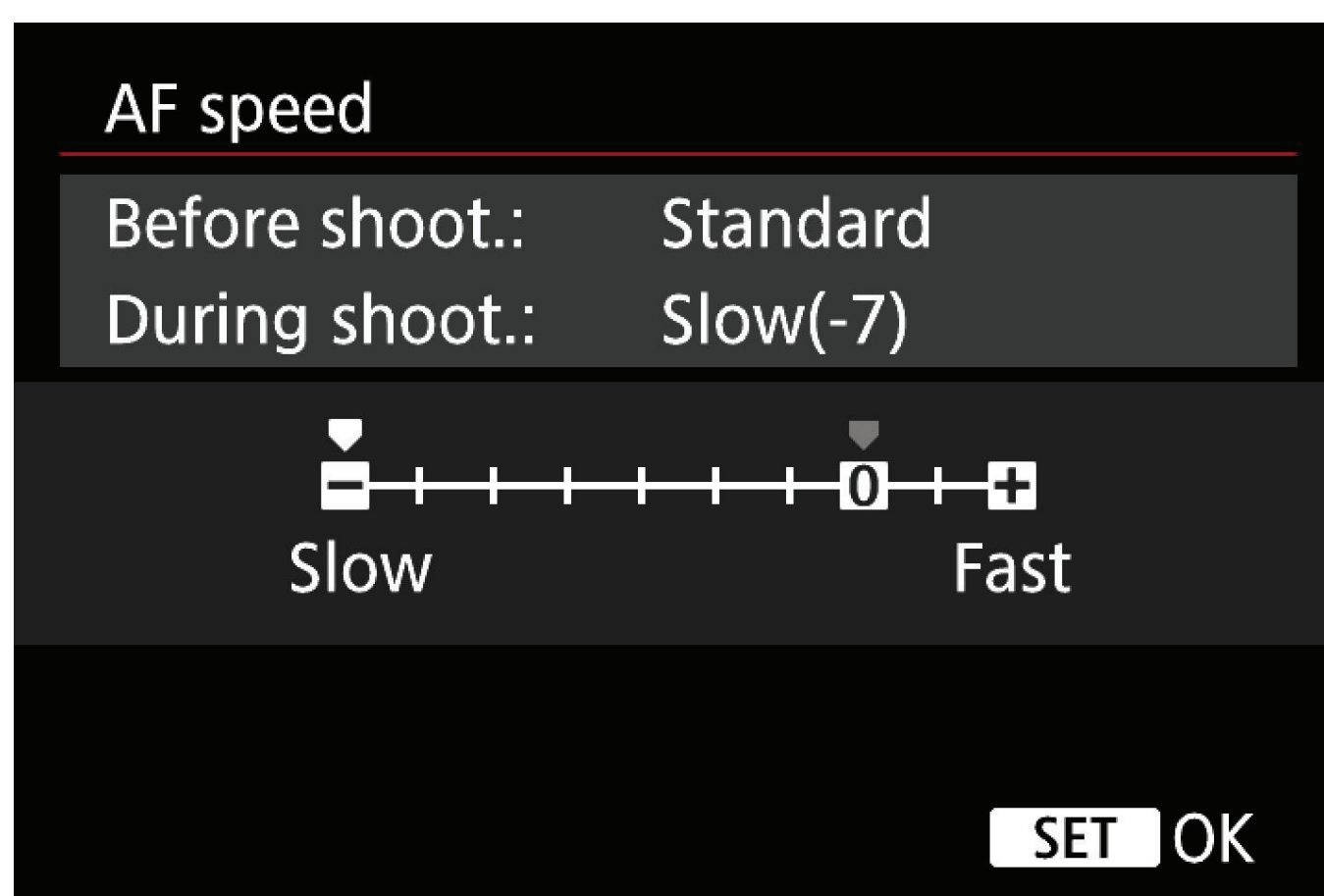
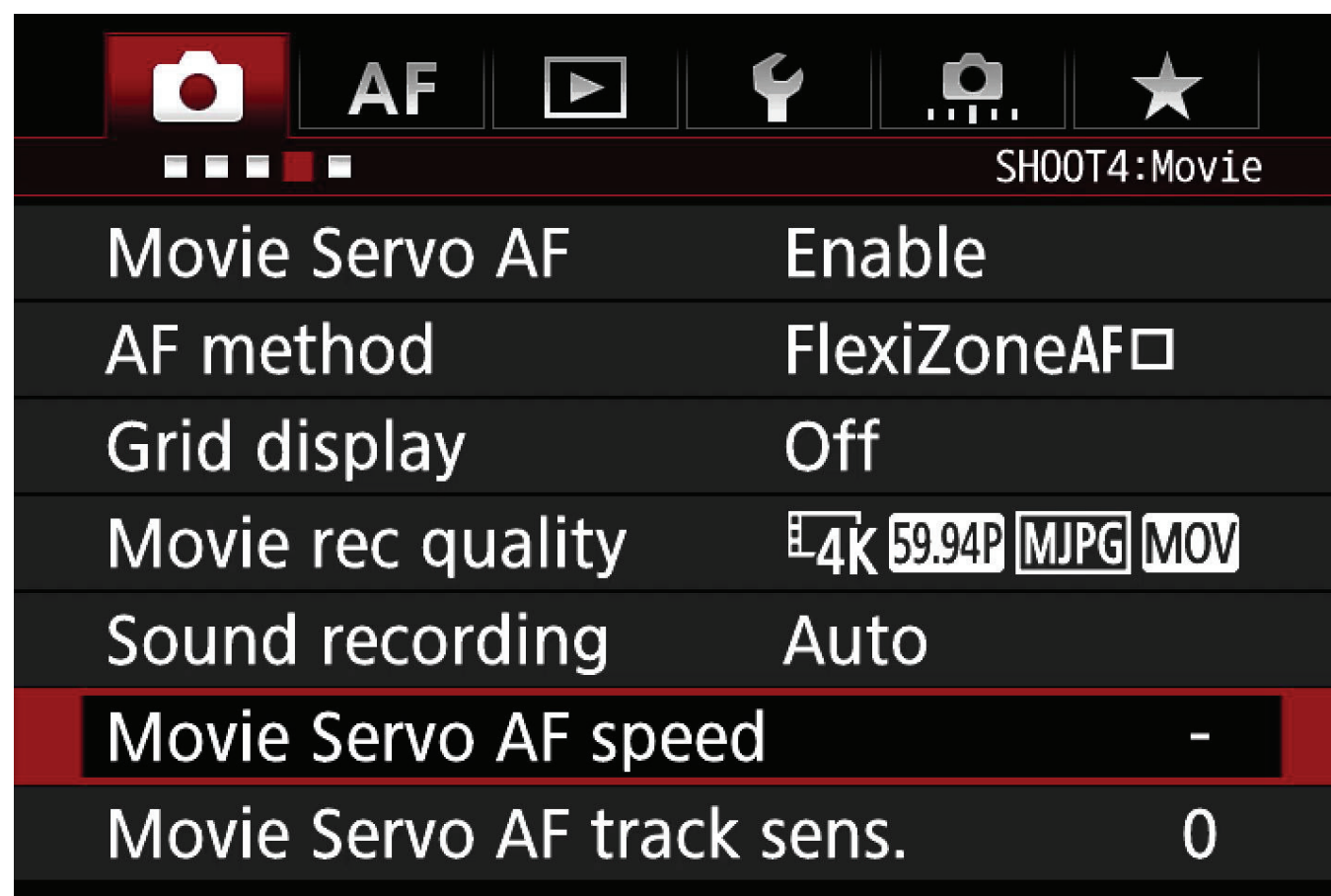
Dual pixel CMOS AF makes Servo AF possible when shooting movies

SHOOT4:Movie	
Movie Servo AF	Enable
AF method	FlexiZoneAF□
Grid display	Off
Movie rec quality	4K 59.94P MJPG MOV
Sound recording	Auto
Movie Servo AF speed	✓
Movie Servo AF track sens.	0



With the EOS-1D X Mark II, use of advanced phase-difference AF technology and Dual Pixel CMOS AF achieves high-speed and high-precision AF during Live View and movie shooting. **[Movie Servo AF]** is possible when shooting movies, and it is now possible to track moving subjects while shooting. In addition, as the LCD monitor has a touch panel function, it is possible to set AF points quickly with touch operations. 4K 60p and 50p, Full HD 120p and 100p high image quality, high frame rate movie performance is even more effective to use as a result of the movie AF function.

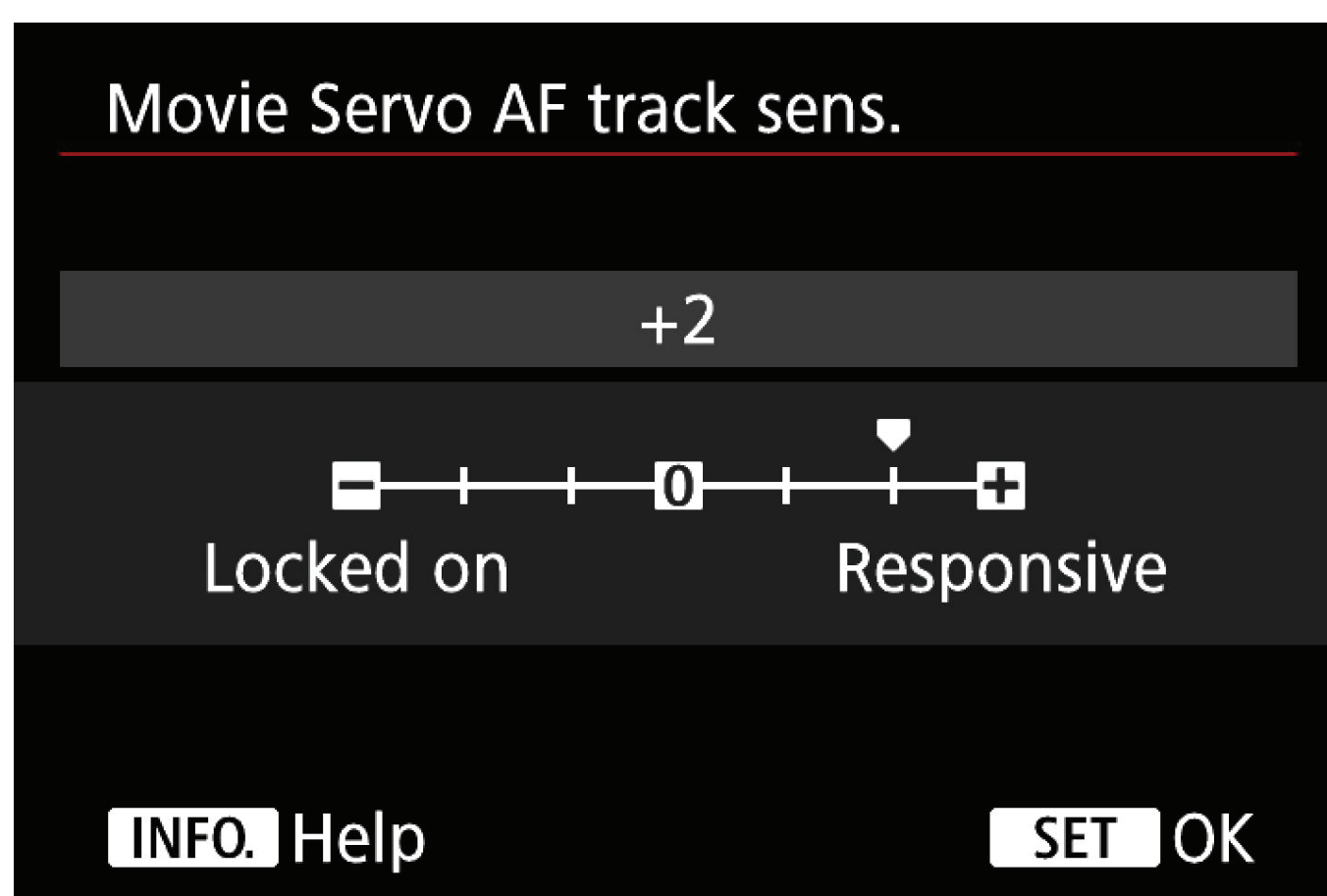
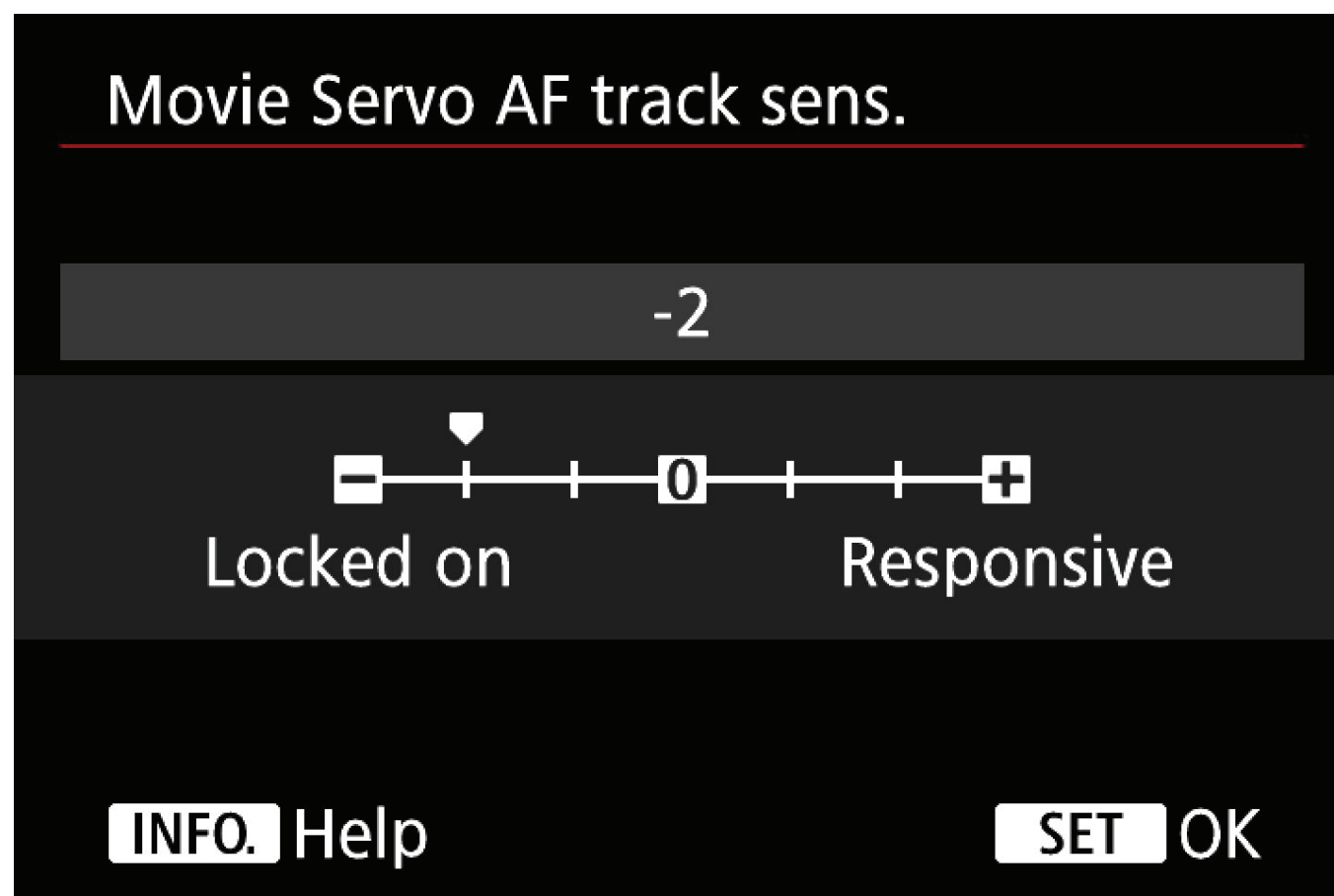
[Movie Servo AF speed] settings



AF speed and operating conditions of **[Movie Servo AF]** can be set. The **[AF speed]** setting can be adjusted seven steps in the slow direction, and two steps in the fast direction from the standard speed. For adjusting in the slow direction, when fast focusing would appear unnatural. When the speed prior to shooting is standard, and you only want to use the set speed while shooting, change **[When active]** from **[Always on]** to **[During shooting]**.

* This function can be set when Movie Servo AF is set to **[Enable]**, and the AF system is FlexiZoneAF□. In addition, it will operate with lenses that support low-speed shifting focus.

■ [Movie Servo AF track sens.] settings



When panning during movie servo AF, or when an obstacle moves into the AF points, the responsive characteristics of movie servo AF when the AF points lose the subject can be set to one of seven levels. When set to **[Responsive: +2]**, as it will respond quickly to subjects captured by the AF points, it is effective when you want to shoot while switching subjects. In addition, when set to **[Locked on: -]**, if the AF point loses the subject, or when a different subject suddenly enters it will not respond quickly. It is effective for shooting when obstacles may pass in front of the AF point such as when panning.

* This function can be set when Movie Servo AF is set to **[Enable]**, and the AF system is FlexiZoneAF□.

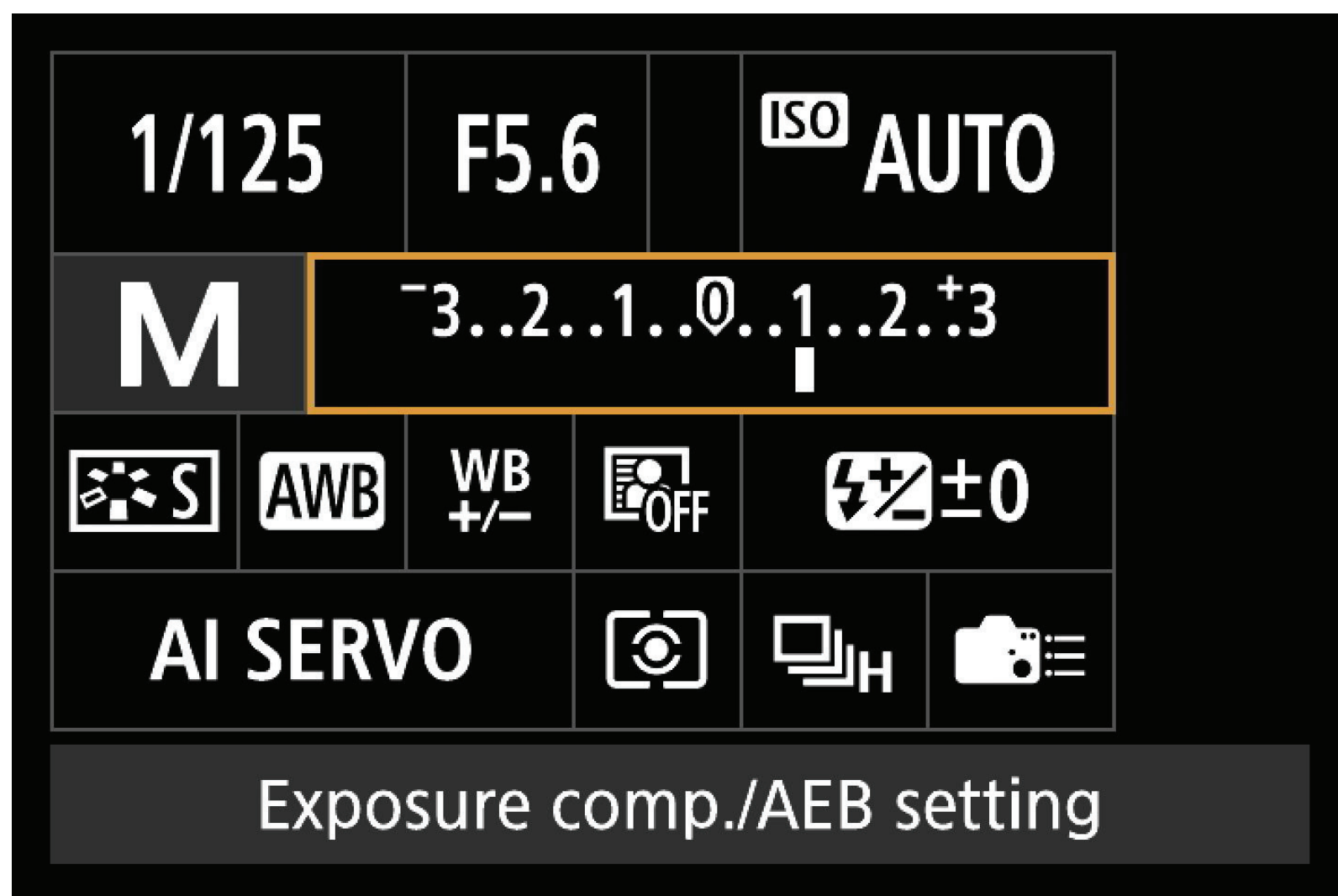
Using ISO Auto

Exposure compensation is now possible in M mode and ISO Auto

As a result of exposure compensation by changing the ISO speed in M mode being made possible, exposure compensation with fixed aperture values and shutter speeds is possible.

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You can control exposure compensation to match your creative intentions



Among the two methods for adjusting exposure compensation, the easy method is to adjust it from the quick settings screen, and assigning the exposure compensation function to the SET button for controls while using the viewfinder. When the exposure exceeds the ISO Auto's range, the display level within the viewfinder will differ from the set exposure level.

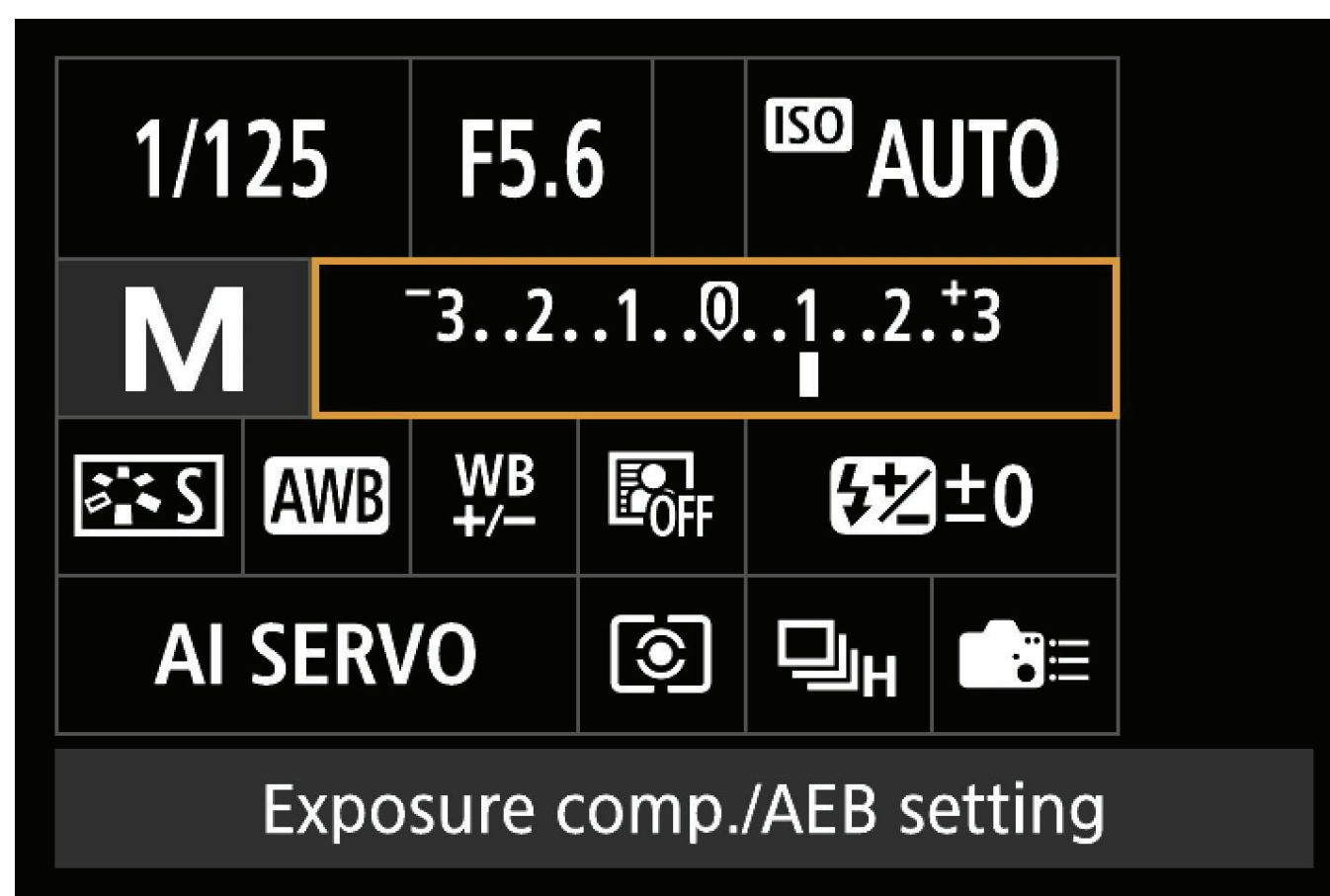
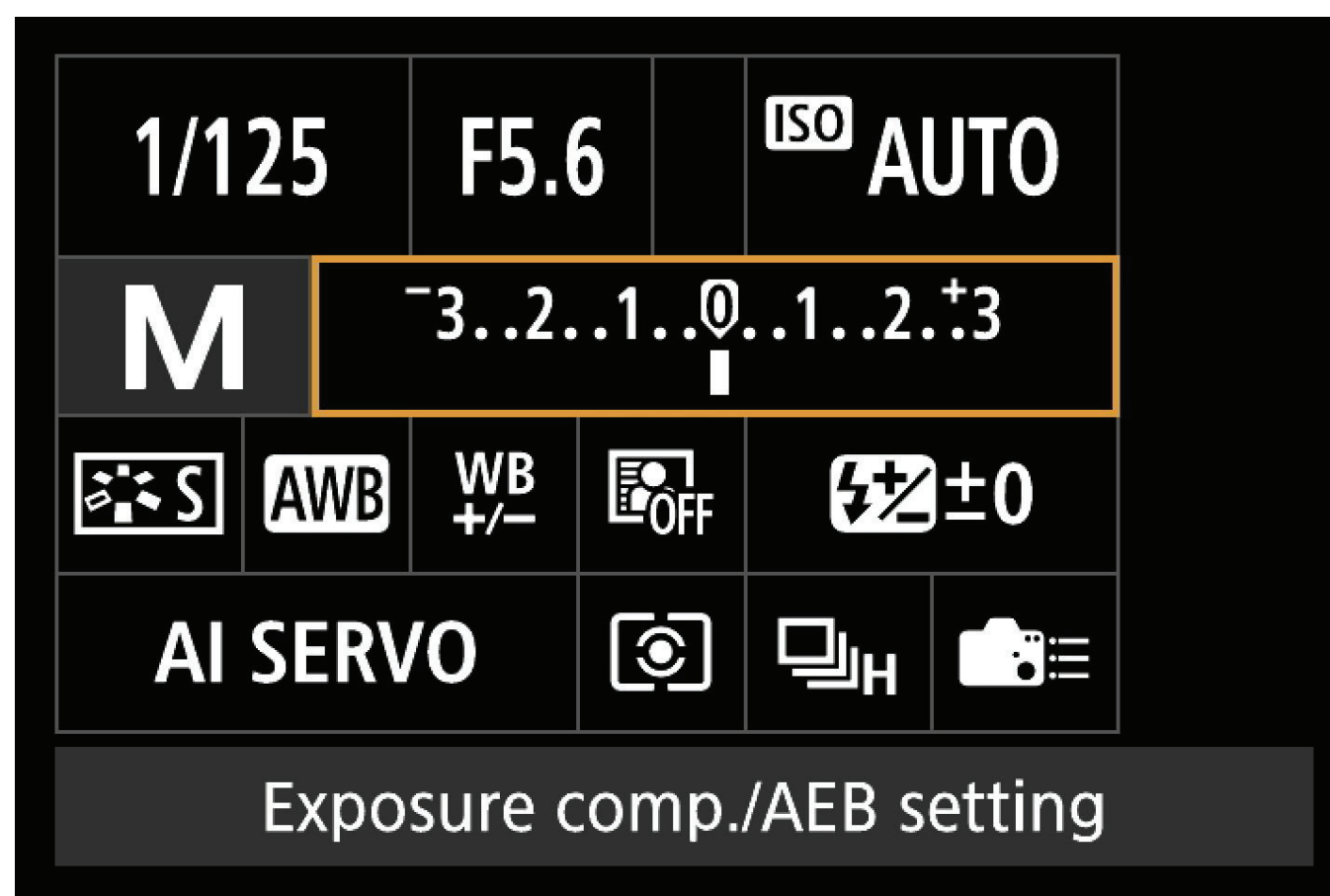
How to control exposure compensation in M mode and ISO Auto

1 Exposure compensation from the quick setting (Q) button

In M mode and ISO speed Auto



Controlling exposure compensation parameters with the Q button



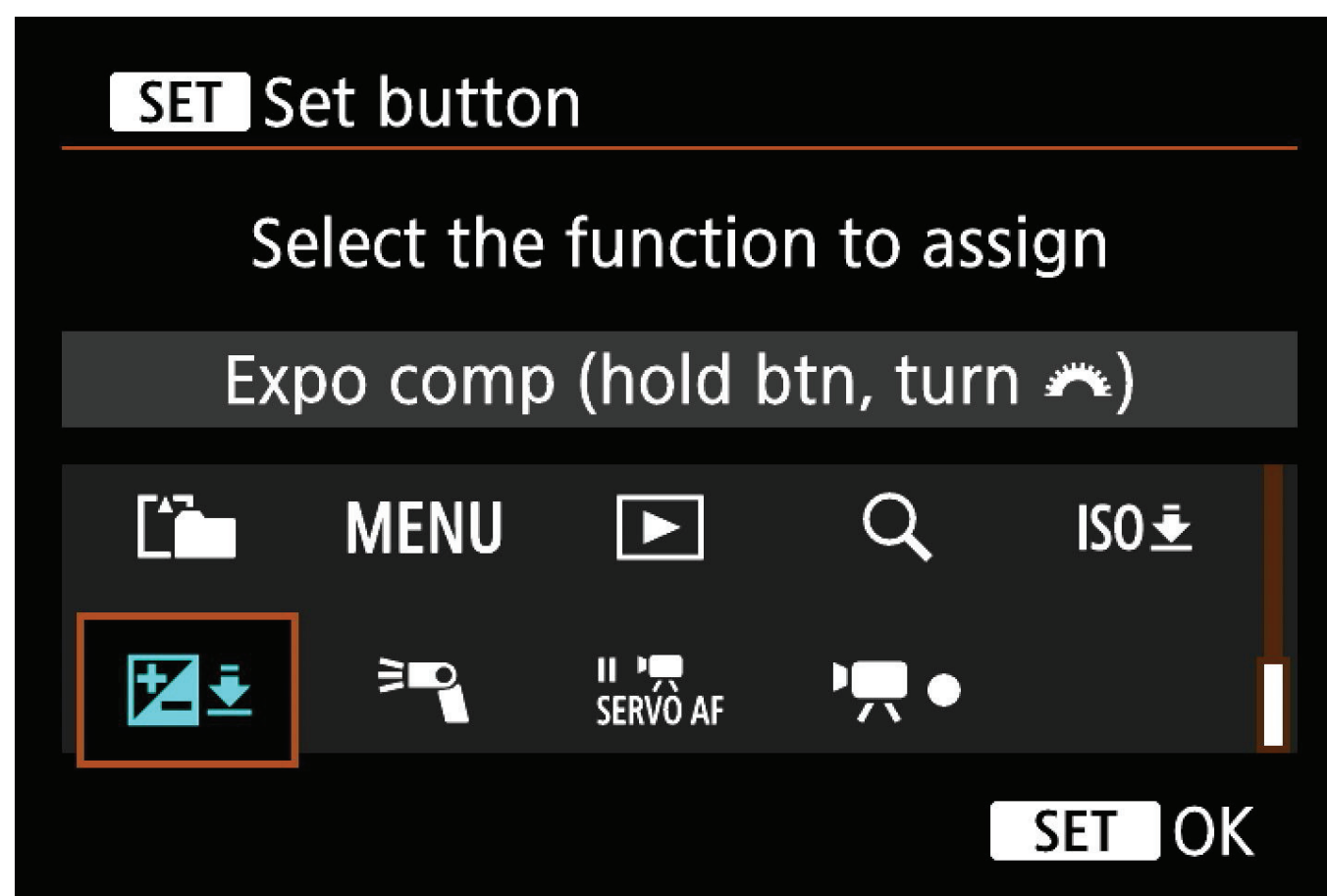
Controlling exposure compensation parameters

When M mode and ISO Auto are set, you can use the Q button to enter the quick settings screen to perform exposure compensation.

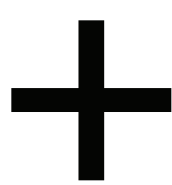
2 Assign [Exposure compensation] to the SET button

In M mode and ISO speed Auto

Assign exposure compensation to the SET button using Custom Controls



SET button



Exposure compensation is available from the main dial

Assign the exposure compensation function to the SET button using C.Fn5 **[Custom Controls]**. Additionally, exposure compensation can be adjusted by operating the main dial while pressing the SET button.

Using ISO Auto

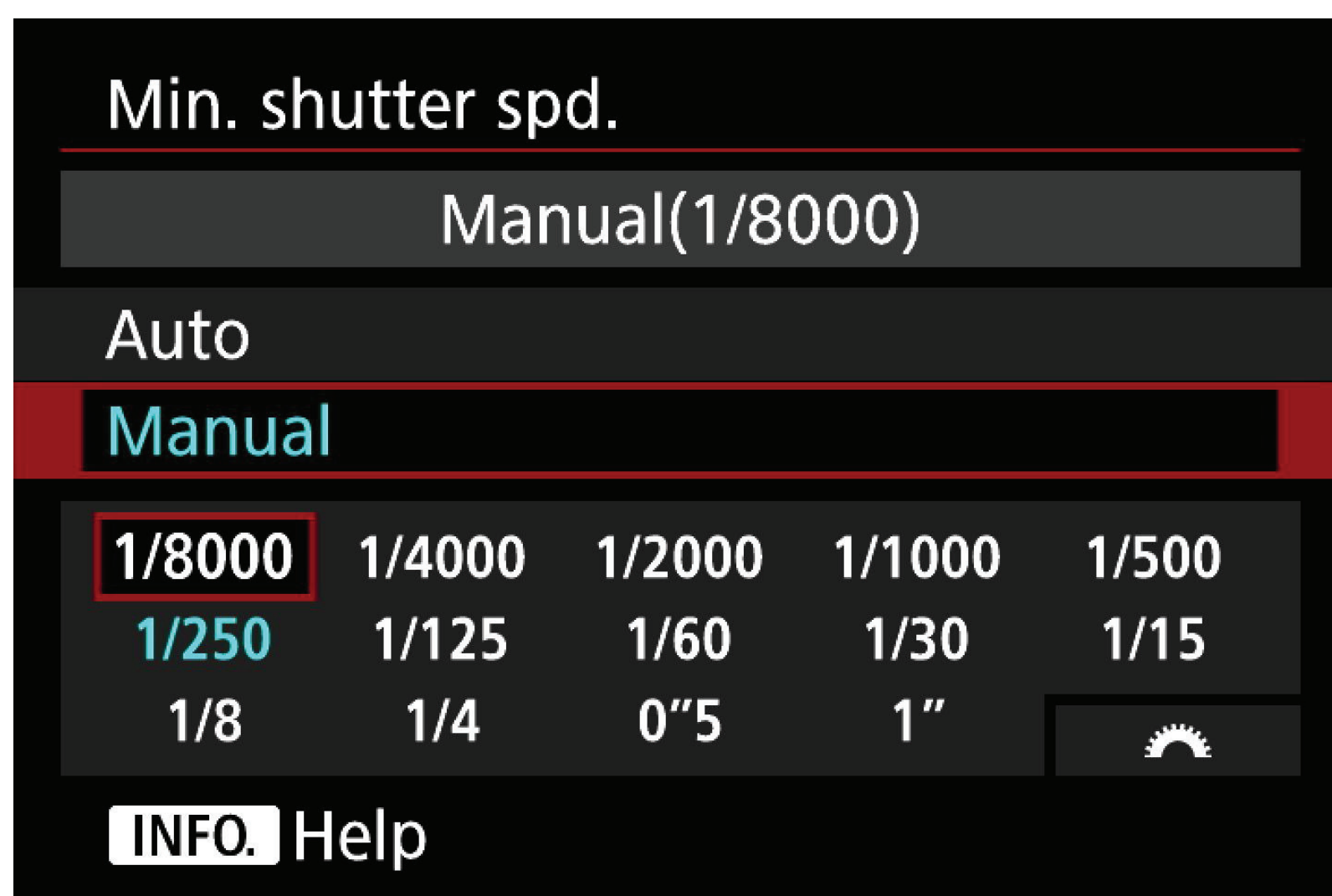
Minimum shutter speed at ISO Auto capable of setting to 1/8000 sec.

[Min. shutter spd.] can be set up to the fastest shutter speed of 1/8000 sec. as the minimum shutter speed setting.

In Av and P modes, you can shoot with reduced subject blur and camera shake due to high shutter speeds.

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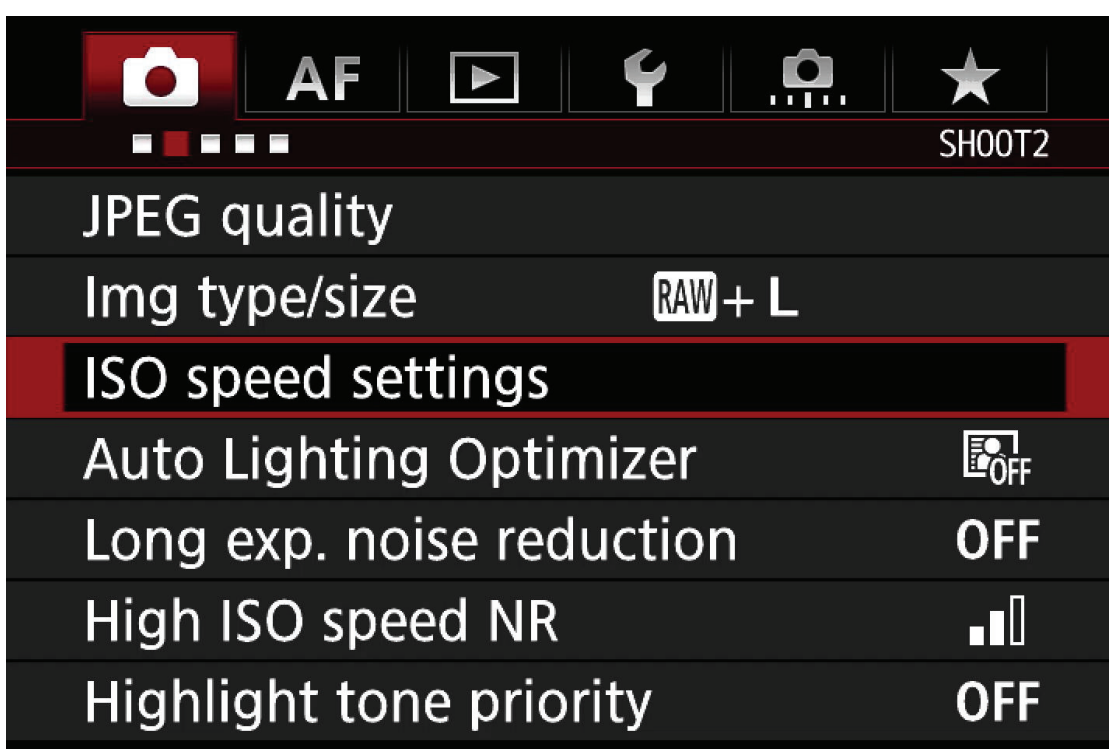
Reduce camera shake and subject blur with high shutter speeds in Av and P modes



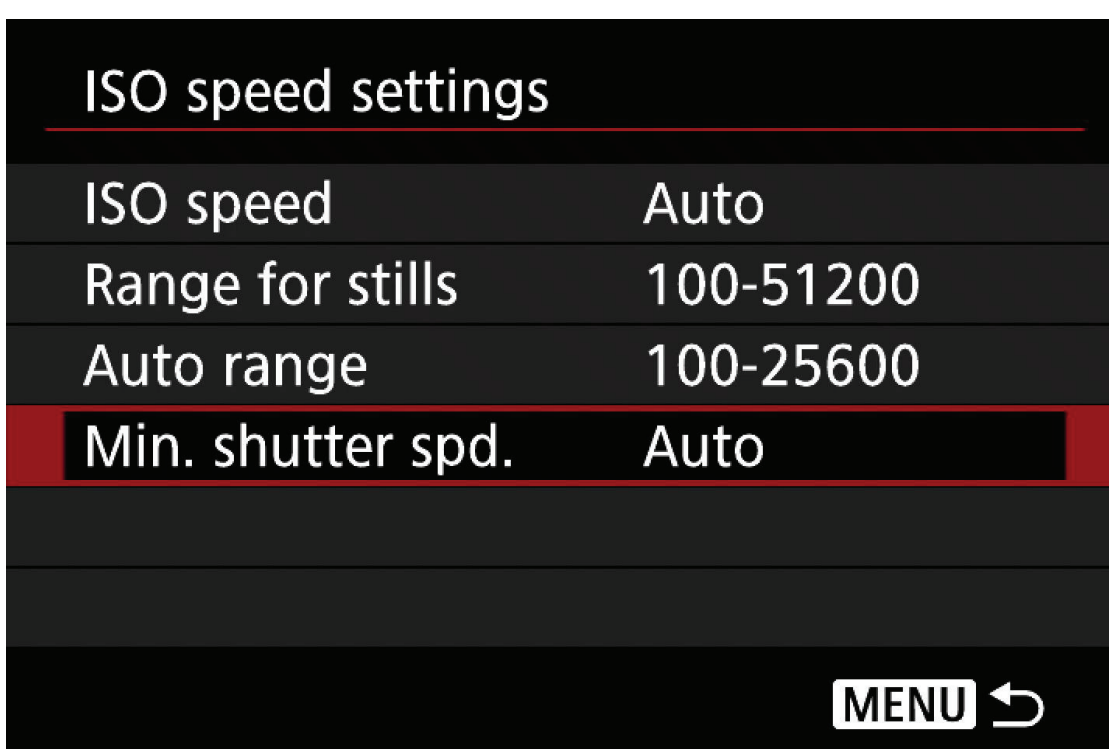
Another special function of ISO Auto is [**Min. shutter speed**]. It can be set any shutter speed up to the fastest shutter speed of 1/8000 sec. as the minimum shutter speed setting value. By setting a high shutter speed above a certain value when in ISO Auto you can capture quick-moving subjects with reduced blur, and it is possible to prevent camera shake. Use this to reduce blurring when shooting in Av and P modes.

Set up steps

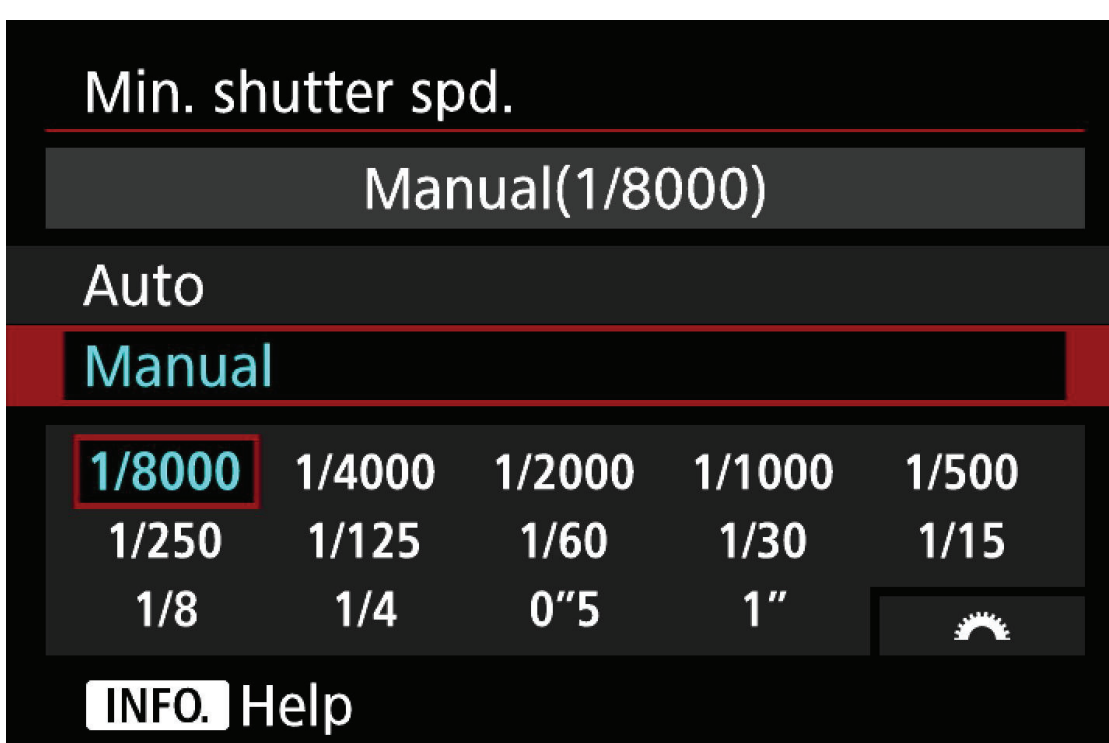
In [ISO speed settings] [Min. shutter spd.], you can select the minimum shutter speed from 1/8000 sec. to 1 sec. in 1 step increments.



[AF tab 2]
From
[ISO speed settings]



Select
[Min. shutter spd.]



And choose a minimum
shutter speed









