

ISSF CONSTITUTION

(APPROVED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 7 DECEMBER 2019)

The International Shooting Sport Federation was founded in 1907 as the “Union Internationale des Federations et Associations Nationales de Tir”, was dissolved in 1915 and reorganized in 1921 under the name of “Union Internationale de Tir”. In 1939, activities were again suspended and the Union was reorganized in 1947 under the name: “International Shooting Union – UIT”. On 15th July 1998 the Union changed its name to the present name “International Shooting Sport Federation”. The Federation title in short form is “ISSF”.

The ISSF is formally recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the sole controlling body in the Olympic Movement administering the shooting sport at world level and encompassing its member organizations, administering the shooting sport at national level. The ISSF intends to develop, promote and protect the Olympic Movement, to observe the provisions of the Olympic Charter of the IOC and to recognize the decisions of the IOC. The ISSF specifically supports a human, manipulation- and doping-free sport and recognizes international and national anti-doping rules, in particular the World Anti-Doping Code.

The ISSF is committed to its responsibility for up-to-date environmental and nature conservation. In recognition of the sustainability mission statement and the declaration of the IOC of Paris in 1994, it is committed to an environmental friendly and sustainable development of its sport in general and their whole organisation.

1. PURPOSE

1.1. THE ISSF

- 1.1.1. Promotes and guides the development of the shooting sport, without discrimination of any kind, such as race, color, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- 1.1.2. Strengthens bonds of friendship and collaboration between shooting associations of all nations, Continental Confederations, other sport organizations and bodies according to the Fundamental Principles of Olympism as defined in the Olympic Charter.
- 1.1.3. For achievement of its purposes the ISSF in particular
 - 1.1.3.1. Co-operates with the IOC and the Organizing Committees of the Olympic Games in carrying out the organization of the shooting sport events and, as delegated by the IOC, supervises and controls all technical arrangements;
 - 1.1.3.2. Organizes World Championships, World Cups and other international competitions for ISSF recognized events for juniors and seniors;
 - 1.1.3.3. Encourages and supervises other international championships and competitions that include ISSF recognized events, upon request of the Organizers;
 - 1.1.3.4. Recognizes shooting sport disciplines and events;
 - 1.1.3.5. Supports the efforts of Member Federations to further develop the shooting sport in their respective country/ies;
 - 1.1.3.6. Grants support to Member Federations and individual athletes whose performances in international shooting competitions particularly contributed to the achievement of the Federation’s purposes;
 - 1.1.3.7. Establishes official Rankings;
 - 1.1.3.8. Issues Regulations and Rules;
 - 1.1.3.9. Licenses judges and coaches;
 - 1.1.3.10. Develops and promotes methods and programs of education;
 - 1.1.3.11. Researches scientific and medical principles;
 - 1.1.3.12. Publishes official communications;
 - 1.1.3.13. Awards distinctions to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Federation’s purposes.

2. ISSF HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1. The ISSF Headquarters is located in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany.
- 2.2. The ISSF must be registered under the laws of the country in which the Headquarters is located.
- 2.3. Any change of the location of the Headquarters must be approved by the General Assembly.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. The ISSF must be composed of those National Shooting Organizations that are members of their National Olympic Committees and recognized by the respective National Olympic Committee as the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country.
- 3.2. The National Olympic Committee of the country must be recognized by the International Olympic Committee.
- 3.3. Membership is open to one Member Federation from each country or territory which is governed by a NOC recognized by the IOC.
- 3.4. Countries with two Member Federations recognized prior to 1989 may retain dual membership if both of the Member Federations are members of their National Olympic Committee according to Article 3.1.
- 3.5. Member Federations must not belong to other International Shooting Associations which include events defined in the ISSF Regulations and must not participate in the championships of such International Shooting Associations, except when authorized by the ISSF.
- 3.6. Membership fees are due on January 1st of each year and must be paid within ninety (90) days.
- 3.7. Membership may be full or associated. Unless the Constitution indicates otherwise, the term Member(s) comprises both Full Members and Associate Members.

3.8. RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS

- 3.8.1. To submit proposals for consideration by ISSF Bodies including the General Assembly;
- 3.8.2. To take part in the ISSF competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ISSF Regulations;
- 3.8.3. To submit applications for the organization of the World Championships and other ISSF recognized competitions;
- 3.8.4. To exercise all other rights granted to them by this Constitution and regulations and decisions made by the respective ISSF body.

3.9. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF FULL MEMBERS

- 3.9.1. To vote on any items in the General Assembly;
- 3.9.2. To propose candidates for the election of any function within the ISSF bodies and committees.

3.10. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

- 3.10.1. To comply with this Constitution and Regulations as well as decisions made by the respective ISSF;
- 3.10.2. To take part in the ISSF competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ISSF Rules and Regulations;
- 3.10.3. To meet the responsibility as Host Federation entrusted with the organization of the World Championships and other ISSF competitions;
- 3.10.4. To encourage shooting practice and participation in competitions in disciplines and events recognized by the ISSF;
- 3.10.5. To regularly organize national shooting sport competitions in ISSF recognized events in Senior and Junior categories and provide the ISSF with the results upon request.

3.11. ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF FULL MEMBERS

- 3.11.1. To pay the annual membership fee and any other financial obligations established by ISSF Rules and Regulations in due time;
- 3.11.2. To take part with its athletes in at least two ISSF competitions per year, which includes Continental Championships, Continental Games and other international competitions organized by the Continental Confederations.

3.12. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3.12.1. Applicants for membership must submit all documents in the official working language English to the ISSF Headquarters:

- 3.12.2. Details of their foundation and organization including a list of members of the statutory bodies of the applicant;
- 3.12.3. A copy of their Constitution/Statutes and of the minutes of the last General Assembly;
- 3.12.4. Certification of recognition and affiliation as required in 3.1.and 3.2;
- 3.12.5. A copy of their Anti-Doping Regulations which must be in conformity with the ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations and the World Anti-Doping Code;
- 3.12.6. Copies of Result books of the national shooting sport competitions for Seniors and Juniors in the last two years;
- 3.12.7. A written declaration whereby the applicant undertakes to observe the ISSF Constitution and all regulations (including Code of Ethics) as well as to recognize decisions taken by the competent ISSF bodies. After affiliation to ISSF the Member Federation has the obligation to integrate the content of this declaration into a provision of the Member Federations' Constitution/Statutes. The Council may therefore set an appropriate deadline for a Member Federation.
- 3.12.8. Associated Membership may be granted to a National Shooting Organization in case it is needed for this National Shooting Organization to be recognized by the respective NOC according to article 3.1 and 3.2 of this Constitution, or when it would allow the National Shooting Organization, that has applied for the ISSF Membership with all necessary documents, to participate in competitions and events supervised by the ISSF before a Full Membership is decided.
- 3.12.9. In case an application for membership is denied by the Council, the decision may be appealed to the General Assembly.

3.13. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- 3.13.1. Every two years (starting from 1st January 2022) or upon request the Executive Committee may review the fulfilment of the Membership requirements and obligations by the Member Federations with respect to their current Membership status and propose the Council to decide whether any Member Federation should be transferred to another Membership status.
- 3.13.2. The Member under review will be invited to present its position to the Executive Committee and the Council.

3.14. SUSPENSION

- 3.14.1. A Member Federation may be temporarily suspended if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, this Member Federation has committed a breach of this Constitution.
- 3.14.2. A suspended Member Federation may not exercise its membership rights. The ISSF Executive Committee may allow athletes of a suspended Member to participate in ISSF Competitions under the ISSF Flag.
- 3.14.3. Any suspension must be submitted to the Council within two months for consideration as to whether or not the Member Federation should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued.
- 3.14.4. The Member concerned will be invited to present its position to the Executive Committee and/or the Council.

3.15. EXCLUSION

- 3.15.1. A Member Federation may be excluded by the Council if it seriously breaches this Constitution.
- 3.15.2. The Member concerned will be invited to present its position to the Council.
- 3.15.3. A Member Federation may be excluded by the Council, if it loses its status as the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country.
- 3.15.4. The exclusion must be supported by at least two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

3.16. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

- 3.16.1. Membership with ISSF may be withdrawn in writing to the Secretary General which must arrive at least by 31st October in order to be valid for the next year.
- 3.16.2. The Secretary General informs the Executive Committee who confirms the withdrawal in writing as well as the date of validity.

4. ISSF BODIES

- 4.1. The ISSF conducts its work through the following bodies and individual positions:
 - 4.1.1. General Assembly;
 - 4.1.2. Council;

- 4.1.3. Executive Committee
- 4.1.4. President;
- 4.1.5. Vice-Presidents;
- 4.1.6. Secretary General;
- 4.1.7. Ethics Committee;
- 4.1.8. Athletes Committee;
- 4.1.9. Other Committees;
- 4.2.** While individual members of ISSF Bodies may bring knowledge, skill and expertise from the Member Federation from which they are drawn, they must perform their duties as a member of an ISSF Body in an impartial and independent manner, serving only in the interests of the ISSF.
- 4.3.** All members of the ISSF Bodies must promote the interests of the ISSF and support the decisions taken by its bodies.
- 4.4.** A person can only be elected or appointed to one position. Ex-officio positions remain unaffected.
- 4.5.** All persons elected to any ISSF Body serve on an honorary basis and without salary but can be reimbursed for expenses. The Secretary General shall receive an appropriate salary for operating the ISSF headquarters as CEO.
- 4.6. The following election procedures apply to elections of members of ISSF Bodies except the Athletes Committee:**
 - 4.6.1. A candidate for election to any position in an ISSF Body must have the support of his/her Member Federation. The nomination must be submitted to the Secretary General in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the meeting in which the election takes place.
 - 4.6.2. All members of the Council, the Executive Committee, the ISSF President, Vice-Presidents as well as Committee Chairmen are elected four-year terms of office. Such mandate starts after the election during the General Assembly and ends before the new elections in the next General Assembly in the fourth year of the mandate.
 - 4.6.3. All ISSF Body members may only serve twelve (12) consecutive years in the same elective position.
 - 4.6.4. The age limit for nomination of any candidate is seventy-five (75) years as of the date of the election.
- 4.7.** A member of any ISSF Body shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member Federation which has nominated him/her as candidate and/or to which he/she is affiliated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.
- 5. DECISION MAKING**
 - 5.1.** Unless otherwise prescribed in this Constitution, a valid decision is taken within any of the aforementioned ISSF Bodies, if the request is supported by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the chairman of the ISSF Body in question shall have the casting vote.
 - 5.2.** Such decisions are taken by open vote unless a request for secret ballot is supported by at least one-third (1/3) of the members present within the corresponding ISSF Body.
 - 5.3.** Any decision shall come into force with immediate effect, except if the corresponding ISSF Body decides otherwise.
 - 5.4.** Elections must be executed by secret ballot. In case the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, the competent elective body of ISSF may decide to proceed otherwise and hold elections by open vote or by acclamation.
 - 5.5.** In respect of elections to any of the aforementioned ISSF bodies, the candidate(s) shall be elected in the first ballot, if supported by the simple majority of the valid votes cast (i.e. more than half of the valid votes cast) in the order of received votes. If not enough candidates receive the simple majority, there shall be a second ballot executed. In the second ballot candidates shall be elected by relative majority. In the event of a relevant tie in one ballot, those candidates in question go for a further ballot in which the candidate with the simple majority of the valid votes cast is elected. If the tie is repeated, the chairman responsible for the election in question shall determine the elected candidate by the drawing of lots.

- 5.6.** Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or fewer as there are vacancies are valid. Ballots with incorrect names indicated, discriminating words or unclear declarations are considered as invalid.
- 5.7.** The General Assembly may agree by simple majority of the valid votes cast to take decisions by electronic voting.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 6.1.** The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ISSF. It is either the ordinary General Assembly to be held every two years or an extraordinary General Assembly upon decision of the Council or a written request of at least one-third (1/3) of the Member Federations having voting rights.
- 6.2.** The General Assembly consists of:
- 6.2.1.** A maximum of two (2) delegates per Member Federation. If two Member Federations represent one country, only one (1) delegate per Member Federation is admissible; and
- 6.2.2.** Members of the Council and Executive Committee, as well as the Secretary General have consultative powers only (no voting right), unless they officially represent a Member Federation at a General Assembly.
- 6.3.** Only the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, the Executive Director or Executive Committee/Board members can represent their Member Federation at the General Assembly. Participation forms for delegates must reach the Secretary General at least seven (7) working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. All delegates representing the Member Federations must provide documented proof of their appointment as a delegate of that Member Federation.
- 6.4.** Each Member Federation that represents one country has two (2) votes. Member Federations that represent one (1) country together with a second Member Federation, have one (1) vote each. Representation of members by proxy is not allowed. The ISSF shall cover the expenses for one delegate per Member Federation to attend the General Assembly.
- 6.5.** The ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly is chaired by the President.
- 6.6.** After the official opening of the ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly, the Secretary General must conduct the roll call of voting powers, establish the voting list and announce the total number of eligible votes to the General Assembly.
- 6.7.** The General Assembly has the powers assigned to it by the Constitution, in particular to:
- 6.7.1.** Elect Scrutinizers for General Assembly votes and elections;
- 6.7.2.** Approve the agenda;
- 6.7.3.** Appoint the minutes committee on proposal of the Executive Committee;
- 6.7.4.** Approve reports;
- 6.7.5.** Receive and approve the Auditors' report;
- 6.7.6.** Approve the final balances and the financial report;
- 6.7.7.** Discharge the Executive Committee and Secretary General;
- 6.7.8.** Handle requests of Member Federations;
- 6.7.9.** Adopt and modify the Constitution;
- 6.7.10.** Elect ISSF's President, the Vice- Presidents, five (5) members of the Executive Committee, and the Chairmen of the Committees with the exception of the Chairman of the Athletes Committee;
- 6.7.11.** Grant the title of "Honorary Member" and " President of Honor" on proposal by the Executive Committee;
- 6.7.12.** Approve the membership fee; and
- 6.7.13.** Declare the dissolution of the ISSF
- 6.8.** The ordinary General Assembly meets once every two (2) years in a place chosen by the Executive Committee.
- 6.9.** The agenda is prepared by the Secretary General and approved by the Executive Committee. Member Federations may forward their own proposals for the agenda to the Secretary General in writing in English and with a short explanation as well as any supporting documents no later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

- 6.10.** The date, time and place for the General Assembly is determined by the Executive Committee and notice must be given to the Member Federations at least one-hundred and twenty (120) days in advance. The final agenda with the supporting documents must be sent to the Member Federations and the Council at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the General Assembly.
- 6.11.** Decisions by the ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly are restricted to items on the final agenda. Items, excluding amendments to this Constitution, may be added to the agenda by the Council upon approval by a two-third (2/3) majority vote in the General Assembly. However, during the meeting no new item may be added on to the agenda, except when unanimously agreed.
- 6.12.** An extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within six (6) months of receipt of a valid written request by the Secretary General. The Executive Committee shall decide the date, time and place of the extraordinary General Assembly.
- 6.13.** To take valid decisions, the ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly must have at least a quorum of presence of one-third of its Member Federations with the right to vote.
- 6.14.** The minutes of the General Assembly shall be sent to the Member Federations promptly after approval by the Council in its first meeting following the General Assembly excluding the Council meeting dedicated to the elections of the Committee members on the next day after the General Assembly.

7. COUNCIL

- 7.1.** The Council may hold ordinary or extraordinary meetings.
- 7.2.** The Council consists of the following members, representing both genders (minimum 4 per gender):
- 7.2.1. The Executive Committee members;
 - 7.2.2. The Chairmen of the following Committees (2): Statutes and Eligibility, Medical;
 - 7.2.3. Representatives of the Continental Confederation according to Article 21.7.
- 7.3.** The Council has the powers assigned to it under this Constitution and other Regulations and Rules, in particular the following:
- 7.3.1. To establish or amend Regulations and Rules upon recommendation by the Executive Committee or any other Committee to the extent such competence has not been assigned to the General Assembly or the Executive Committee according to this Constitution. This includes in particular the competence to amend, create and approve:
 - 7.3.1.1. General Regulations,
 - 7.3.1.2. Anti-Doping Rules,
 - 7.3.1.3. Code of Ethics,
 - 7.3.1.4. Eligibility Rules;
 - 7.3.1.5. Disciplinary Regulations.
 - 7.3.2. To appoint replacements in case a vacancy in any of the ISSF bodies occurs; any replacement shall serve for the remaining term of office;
 - 7.3.3. To elect members of the Committees for a two-(2)-year term with the exception of the members of the Athletes Committee;
 - 7.3.4. To approve minutes of the General Assembly;
 - 7.3.5. On proposal from an Ad-Hoc Awards Committee, to approve award distinctions for outstanding service;
 - 7.3.6. To acknowledge Committee reports.
 - 7.3.7. To decide on Membership matters;
- 7.4.** The ordinary Council meeting is held once a year upon proposal of the President. Members must be informed at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting about the date, time and place of the meeting as well as of the draft agenda prepared by the Secretary General. Any Council member may forward their own proposals for the agenda in writing in English and with a short explanation as well as any supporting documents no later than forty (40) days prior to the Council meeting to the Secretary General. The final agenda (including all supporting documents) must be submitted to the Council members no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting by the Secretary General.

- 7.5.** At any meeting, the Council may take decisions when more than half (1/2) of its members are present. Proxy voting is not allowed.
- 7.6.** For urgent matters, as decided by the President and/or Secretary General, the decisions may be taken by postal or electronic vote with a two-third (2/3) majority of the members who take part in the voting by casting their votes. The quorum of such vote must be 1/2 of the members. Such decisions are put into the minutes of the next Council meeting.
- 7.7.** Upon proposal of the Executive Committee, the Council may suspend or expel a member of the Executive Committee, the Council or a Committee as well as any official or athlete, if such a member, official or athlete seriously violates this Constitution, Regulations, the ISSF Code of Ethics or decisions of the ISSF. A majority of three-fourths (3/4) of the members who cast votes is required to suspend or expel such a member. The quorum of such vote must be 1/2 of the members.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8.1.** The Executive Committee consists of the following members:
- 8.1.1. The ISSF President (1);
 - 8.1.2. Four Vice- Presidents (4); elected by the General Assembly represented by both genders;
 - 8.1.3. The Chairman of the Technical Committee and the Chairman of the Athletes Committees (2);
 - 8.1.4. Five (5) representatives of the Continental Confederations (one from each Continent) according to Article 21.7;
 - 8.1.5. Five (5) ordinary members elected by the General Assembly representing both genders.
- 8.2.** The Executive Committee has the powers assigned to it under this Constitution and other Regulations and decisions by the General Assembly or Council, in particular the following:
- 8.2.1. To ensure that decisions of the General Assembly and the Council are put into effect;
 - 8.2.2. To appoint the Secretary General on proposal of the President;
 - 8.2.3. To appoint the ISSF Treasurer from the members of the Executive Committee with the responsibility to manage the financial assets of the ISSF;
 - 8.2.4. To appoint an additional member to the Executive Committee representing the Member Federation of the host of the next Olympic Games for the same term of office as well as to dismiss the member;
 - 8.2.5. To amend, create and approve
 - 8.2.5.1. Technical Rules for shooting events,
 - 8.2.5.2. Events that are recognized by the ISSF,
 - 8.2.5.3. Commercial Rights and Sponsorship Rules;
 - 8.2.5.4. To adopt guidelines and procedures for ISSF bodies in line with this Constitution and the ISSF Regulations;
 - 8.2.6. To designate a review committee to examine proposals to the General Assembly;
 - 8.2.7. To decide the hosts of the ISSF supervised competitions, including the ISSF World Championships and to decide on the substitution of a Member Federation as the host of an ISSF Championship in the case that the selected host is unable to fulfil its duties;
 - 8.2.8. To designate delegates, representatives and juries for ISSF competitions and the Olympic Games;
 - 8.2.9. To decide on the dates, time and place of the ISSF General Assemblies;
 - 8.2.10. To decide about the design and use of the ISSF logos and emblems;
 - 8.2.11. To approve yearly preliminary budgets and balances;
 - 8.2.12. To establish, the "Regulations for the Participation in the Shooting Events of the Olympic Games" to be submitted to the IOC for approval;
 - 8.2.13. To provisionally accept applicants for associated membership;
 - 8.2.14. To temporarily suspend a Member Federation, if such Member Federation does not meet the requirements for ISSF membership anymore, or in case such Member Federation has violated this Constitution or any other ISSF Rules or Regulations;
 - 8.2.15. To set up ad-hoc Committees and Commissions for a limited period of time and/or for specific tasks and to determine the number of its members;
 - 8.2.16. To act on matters not assigned either to the General Assembly or the Council;
 - 8.2.17. To have the power to decide on all matters not covered in this Constitution. Such decisions are to be made in accordance with the relevant IOC Regulations. If no such regulations exist, the Executive Committee shall decide according to their duty to act fairly.

- 8.3.** The Executive Committee will hold meetings at least twice a year. Executive Committee Members must be informed at least sixty (60) days prior to the meetings about date, time and place of the meeting as well as the draft agenda as approved by the President and elaborated by the Secretary General. Any Executive Committee member may forward their own proposals for the agenda in writing in English and with a short explanation as well as any supporting documents no later than forty (40) days prior to the meeting to the Secretary General. The final agenda (including all supporting documents) must be submitted to the Executive Committee members no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting by the Secretary General.
- 8.4.** At any meeting, the Executive Committee may take decisions when more than half (1/2) of its members are present. Proxy voting is not allowed.
- 8.5.** For urgent matters, decisions may be taken by postal or electronic vote with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast. The quorum of such vote must be 1/2 of the members. Such decisions are put into the minutes of the next Executive Committee meeting.

9. PRESIDENT

9.1. The President of the ISSF:

- 9.1.1. Provides leadership and direction to the ISSF;
- 9.1.2. Represents the ISSF and presides over all its activities;
- 9.1.3. Represents the ISSF in international sports organizations and in all legal matters with the right for single representation of the ISSF;
- 9.1.4. Acts on behalf of the ISSF as circumstances require;
- 9.1.5. Chairs the meetings of the General Assembly, of the Council as well as of the Executive Committee;
- 9.1.6. Ensures the proper observance of the Constitution and ISSF Regulations, Rules as well as the decisions taken under them;
- 9.1.7. Supervises the execution of decisions and activities of ISSF Bodies;
- 9.1.8. Ensures that the decisions taken by the Executive Committee are put into effect;
- 9.1.9. Ensures that ISSF's obligations towards its Member Federations are fulfilled;
- 9.1.10. Performs special assignments on request of the Executive Committee or Council.

10. VICE- PRESIDENTS

10.1. The ISSF has four (4) Vice- Presidents elected by the General Assembly represented by both genders.

10.2. The Vice- Presidents:

- 10.2.1. Support and assist the President and carry out duties assigned by the Council, the Executive Committee, the President;
- 10.2.2. A Vice-President, appointed by the President, convenes and chairs the General Assembly, the Council or the Executive Committee meetings;
- 10.2.3. In case no such appointment has been made, the Vice- President appointed by the Executive Committee replaces the President when he cannot anymore execute his duties due to an accident, illness, etc.; and
- 10.2.4. When present at any ISSF Championship or activity, a Vice- President is the highest ISSF representative and authority after the President.

11. SECRETARY GENERAL

11.1. The Secretary General is the head of administration of the ISSF, supervises all tasks performed at the ISSF Headquarters.

11.2. The Secretary General has the powers assigned to him by this Constitution, other Regulations and in particular the following:

- 11.2.1. Represents the ISSF in all legal matters with a single representation of the ISSF;
- 11.2.2. Supervises and coordinates administrative services and activities;
- 11.2.3. Ensures the implementation, documentation and archiving of all decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Council and the Executive Committee as well as the Committees;
- 11.2.4. Reports on the activities of ISSF Headquarters at each meeting of the General Assembly, the Council and of the Executive Committee;
- 11.2.5. Appoints and dismisses the staff working in the ISSF Headquarters;

- 11.2.6. Attends meetings of the General Assembly, the Council, the Executive Committee as well as the Committees with voice but without vote;
- 11.2.7. Fulfills ISSF administrative responsibilities that include conducting ISSF correspondence, preparing circular letters and reports and mailing summons to meetings;
- 11.2.8. Performs special assignments on request of the Council, of the Executive Committee, or of the President.

12. ISSF COMMITTEES

- 12.1.** The ISSF has the following Committees with its number of members in addition to the Chairman:
 - 12.1.1. The Technical Committee (12 members),
 - 12.1.2. The Athletes Committee (9 members),
 - 12.1.3. The Rifle Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.4. The Pistol Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.5. The Shotgun Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.6. The Running Target Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.7. The Target Sprint Committee (5 members),
 - 12.1.8. The Judges Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.9. The Coaches Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.10. The Statutes and Eligibility Committee (7 members),
 - 12.1.11. The Medical Committee (at least 7 members), and
 - 12.1.12. The Sustainability Committee (7 members)
- 12.2.** Both genders must be represented in all Committees by at least two members.
- 12.3.** Members of the Committees may act as judges for ISSF Championships Juries, if the Executive Committee assigns them to do so and if they hold the appropriate license.
- 12.4.** The Committees act as advisory bodies within the ISSF. They shall assist, support and advise ISSF Bodies with respect to all matters assigned to them according to the provisions below. The ISSF Bodies shall obtain recommendations from the Committee competent to the relevant matter.
- 12.5.** The Executive Committee approves the Terms of References for each Committee. In such provisions, they may also define the decision-making power of such a Committee in writing and without affecting the powers of the General Assembly, the Council as well as the Executive Committee.
 - 12.5.1. Membership in the Committees is personal and representation by proxy is not permitted. While Committee members bring knowledge, skill, and expertise from the National Federations from which they are drawn, they must act in an impartial and independent manner, serving only in the interests of ISSF.
 - 12.5.2. The Chairmen and the Members of the Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Running Target, Target Sprint and Judges Committee must be holders of a current Judges' License in their respective discipline to be eligible for election.
 - 12.5.3. The Chairmen of the Judges, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Running Target and Target Sprint Committees are ex officio members of the Technical Committee.
- 12.6.** The Chairmen of the Committees:
 - 12.6.1. Shall report concerning Committee meetings and activities in the next meeting of the Council;
 - 12.6.2. May advise ISSF bodies in urgent matters without a meeting of the members of the respective Committee. In such cases, the Chairmen shall inform their Committee members about the advice given; and
 - 12.6.3. Shall designate a recording secretary for each meeting.
- 12.7.** The Committees meet when necessary at the invitation of the President and Secretary General, who shall approve the meeting in consultation with the respective Chairman. In general, meetings shall be held once a year. Notices for such meetings will be sent to the Committee members sixty (60) days in advance of the date of the meeting. The agenda as well as all supporting documents should be sent to the participants at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- 12.8.** At any meeting, a Committee may take decisions when more than half (1/2) of its members are present. Proxy voting is not allowed. The Chairman will cast the deciding vote in case of a tied vote.

- 12.9.** Minutes of Committee meetings are for internal ISSF use only and may not be published or distributed without the approval of the Secretary General.
- 12.10.** Minutes of Committee meetings must be sent to the Secretary General who forwards them to the Council.

13. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

13.1. The Technical Committee shall:

- 13.1.1. Assist different disciplines (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Running Target, Target Sprint) in the development of shooting rules and the sport of shooting;
- 13.1.2. Coordinate and review general and rules proposals for different shooting events and submit them for discussion and approval to the Council.
- 13.1.3. Coordinate and review proposals from the Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Running Target and Target Sprint Committees;
- 13.1.4. Evaluate and assist in the development of range designs, range equipment and operational procedures for all ISSF Championships; and
- 13.1.5. Approve technical equipment as required.

14. ATHLETES COMMITTEE

14.1. The Athletes Committee consists of 10 (ten) members comprising the Chairman and nine (9) members of which three (3) are from shotgun, three (3) from rifle and three (3) from pistol. Six (6) members are elected by the athletes (two (2) of each discipline). Three (3) members are appointed by the Executive Committee (one (1) of each discipline) considering the representation of the Continental Confederations pursuant to Article 14.3 and the number of votes received by the athletes. The Chairman shall be elected by and from among the nine (9) members of the Athletes Committee. After the election of the Chairman the athlete with the highest number of votes corresponding to the Chairman's discipline shall be adapted as tenth (10th) member of the Athletes Committee. Further details on the electoral rules shall be set out in the procedural regulations concerning the Athletes Committee.

14.2. The Athletes Committee must have at least four members of each gender.

14.3. The Athletes Committee shall consist of at least one athlete from Member Federations of every Continental Confederation.

14.4. The Athletes Committee's duties include:

- 14.4.1. Gathering information and opinions from athletes on their needs and problems with regard to the Olympic Games and major ISSF Competitions;
- 14.4.2. Consulting with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of the shooting sports and subsequently provide feedback to the ISSF;
- 14.4.3. Establishing contacts and coordinating activities with the Athlete Committees of the IOC, NOCs, Continental and National Federations;
- 14.4.4. Participating in working groups, to ensure the best possible conditions for the training, accommodation and living conditions for the athletes as well as for the conduct of the ISSF competitions;
- 14.4.5. Engaging actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- 14.4.6. Establishing a direct link between athletes within the ISSF;
- 14.4.7. Reporting through its Chairman to the Executive Committee and Council concerning its meetings and activities.

14.5. The Council will establish further election and other procedural regulations for the Athletes Committee.

14.6. A representative member of the Athletes Committee may attend meetings of other ISSF Committees with voice but without vote.

14.7. The provisions established for the Committees also apply to the Athletes Committee

15. RIFLE, PISTOL, SHOTGUN, RUNNING TARGET, TARGET SPRINT COMMITTEES

15.1. Committees are established for each discipline of the ISSF recognized shooting sport.

15.2. They recommend changes to the respective shooting rules to the Technical Committee and Council, and must consider all technical questions relating to the organization of competitions,

competition procedures and arms and equipment in their respective disciplines, including the preparation of rule interpretations.

15.3. Each Committee shall submit the minutes of each meeting to the Technical Committee.

16. JUDGES COMMITTEE

16.1. The Judges Committee shall:

- 16.1.1. Provide guidelines for international judges;
- 16.1.2. Create educational programs for judges and referees;
- 16.1.3. Prepare, conduct and approve courses for judges and jury members;
- 16.1.4. Approve applications for judges' licenses;
- 16.1.5. Approve applications for shotgun referee licenses; and
- 16.1.6. Propose jury members for ISSF Championships to the Executive Committee.

17. COACHES COMMITTEE

17.1. The Coaches Committee shall:

- 17.1.1. Gather information and opinions on coaches needs and problems during training and ISSF Championships;
- 17.1.2. Voice recommendations on these issues to the relevant ISSF Bodies;
- 17.1.3. Create educational programs for coaches;
- 17.1.4. Promote coaching within the sport;
- 17.1.5. Establish links between coaches within the ISSF; and
- 17.1.6. Report through its Chairman to the Executive Committee and Council concerning its meetings and activities.

17.2. The provisions established for the Committees also apply to the Coaches Committee.

18. STATUTES AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

18.1. The Statutes and Eligibility Committee shall:

- 18.1.1. Study the legal implications of proposed amendments to the ISSF Constitution and other ISSF Rules and Regulations;
- 18.1.2. Study and prepare rule changes regarding athlete eligibility, marketing and sponsorship and regulations for individual participation in ISSF Championships; and
- 18.1.3. Coordinate and review the drafting of amendments to the Constitution.

19. MEDICAL COMMITTEE

19.1. The Medical Committee shall:

- 19.1.1. Advise relevant ISSF Bodies regarding sports medicine and medical matters as well as matters relating to the IOC Medical Code and/or the WADA Code;
- 19.1.2. Support the organization and execution of anti-doping controls in ISSF Championships; and
- 19.1.3. Promote the exchange of knowledge, experience and research in sport medicine matters through events and publications.

20. PRESIDENT OF HONOR AND HONORARY MEMBER

20.1. The General Assembly may grant the title of "President of Honor" or "Honorary Member" for meritorious service to shooting sport.

20.2. The Executive Committee shall make these proposals.

20.3. The President of Honor is invited to attend the Olympic Games, the World Championships, and the General Assemblies.

20.4. The Honorary Member is invited to attend the General Assemblies.

20.5. The President of Honor and Honorary Members have the right to offer advice, but they have no voting right.

20.6. The status of a President of Honor or a Honorary Member may be withdrawn by decision of the General Assembly.

21. CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

- 21.1.** The purpose of the Continental Confederations is to maintain, to strengthen and to develop the sport of shooting in accordance with the Constitution and the Regulations of the ISSF and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good relations among the Member Federations.
- 21.2.** ISSF recognizes the Continental Confederations which are composed of National Federations belonging in principle to same territory of a Continent.
- 21.3.** Each Federation may only belong to one single Confederation. A change of Confederation is subject to the approval of the parties involved including the ISSF Council.
- 21.4.** The relationship between ISSF and the Confederation is regulated by specific ISSF Regulations or by contract.
- 21.5.** ISSF recognizes the following five Continental Confederations:
- African Shooting Sport Federation (ASSF)
 - Shooting Confederation of the Americans (CAT)
 - Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC)
 - European Shooting Confederation (ESC)
 - Oceania Shooting Confederation (OSC)
- 21.6.** The objectives of the Continental Confederations are:
- 21.6.1. To promote the shooting sport within its territory in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, race or any other reason;
- 21.6.2. To maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of the shooting sport;
- 21.6.3. To organize Continental Championships on regular basis;
- 21.6.4. To organize ISSF competitions in agreement with the ISSF Executive Committee;
- 21.6.5. To encourage the promotion of traditional Regional Championships and other major shooting competitions within the Continent;
- 21.6.6. To maintain relations between the National Member Federations in order to promote the development of shooting sport within the Continent;
- 21.6.7. To promote the exchange of experience by organizing lectures, debates, conferences or courses in close collaboration and in line with the ISSF policies;
- 21.6.8. To participate in realization of the ISSF development and educational programs;
- 21.6.9. To promote the knowledge of the shooting sport through mass media.
- 21.7.** The Continental Confederations must be represented in the ISSF Executive Committee and in the Council according to the following formula which determines the respective number of continental representatives for the electoral term:
- 21.7.1. Continental Confederation with up to 15 ISSF Member Federations – 1 Executive Committee member
- 21.7.2. Continental Confederations with 16-25 ISSF Member Federations – 1 Executive Committee member and 1 Council member
- 21.7.3. Continental Confederations with 26-35 ISSF Member Federations – 1 Executive Committee member and 2 Council members
- 21.7.4. Continental Confederations with 36-45 ISSF Member Federations – 1 Executive Committee member and 3 Council members
- 21.7.5. Continental Confederations with 46 and more ISSF Member Federations – 1 Executive Committee member and 4 Council Members
- 21.8.** All representatives of the Continental Confederations in the Executive Committee and Council must represent different ISSF Member Federations and be elected by respective statutory bodies of the respective Continental Confederation.
- 21.9.** Both genders must represent a Continental Confederation in the Council in case it may have more than two members in the Council.
- 21.10.** The respective statutory body of a Continental Confederation may substitute its representative in the ISSF Executive Committee and the Council at any time but only once for the remaining term of office of the Executive Committee and the Council.

21.11. The Continental Confederations must submit reports on their activities to each meeting of the Council.

22. AUDITORS

22.1. The Executive Committee must appoint an external professional auditing company.

22.2. The appointed company must examine the accounts as well as financial documents and transactions and give a report to the Council and the General Assembly.

23. FINANCIAL POLICY

23.1. The financial year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

23.2. The yearly Preliminary Budgets and Balances must be approved by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the Secretary General.

23.3. In each meeting of the Executive Committee, the Secretary General must report on the financial status of the ISSF.

24. LANGUAGES

24.1. The following seven languages are recognized as the official languages of the ISSF during meetings: English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic. The Executive Committee may permit the use of other languages in the meetings and the General Assemblies.

24.2. However, English is the permanent working language in which the Constitution, the regulations, rules and minutes as well as legal or official communications must be provided and published. The resolution of disputes must be conducted in the English language. The matters to be proposed for discussions at the General Assemblies must be sent by the Member Federations to the President or the Secretary General in the English language only.

24.3. In World and Continental Championships, the language of the host country may be used in the program, instructions, announcements, etc. in addition to English.

24.4. Simultaneous translation into English, French and Spanish must be provided at General Assemblies. Simultaneous translation into Russian, German, Chinese and Arabic may be also provided at the General Assemblies upon request at least ninety (90) days before the General Assembly of at least five (5) Member Federations. The Organizing Committee of the General Assemblies may add any language for simultaneous translation at their own cost.

24.5. In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of documents, the English text shall prevail.

25. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

Any final decision rendered by the ISSF may be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The language of the proceedings shall be English. The time limit for the appeal to be filed is twenty-one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal. Any decision taken by CAS will be final and binding on all parties concerned.

26. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

26.1. Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary General at least three (3) months before the General Assembly and distributed to the Member Federations and Council at least two (2) months before the General Assembly.

26.2. The General Assembly may only adopt changes in the Constitution if at least half of all Member Federations with voting rights are present. In order to be valid, any change needs at least the support of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast.

27. DISSOLUTION OF THE FEDERATION

27.1. A demand for dissolution of the Federation must be received six (6) months before the General Assembly and mailed to all Member Federations and the Council five (5) months before the General Assembly.

27.2. The dissolution of the Federation must be approved by a three-quarters (3/4) majority in the General Assembly at which at least half (1/2) of all Member Federations with voting rights are represented.

28. REGISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION ACCORDING TO ARTICLES 2.2

- 28.1.** The Federation has its Headquarters in Munich, Germany, and is legally registered under the name: "International Shooting Sport Federation, registered society (ISSF)" (*Internationaler Schiess-Sportverband, eingetragener Verein, ISSF*) by the Amtsgericht Muenchen, Registergericht VR 10152.
- 28.2.** The Federation observes, exclusively and without reservation, beneficial purposes according to the section "Tax aid and abet" of the Tax laws of Germany. It acts selflessly and observes primarily non-profit making purposes.
- 28.3.** Funds of the Federation may only be used for constitutional purposes. Members receive no financial gain from the Federation. No person must be privileged by expenditures which are contrary to the purposes of the Federation or by disproportionately high compensations.
- 28.4.** In case of dissolution of the Federation or suspension of the tax exception by the German Government, any remaining assets must be given to the National Olympic Committee with the injunction for exclusive use for beneficial purposes for the international shooting sport.
- 28.5.** Alterations to this Constitution and dissolution of the Federation must be reported to the Finance Office of the place of registry.

29. FINAL PROVISION

- 29.1.** In ISSF provisions, the use of masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine or any other genders.

30. APPROVAL

This Constitution was approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly of the UIT on July 27th, 1980 in Moscow, and replaced the "Constitution of the UIT, Edition 1978". This edition includes amendments and corrections approved by the General Assemblies on July 15th, 1998 in Barcelona, ESP, on March 21st, 2000 in Sydney, AUS, on April 18th, 2004 in Athens, GRE, on April 10th, 2008 in Beijing, CHN, and on 7th December 2019 in Munich, GER.

31. TRANSITORY

- 31.1.** All decisions taken according to the previous version of the Constitution will stay effective until they are realized or changed. All persons elected to any ISSF Body before this version of the Constitution became effective must complete their term of office. All amendments decided in the Extraordinary General Assembly on December 7th, 2019 in Munich, GER, shall become effective immediately, except indicated otherwise and except all changes in respect to the composition of ISSF Bodies and Articles 4.6.3 and 4.6.4 which shall become effective for and as of the first elections after 7th December 2019.
- 31.2.** The Member Federations have to amend their Constitutions to be compliant with this new ISSF Constitution until 31 December 2020.
- 31.3.** The Continental Confederations have to amend their Constitutions to be compliant with this new ISSF Constitution until 31 December 2021.