



## EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

### STATUTES

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the European Shooting Confederation (ESC) is to maintain, to strengthen and to develop the sport of shooting in Europe in accordance with the Constitution and the General Regulations of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF-former UIT) and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good relations among the national member federations without any political, religious or racial discrimination.  
Moreover the ESC must directly or indirectly ensure the common interest of the ESC in the ISSF.
- 1.2 The objects of the ESC are:
- 1.2.1 to promote the shooting sport in Europe in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discriminations on account of politics, gender, religion, race or any other reason,
- 1.2.2 to maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of shooting sport,
- 1.2.3 to organize European Championship regularly,
- 1.2.4 to encourage the promotion of traditional Regional Championships and other major shooting competitions in Europe,
- 1.2.5 to maintain relations between the national Member Federations in order to promote the development of shooting sport in Europe,
- 1.2.6 to encourage sponsorship in order to guarantee the economic solidity of the ESC,
- 1.2.7 to promote the exchange of experience by organizing lectures, debates, conferences or courses in the field of shooting sport in close cooperation and in line with the ISSF.
- 1.2.8 to promote the knowledge of the shooting sport through mass media,
- 1.2.9 to award distinctions to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Confederation's purposes.
- 1.3. In these Statutes the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.

#### 2.0 HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1 The Presidium determines the location of the headquarters of the ESC which is currently located in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2.2 The ESC must be registered in accordance with the laws of the country of headquarters.
- 2.3 The funds of the ESC must be deposited in a bank as decided by the Presidium.

#### 3.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The ESC is composed of European shooting federations of the nations represented in the European Olympic Committees Organisation (EOC). The shooting federation shall be approved by the ESC Presidium as the sole governing body of shooting sports in their country, and be a member of and recognised by their respective National Olympic Committee, which must be a full member of the International Olympic Committee.
- 3.2 Membership is open to one Federation from each country. Countries with two member federations recognised prior to 1999 may retain dual membership, but no new applications for membership can be accepted from more than one federation per country. If two federations represent a country, each federation shall pay half the membership fee. Applicants are required to submit a short history of their federation with details of its foundation and organization, explaining its structure, the sections of shooting sport in which they participate and giving information of the approximate number of members, affiliated clubs or organizations and the names of their officers.
- 3.3 The affiliation of non-European federations must be subject to the agreement of the General Assembly.
- 3.4 Annual membership fees are determined for a period of two years by a majority vote in the General Assembly of the ESC. The annual membership fee is payable on 1st January. Payment of the fee must be made by 31st March. A federation not having paid the annual membership fee or any other amount outstanding by 31st March of the current year will automatically be deprived of all its rights within the ESC, including the right of voting and participation in all official Championships, etc. until the fee has been paid. For participation in European Championships to be held before 31st of March, the payment of the membership fee for the previous year will be accepted.
- 3.5 Notification of rights being forfeited will be given by the ESC Secretariat to the federation concerned and to the Organizing Committee of the European Championships to be held in the respective year.
- 3.6 A federation representing all shooting activity in one country pays the full membership fee. Two federations of the same country will each pay half of the fee. The fee for new members will be decided by the Presidium at the time of their admission.
- 3.7 Any federation who has not paid any amount or interest owing by the due date will not be permitted to enter the next

championships until the full amount outstanding has been paid.

- 3,8 The ISSF Code of Ethics must be followed by all members of the ESC, teams, officials and athletes.  
The ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations must be followed by all members of the ESC, teams, officials and athletes.

### **RIGHTS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

- 3.9. Each Member Federation has the following rights at the General Assembly:  
3.9.1 to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the General Assembly,  
3.9.2 to propose candidates for the election of any function within in the ESC bodies and committees,  
3.9.3 to take part in ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations,  
3.9.4 to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them,  
3.9.5 to submit applications for the organisation of European Championships.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

- 3.10. Each Member Federation has the following obligations:  
3.10.1 to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play,  
3.10.2 to comply with these Statutes and General Regulations and decisions made under them,  
3.10.3 to be responsible for the conduct of its athletes, officials or other team members exercising a function at ESC competitions,  
3.10.4 to pay the annual membership fee,  
3.10.5 to meet the responsibility as Host Federation entrusted with the organization of the European Championships, including all obligations in accordance with the regulations of the ESC Statutes, ESC General Regulations and the ISSF Rules in terms to organization, finances and all other aspects of organization in relation with ESC and third parties.

### **SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION**

- 3.11 A Member Federation may be excluded from the ESC if it has:  
3.11.1 failed to settle its financial obligations towards the ESC,  
3.11.2 seriously breached these Statutes, ESC General Regulations or decision made under them,  
3.11.3 lost its qualifying status as a representative national shooting federation,  
3.11.4 been refused membership of, or excluded from the ISSF.  
3.12 The exclusion of a Member Federation must be decided by the General Assembly. The exclusion must be supported by three-quarters or more of the General Assembly, and at least half of the total number of Member Federations must be represented.  
A Member Federation is obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to ESC prior to its withdrawal or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.  
3.13 If, in the opinion of the Presidium, a Member Federation has committed a serious breach of these Statutes or General Regulations or decisions made under them, (see also art. 3.4.1. General Regulations of ESC), the Presidium is entitled to suspend the Member Federation with immediate effect.  
A suspended Member Federation loses its membership rights but keeps all obligations.  
Any suspension must be submitted to the next General Assembly for consideration as to whether or not the Member Federation should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the General Assembly does not approve the matter, the suspension must cease.

## **4.0 ORGANISATION**

- 4.1 The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and committees:  
4.1.1 The General Assembly  
4.1.2 The Presidium  
4.1.3 The Permanent Committees  
4.1.4 The Anti-Doping Officers  
4.1.5 The Secretariat  
4.2 The Member Federation may propose candidates for any ESC function within in the ESC bodies and committees.  
4.3 A candidate nominated for election or re-election to any position in the ESC must be a current member and have the support of his/her national federation. Any federation proposing a candidate for one of the ESC positions or Committees is obliged to assist him/her with the costs of travel, accommodation and meals in connection with his attendance at meetings.  
The application for election must contain personal information including a C.V.  
4.4 The Secretary General of the ESC must receive all nominations three months before the election. If, at the time of the election, there are fewer candidates than vacancies for any position, additional nominations may be submitted at the General Assembly. Member Federations that nominate new candidates must submit a statement of qualification for the position for each candidate. The information on the candidate must cover carefully merits that are of interest for the applicant. The chairmen and the members of the Technical Committee must hold an ISSF A or B licence. Every person elected to a position in the ESC serves solely in the interest of, and is responsible to the ESC.  
4.5 In no circumstances should any officer derive benefit of expenses paid by the Confederation in excess of those

incurred.

## **5.0 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ESC.

- 5.1 The General Assembly consists of delegates representing the Member Federations. Only these delegates have the right to vote.
- 5.1.1 The Members of the Presidium and the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees are ex-officio members of the General Assembly with voice but without vote, unless they are also delegates representing the Member Federations (see point 5.1)
- 5.2 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly must be held every two (2) years, preferably in the town where the European Championships are staged.
- 5.2.1 A decision on convocation of the meeting of General Assembly and on dates and place of the meeting are taken by the ESC Presidium.
- 5.2.2 Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly must be held at the request of the Presidium, or of at least half of the total number of Member Federations in current affiliation.
- 5.3 In order to be included in the agenda to be considered at the General Assembly, the President (even per facsimile or e-mail) must receive the matters in one of the official languages, at least three (3) months before the General Assembly convenes.
- 5.4 The summons for the General Assembly together with the agenda, the periodic report, the proposals and the nominations for the elections set forth by the Member Federations and/or the Presidium must be posted to the Member Federations at least two (2) months before the Assembly convenes.
- 5.5 The General Assembly can take final decisions only on items and proposals, which are included in the Agenda.
- 5.6 Items, excluding alterations of the Statutes or of the General Regulations, may be added to the Agenda by the Presidium or upon approval by a 2/3 majority of the General Assembly.
- 5.7 Normally the minutes of the proceedings of the General Assembly shall be sent to the Member Federations within two (2) months after the meeting.  
The decisions of the General Assembly shall take effect immediately unless otherwise determined by the Assembly.
- 5.8 One Federation representing all shooting sports in a country will have two votes and may be represented by one or two delegates.
- 5.9 If a country is represented by two federations, each federation is entitled to one vote and one delegate.
- 5.10 A Member Federation that represents one (1) country together with another Member Federation may represent the other Member Federation from the same country by proxy, which must be given in writing.  
Apart from that, representation of Member Federations by proxy is not allowed.
- 5.11 A quorum in the General Assembly is 50% of the members plus 1 vote (including proxies).

## **6.0 RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 6.1 Meetings of the General Assembly are normally held under the chairmanship of the President or by a deputy nominated by the Presidium and approved by the General Assembly.
- 6.2 Before the official opening of the General Assembly the Secretary General or a member of the Presidium appointed by the Presidium must conduct the roll call of voting powers, establish the voting list and announce the total number of eligible votes to the General Assembly.
- 6.3 The President welcomes the delegates and opens the meeting of the General Assembly.

## **6.4 FUNCTIONS**

- 6.4.1 Approval of ad-hoc Committees such as the Elections Committee and the Minutes Committee.
- 6.4.2 Approval of the strategy of the ESC and general policies of the ESC for cooperation with the ISSF and representation of the views and statements of the ESC and European member federations in the ISSF bodies.
- 6.4.3 Approval of the President's Report, the Periodic Report, the Auditor's Report and other relevant reports.  
Choice of the countries to organise the European Championships. The championships for the period of GA-year+3 to GA-year+4 should be decided at the General Assembly every second year.
- 6.4.4 Discharge of the Presidium.
- 6.4.5 The election of the members of the Presidium, the chairmen of Permanent Committees, the Auditors and nomination for honorary membership.
- 6.4.6 Decision on applications for affiliation to the ESC and on proposals of the Presidium to the exclusion or the suspension of a Member Federation.
- 6.4.7 Detremination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.
- 6.4.8 Considerations of proposals set forth by Member Federations in due time and examined by the Review Committee appointed by the Presidium prior to the General Assembly. The Review Committee reports to the Presidium and the Presidium to the General Assembly.  
Examinations of the proposals to the General Assembly from the Presidium include the right to make recommendations concerning those proposals.
- 6.4.9 Decision on proposals to change the Statutes and the General Regulations of the ESC. (see also 6.5.3)
- 6.4.10 Dissolution of the European Shooting Confederation.

## **6.5 VOTING PROCEDURE**

- 6.5.1 All decisions are made by open vote and shall require a simple majority, except when a secret vote is requested by at

- least 25% of the voting delegates present. Electronic voting may be used if agreed by a simple majority by open vote.
- 6.5.2 Elections shall be by secret vote with the exception of elections, which may be conducted by acclamation when there is only one candidate or as many candidates as there are vacancies, and if no objection is raised by any delegate.
- 6.5.2.1 Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or less as there are vacancies shall be valid.
- 6.5.3 Proposals to change the Statutes of the ESC can only be considered in the General Assembly, at which at least 50% of the Member Federations are present.  
A 2/3 majority must approve all changes.

## **6.6 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDIUM**

The Presidium of the ESC must be elected in the following order of precedence:

- 6.6.1 the President
- 6.6.2 three (3) Vice-Presidents
- 6.6.3 eight (8) members of the Presidium
- 6.6.4 The General Assembly must organize an Elections Committee for voting in elections, chosen from among those delegates of Member Federations who are not presenting any candidates for vacant position. The Elections Committee consists of two members and a Chairman who has to sign the protocol with the results of the elections.
- 6.6.5 During the election of the President, the out-going President must, if seeking re-election, surrender the chair to a “chairman pro tempore”, elected by the General Assembly, who will then conduct the election. If re-elected, the out-going President subject to the previous provision resumes his position after the election and continues to chair the General Assembly.
- 6.6.6 If in the election for President no candidate receives an absolute majority of valid votes cast (50% plus 1 vote), a second ballot must be taken between the two candidates who have received the highest number of votes. The candidate, who then receives the higher number of votes, will be declared elected.
- 6.6.7 The elections for the remaining places will be decided by a simple majority.
- 6.6.8 The newly elected President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Presidium take office after the closing of the General Assembly.
- 6.6.9 Two positions within the Presidium must be reserved for each gender.

## **6.7 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND OF TWO AUDITORS**

The Chairmen for the following permanent committees must be elected:

- the Technical Committee
- the Press and Promotion Committee
- and Two Auditors

## **6.8 ELECTION OF THE HONORARY MEMBERS**

The rare distinction of Honorary Membership (with or without an honorary title) may be granted to individuals for outstanding services to the ESC.

Honorary membership will be decided by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Presidium (see art. 7.2.7). Honorary members must be invited to the General Assemblies, with voice but without vote, at the cost of the ESC and to the European Championships at their own expenses.

- 6.9 The members of the Presidium, the Chairmen of the Permanent Committees and the Auditors are elected for a period of four (4) years. They remain in office until the new election of the Presidium, and all may be re-elected.
- 6.10 A person reaching the age of 75 by the day of the elections at the General Assembly is not entitled to re-election. A person reaching the age of 7 by the day of the elections at the General Assembly may not candidate for a new position. Neither may persons over the stated age be elected or be candidates for Permanent Committees. It is, however, permitted for persons above the stated ages to assist in the work at all levels.
- 6.11 If a member of the Presidium dies or resigns, the next in order of voting in the General Assembly may be co-opted by the Presidium.
- 6.12 If a Chairman of a Permanent Committee dies or resigns, the Committee concerned may elect one of the members to be Charman until the next elections.

## **7.0 PRESIDIUM**

7.1 The Presidium consists of:

- the President
- three (3) Vice Presidents
- eight (8) members of the Presidium.

7.1.1 The President represents the ESC.

7.1.2 The President should, inter alia, have the following roles and duties:

- 7.1.2.1 to preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and the Presidium,
- 7.1.2.2 to represent the ESC in all dealings with the ISSF and any other relevant international organisation, on behalf of the ESC in consultation with the Presidium,
- 7.1.2.3 to maintain relations with the ISSF and the ESC Member Federations,
- 7.1.2.4 to create and propose to the Presidium and the General Assembly the strategic plan for developing the ESC and the shooting sport in Europe,

- 7.1.2.5 to take responsibility for the general management and well-being of the ESC,
- 7.1.2.6 to negotiate or to oversee the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of the ESC in consultation with the Presidium.
- 7.1.2.7 to create any task force or working group he/she may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation,
- 7.1.2.8 to supervise the work of the Secretariat.
- 7.1.3 The Presidium shall meet at least once a year, preferably during the European Championships.
- 7.1.4 In legal matters the responsibility rests with the President and the three Vice-Presidents.  
If a 2/3 majority of the Presidium finds the President unable to fulfill the duties of his/her office, then one of the Vice-Presidents may be appointed to the Presidency.
- 7.1.5 A member of the Presidium may be elected to any additional position in another committee of the ESC.

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIUM**

- 7.2 The Presidium is responsible for fulfillment of the ESC purpose (see art. 1.0) and exercises the following functions:
  - 7.2.1 nominates Sub or Temporary Committees as needed for specific problems or special tasks in shooting sports,
  - 7.2.2 organizes and conducts the administrative and general work within the ESC according to these Statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly,
  - 7.2.3 ensures the proper preparation and organization of ESC supervised Championships and, if desired by the organizers of Regional championships, supports their organization,
  - 7.2.4 elects the members of the Permanent Committees, Sub Committees and Temporary Committees, and the three (3) Anti-Doping Officers and approves the results of the elections for the Athletes' Committee for a four-year term of office. They are eligible for re-election,
  - 7.2.5 changes and supplements the General Regulations as occasion demands, e.g. following a change of the General Regulations of the ISSF. These changes and addenda require final approval by the General Assembly,
  - 7.2.6 supervises the regular production of an European Records list and arranges for their notification to the Member Federations and to the ISSF by the ESC Secretariat,
  - 7.2.7 prepare proposals for honorary membership to be submitted to the General Assembly, and awards distinctions of high merit to persons who have rendered exceptional service to the shooting sport within the Continent,
  - 7.2.8 deals with all matters and makes all decisions, which do not fall within the legal or statutory authority of the General Assembly
  - 7.2.9 accepts responsibility for the management of ESC finances.
  - 7.2.10 Each member of the Presidium (except the President) has one vote. The President votes only in case of a tie, when he/she shall cast the deciding vote. All decisions are taken by open ballot, except when 50% or more of the members present requests a secret vote. A postal vote may be conducted in the interval between meetings. As a common form, the postal vote is electronic postal vote. When a postal vote is required, the President must send to each member a clear statement of the question to be voted upon, with a request that each member must return his/her vote before a stated date. Within eight (8) days of closing, the postal vote, the President must send a report and the result of the vote to the members.  
A non-response will be taken to signify an affirmative vote.
- 7.3 The Presidium must appoint the Secretary General upon proposal of the President and determine the term of office which has to be in accordance with the President's term of office.

#### **8.0 PERMANENT COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES, TEMPORARY COMMITTEES, AND ANTI-DOPING OFFICERS**

The ESC Committees are:

- the Permanent Committees
- the Sub Committees
- the Temporary Committees
- the Anti-doping Officers

- 8.1 The ESC Permanent Committees are:
  - the Technical Committee
  - the Press and Promotion Committee
  - the Athletes Committee
- 8.1.1 The Permanent Committees should advise and support the Presidium in all technical questions of preparation and organisation of the shooting events.
- 8.1.2 The Permanent Committees must work in accordance with the Guidelines approved by the Presidium.
- 8.2 The Technical Committee consists of a Chairman, elected by the General Assembly, and up to 20 members, a maximum of five (5) from each of the four shooting disciplines (Rifle, Pistol, Running Target and Shotgun).

The members from each discipline form 4 Discipline Groups, and each group elects a Spokesman within the group.

One of those four (4) Spokesmen can be nominated by the Presidium as Deputy Chairman of the Technical Committee.

The Chairman of the Technical Committee and the four (4) Spokesmen constitute the Discipline Reference Group, which coordinates proposals, drafts and notifications to the Presidium.

Two (2) positions in each Discipline Group must be reserved for each gender. In case there not enough candidates of one gender to any of the Discipline Groups, one vacancy can be filled in by a candidate of another gender.

- 8.3 The Press and Promotion Committee should advice and assist the Presidium in matters relating to media and promotion.

The Press and Promotion Committee consists of a Chairman and a maximum of six members.

Two (2) positions must be reserved for each gender.

- 8.4 The Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies.

The Athletes' Committee consists of seven (7) athletes (2 rifle, 2 pistol, 2 shotgun and one running target athlete), elected by athletes during the European Championships. Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun must be represented by one man and one woman each. The Chairperson has to be elected by the Committee members during their first meeting

The Athletes' Committee is represented at the ESC General Assembly by two members who must be athletes elected by the Committee, who have no voting right, but have the right to speak.

- 8.5 Committee meetings should be convened by the Chairman as necessary, at least once a year, after approval by the President.

- 8.5.1 The Chairman of each Committee must send the minutes of the Committee meetings within 4 weeks to the ESC Secretariat and their proposals at least 6 weeks before the next meeting of the Presidium.

- 8.5.2 The Chairmen of the Permanent Committees must be invited to take part in the Presidium meetings with voice but without vote.

- 8.6 Sub Committees or Temporary Committees may be nominated by the General Assembly or by the Presidium.

- 8.7 If Sub Committees or Temporary Committees are nominated they must be supervised by the Presidium or one of the Permanent Committees.

- 8.7.1 If a Sub Committee or Temporary Committee is nominated to assist the Presidium, a member of the Presidium is appointed to supervise the Sub Committee or Temporary Committee.

If a Sub Committee or Temporary Committee is nominated to assist a Permanent Committee, a member of the Permanent Committee is appointed as a member of the Sub Committee or Temporary Committee.

- 8.7.1.1 Sub Committees and Temporary Committees consist of a maximum of five (5) members. The Chairman is elected within the group of members.

- 8.7.1.2 The Sub Committees and Temporary Committees report to the supervising body.

- 8.7.1.3 Each candidate for Sub Committees and Temporary Committees must have the support of his/her national federation (see also art. 4.3)

- 8.8 The Anti-Doping Officers must advise and support the Presidium in all questions concerning their special expertise.

- 8.8.1 The Anti-Doping Officers must work in accordance with the guidelines.

- 8.9 One of the Anti-Doping Officers may be invited to take part in the Presidium meeting with voice but without vote.

## **9.0 SECRETARIAT**

- 9.1 A secretariat must be established by the Presidium for the management of the current affairs of the ESC in the country proposed by the President.

- 9.2 To manage the current affairs of the ESC the Presidium may appoint a Secretary General proposed by the President.

- 9.3 The Secretary General should be responsible for the:

- 9.3.1 organization, management and direction of the Secretariat,

- 9.3.2 preparation of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as meetings of the Presidium,

- 9.3.3 coordination between the President and Presidium members,

- 9.3.4 coordination of the ESC committees' work,

- 9.3.5 cooperation between the ESC and organizers of European Championships, in cooperation with the appointed Technical Delegate, and other ESC official competitions or events,

- 9.3.6 implementation of decisions of the meetings of the General Assembly, of the Presidium and the President,

- 9.3.7 execution of the ESC's operational business and administrative work,

- 9.3.8 taking minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as of meetings of the Presidium,

- 9.3.9 public relations work,

- 9.3.10 taking care of the archive's documents of the ESC,

- 9.4 The Secretary General must attend meetings of the General Assembly and of the Presidium and take an advisory part in deliberation, but has no vote.

## **LANGUAGES**

- 10.1 The following five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish are recognised as the official languages of the ESC.

- 10.2 Of these English will be used as the permanent working language.
- 10.3 When European Championships are held, the language of the organizing country will be used in the programme, instructions, announcements, etc. in addition to English.
- 10.4 In the case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Statutes, General Regulations or rules and official papers of the ESC, the English text shall prevail.

## **11.0 OTHER**

- 11.1 The Constitution and General Regulations, or Technical Rules of the ISSF settle any question, which is not covered by the Statutes or other official ESC Regulations.
- 11.2 The financial year of the ESC runs from 1st January to 31st December.
- 11.3 These Statutes are subject to approval by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

## **12.0 DISSOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION**

- 12.1 A demand for dissolution of the ESC must be included in the Agenda of the General Assembly.  
To be considered, the President must receive the proposal at least six (6) months before the meeting of the General Assembly.
- 12.2 A demand put forward without the above-mentioned notice can only be dealt with by the next following General Assembly.
- 12.3 The dissolution of the ESC must be approved by the General Assembly by a 3/4 majority of the voting delegates present.
- 12.4 In the case of dissolution of the ESC any remaining assets together with all records must be placed in trust with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), recognised as the international, non-profit organisation.  
Remaining assets should only be used for the benefit of the sport of shooting in Europe.

Adopted on 18th August 1969 at the inaugural meeting of the ESC General Assembly held in Plzen, Czechoslovakia, forming the European Shooting Confederation (ESC).

Recognised by the Executive Committee of the UIT at its meeting held in Wiesbaden, Germany, October 1969.  
Supplemented at Phoenix, Arizona, USA in October 1970, and publication of the appendix "Continental Organization" with the Constitution of the UIT authorised.

Completed by the General Assembly, Suhl, DDR, on 26th August 1971.  
Editorial changes approved by the General Assembly, Enschede, Netherlands, on 22nd February 1974.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Titograd, Yugoslavia, on 16th September 1981.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Osijek, Yugoslavia, on 1st September 1985. Substantially revised by the General Assembly, Brno, Czech Republic, on 8th August 1993.

Revised by the General Assembly, Zürich, Switzerland, on 30th September 1995. Revised by the Extraordinary General Assembly, Warsaw, Poland, on the 28th February 1997.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Meringnac, France, on 24th July 1999.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Zagreb, Croatia, on 22nd July 2001.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, on 2nd July 2005.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Granada, Spain, on 8th July 2007.

Revised and supplemented by the General Assembly, Osijek, Croatia, on 11th July 2009.

Revised by the General Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia, on 30th of July, 2011.

Revised by the General Assembly, Moscow, Russian Federation, on 17th of May, 2013

Revised by the General Assembly, Baku, Azerbaijan, on 21st of July, 2017



# European Shooting Confederation

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The General Regulations of the European Shooting Confederation (ESC) must govern all official European Shooting Championships and other major shooting competitions in Europe.
- 1.2 The organizational, technical and administrative conditions and the programme of the European Championships must be based on these General Regulations.

### 2.0 CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Only ESC Member Federations are entitled to participate in the European Championships. Other Member Federations of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) may only participate in European Championships with a special permission given by the Presidium of the ESC.
- 2.2 All National Shooting Federations participating in the European Championships or other competitions acknowledged or supervised by the ESC must observe these rules.

### 3.0 ORGANIZING, FREQUENCY AND HOST OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICIAL ESC COMPETITIONS

- 3.1 The host countries and the programme of the European Championships must be approved by the ESC General Assembly (GA) based upon proposals, and recommendations of the ESC Presidium.
- 3.2 **The FREQUENCY of the European Championships must be as follows:**
  - 3.2.1 **Every two years** in 50m/300m Rifle, 50m/25m Pistol, and 50m Running Target events, individual and teams, for men and women.
  - 3.2.2 **Every year** in all 10m events and in Shotgun for seniors and juniors, men and women, both individual and team competitions. Every year in the 50m Rifle, 50/25m Pistol events for juniors, men and women and 50m Running Target events for junior's men, both individual and team competition, except in the year when a World Championship is held.
- 3.3 A Member Federation desiring to organize a European Championship must submit an application to the ESC Secretariat at least three months in advance of the General Assembly at which the organizing Federation will be chosen. The ESC Presidium must inform the ~~National~~ Member Federations of the applicant(s) two months in advance of the General Assembly.



**The HOST APPLICATION must include the following:**

- 3.3.1 An official statement from the appropriate government agency or National Olympic Committee, indicating the support to be given to the organization of the Championships.
- 3.3.2 A statement that all the requirements of the ESC Statutes, these General Regulations, the Host Federation Agreement and the ISSF Rules will be strictly observed.
- 3.3.3 A statement that all ESC Member Federations will be invited and that all participants and officials should obtain a visa to the host country if necessary.
- 3.3.4 A description of the existing or proposed shooting ranges and other necessary facilities, which must meet ISSF requirements.  
For shotgun, information must be given whether the ranges are certified as approved for shooting with lead pellets only or for pellets of any alternative material, like steel.
- 3.3.5 Information regarding the proposed organization of the Championship, range capacity, range facilities, transportation to and from the ranges, the availability of travel concession and any other relevant information.  
The bus transportation schedule must provide a possibility for the athletes and technical staff to commute easily, and several times a day between the official hotels and the shooting range.
- 3.3.6 A statement listing the events the organizers propose to include in the programme.
- 3.3.7 A statement that the prices offered for board and lodging will be a maximum price which will not be exceeded.
- 3.3.8 Separate European Championships should always end with a Sunday as departure day or include the week-end as competition days.
- 3.3.9 The hotels being offered by the Organizing Committee should normally, but not necessarily, be accepted by the participating Federations.  
The Organizing Committee is not obliged to organize transfers to and from hotels, which are not offered in the programme.
- 3.4 If for any reason a chosen host country may not be able to organize the Championship or part(s) of the proposed events, another country or countries may be approved as the organizer(s) of the whole Championship or part(s) of it. In this case the ESC Presidium must take the decision.
- 3.4.1 Withdrawal is only possible with the approval of the ESC Presidium. Unapproved withdrawal is subject to assessment of a fine or the suspension of ESC membership, or the suspension of participation at ESC/ISSF supervised competitions/championships (European Championships – European Cups) for a certain time decided by the ESC Presidium.
- 3.4.2 If no host application is received, or if the Member Federation selected to organize the Championship withdraws, the ESC Presidium may select any Member Federation as organizer. Or, if no single Member Federation can be found, select Federations that offer to organize the Championship in separate groups of events. If this is not possible, the ESC General Assembly or - in the middle of the time between ESC General Assemblies - the ESC Presidium will be authorised to cancel this particular Championship.
- 4.0 PREFERABLE ORGANIZATION TIME AND DURATION OF CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- 4.1 For separate events of the European Championships in Shotgun and 300m Rifle the ESC Presidium determines the time and duration in cooperation with the host country.
- 4.2 European Championships including all mandatory events except for 10m events should take place between July 1st and September 15th.
- 4.3 European Championships for juniors in the years of Olympic Games should take place between July 1st and September 1st.
- 4.4 Separate 10 m European Championships should take place between February 15th and March 15th.

## 5.0 SHOOTING SPORT EVENTS

### 5.1 Events recognised by the ESC are:

#### 5.1.1 Men's individual events:

300m Rifle 3 Positions Men	3 x 40 shots kneeling, prone, standing
300m Rifle Prone Men	60 shots prone
300m Standard Rifle Men	3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	3 x 40 shots kneeling, prone, standing
50m Rifle Prone Men	60 shots prone
10m Air Rifle Men	60 shots standing
50m Pistol Men	60 shots
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	60 shots
25m Centre Fire Pistol Men	30 + 30 shots
25m Standard Pistol Men	3 x 20 shots
10m Air Pistol Men	60 shots
Trap Men	125 targets
Double Trap Men	150 targets
Skeet Men	125 targets
50m Running Target Men	30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run
50m Running Target Mixed Men	40 shots mixed runs
10m Running Target Men	30 shots slow runs, 30 shots fast run
10m Running Target Mixed Men	40 shots mixed runs

#### 5.1.2 Women's individual events:

300m Rifle 3 positions Women	3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing
300m Rifle Prone Women	60 shots prone
50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing
50m Rifle Prone Women	60 shots prone
10m Air Rifle Women	40 shots standing
25m Pistol Women	30 + 30 shots
10m Air Pistol Women	40 shots
Trap Women	75 targets
Double Trap Women	120 targets
Skeet Women	75 targets
10m Running Target Women	20 shots slow run, 20 shots fast run
10m Running Target Mixed Women	40 shots mixed runs

<b>5.1.3</b>	<b>Men Junior individual events:</b>	
	50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior	3 x 40 shots kneeling, prone, standing
	50m Rifle Prone Men Junior	60 shots prone
	10m Air Rifle Men Junior	60 shots standing
	50m Pistol Men Junior	60 shots
	25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior	60 shots
	25m Pistol Men Junior	30 + 30 shots
	25m Standard Pistol Men Junior	3 x 20 shots
	10m Air Pistol Men Junior	60 shots
	Trap Men Junior	125 targets
	Double Trap Men Junior	150 targets
	Skeet Men Junior	125 targets
	50m Running Target Men Junior	30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run
	50m Running Target Mixed Men Junior	40 shots mixed runs
	10m Running Target Men Junior	30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run
	10m Running Target Mixed Men Junior	40 shots mixed runs

<b>5.1.4</b>	<b>Women Junior individual events:</b>	
	50m Rifle 3 Positions Women Junior	3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing
	50m Rifle Prone Women Junior	60 shots prone
	10m Air Rifle Women Junior	40 shots standing
	25 m Pistol Women Junior	30 + 30 shots
	10 m Air Pistol Women Junior	40 shots
	Trap Women Junior	75 targets
	Double Trap Women Junior	120 targets
	Skeet Women Junior	75 targets
	10m Running Target Women Junior	20 shots slow run, 20 shots fast run
	10m Running Target Mixed Women Junior	40 shots mixed runs

**5.1.5** Team events (for teams of three (3) members) are recognized for the ESC recognized individual events.

**5.1.6** Mixed Gender team events (for teams composed of one male and one female athlete) are recognized by the ESC for the 10m Air Rifle, 10m Air Pistol, 10m Running Target and Shotgun events in all categories (Men, Women, Men Junior and Women Junior).

**5.1.7** Mixed Gender Team events (for teams of one male and one female athlete) can be recognized by the Presidium as the ESC recognized events in all 25m, 50m and 300m events in all categories (Men, Women, Men Junior, Women Junior).

## **5.2 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS (individual and teams):**

<b>5.2.1</b>	<b>Mandatory events for MEN:</b>	
	300m Rifle 3 Positions Men	3 x 40 shots kneeling, prone, standing
	300m Rifle Prone Men	60 shots prone
	300m Standard Rifle Men	3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing
	50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	3 x 40 shots kneeling, prone, standing
	50m Rifle Prone Men	60 shots prone
	10m Air Rifle Men	60 shots standing
	50m Pistol Men	60 shots
	25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	60 shots
	25m Centre Fire Pistol Men	30 + 30 shots
	25m Standard Pistol Men	3 x 20 shots
	10m Air Pistol Men	60 shots
	Trap Men	125 targets
	Double Trap Men	150 targets
	Skeet Men	125 targets
	50m Running Target Men	30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run
	50m Running Target Mixed Men	40 shots mixed runs
	10m Running Target Men	30 shots slow runs, 30 shot fast run

- 5.2.2 Mandatory events for WOMEN:**
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|-----------------------------|--|
| 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women | 3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing |
| 50m Rifle Prone Women       | 60 shots prone                         |
| 10m Air Rifle Women         | 40 shots standing                      |
| 25m Pistol Women            | 30 + 30 shots                          |
| 10m Air Pistol Women        | 40 shots                               |
| Trap Women                  | 75 targets                             |
| Double Trap Women           | 120 targets                            |
| Skeet Women                 | 75 targets                             |
| 10m Running Target Women    | 20 shots slow run, 20 shots fast run   |
- 5.2.3 Mandatory events for MEN JUNIOR:**
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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 50 m Rifle 3 positions Men Junior   | 3x40 shots kneeling, prone, standing |
| 50m Rifle Prone Men Junior          | 60 shots prone                       |
| 10m Air Rifle Men Junior            | 60 shots standing                    |
| 50m Pistol Men Junior               | 60 shots                             |
| 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior    | 60 shots                             |
| 25m Pistol Men Junior               | 30 + 30 shots                        |
| 10m Air Pistol Men Junior           | 60 shots                             |
| Trap Men Junior                     | 125 targets                          |
| Double Trap Men Junior              | 150 targets                          |
| Skeet Men Junior                    | 125 targets                          |
| 50m Running Target Men Junior       | 30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run |
| 50m Running Target Mixed Men Junior | 40 shots mixed runs                  |
| 10m Running Target Men Junior       | 30 shots slow run, 30 shots fast run |
- 5.2.4 Mandatory events for WOMEN JUNIOR:**
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|------------------------------------|--|
| 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women Junior | 3 x 20 shots kneeling, prone, standing |
| 50m Rifle Prone Women Junior       | 60 shots prone                         |
| 10m Air Rifle Women Junior         | 40 shots standing                      |
| 25m Pistol Women Junior            | 30 + 30 shots                          |
| 10 m Air Pistol Women Junior       | 40 shots                               |
| Trap Women Junior                  | 75 targets                             |
| Double Trap Women Junior           | 120 targets                            |
| Skeet Women Junior                 | 75 targets                             |
| 10 m Running Target Women Junior   | 20 shots slow run, 20 shots fast run   |
- 5.2.5 Teams will be ranked in the result list only with a full team of three (3) athletes.
- 5.2.5.1 A team, of which a member has been disqualified, must not be ranked under any circumstances but will be shown in the result list with the remark “DSQ”.
- 5.3 In all Olympic events a "QUALIFICATION" round and "FINALS" must be conducted both for seniors and juniors.
- 5.4 Optional events:**
- 5.4.1 Any other event may be included in the official European Championships' programme upon approval by the ESC Presidium.

5.4.2 If the number of individual entries in two consecutive European Championships does not reach 25 in the men's events, 15 in the women's events or 15 in the junior's events, this or these particular event(s) should be considered by the ESC Presidium for possible removal either from the list of ESC mandatory events to optional, or from the list of optional events. The final decision must be taken by the ESC General Assembly.

## **5.5 JUNIORS, Definition of age, Restriction in Junior's participation in senior events:**

5.5.1 Juniors are athletes who will be under the age of 21 on December 31st in the year of the competition.

5.5.2 In the European Championship, juniors may participate in the Men's and Women's competitions, but in one category only (either in the junior's or in the senior's events) at the same Championship (place and period).

5.5.3 If there is no junior event programmed for a particular event in a Championship, juniors may participate in this event as a member of a national men's and women's event, even if they participate in the junior event in another event in the same Championship.

## **6.0 PARTICIPATION, TEAM SIZE, NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

6.1 Only ESC Member Federations may participate in ESC Championship.

Any athlete must be a national of the country they represent.

6.1.1 All disputes relating to the determination of the country, which an athlete may represent must be resolved by the ESC Presidium and the ISSF Executive Committee.

6.1.2 An athlete who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he/she may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games or any ISSF supervised Competition/Championships (European Championships) he/she may not represent another country unless he/she meets the conditions set forth in the paragraphs below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

6.1.3 An athlete who has represented one country in the Olympic Games or in any ISSF supervised Competition/Championships (European Championships), and who has changed his/her nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in ISSF supervised Competition/Championships (European Championships) to represent his/her new country provided that at least three years have passed since the athlete last represented his/her former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the federations concerned and by the ISSF Executive Committee, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

6.1.4 If an associated State, province, overseas department or a country or colony acquires independence, or if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a new NOC is recognised by the IOC, an athlete may continue to represent the country to which he/she belongs or has belonged. However, he/she may, if he/she prefers, choose to represent his/her new country or be entered in any competitions recognised by the ISSF and ESC by his/her new National Federation when recognised by the ISSF. This particular choice may be made only once.

6.1.5 Furthermore, in all cases in which an athlete would be eligible to participate in any competition recognised by the ISSF or ESC, either by representing another country than his/her or by having the choice as to the country which such athlete intends to represent, the ISSF Executive Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any athlete, including the duration of any waiting period.

6.1.6 An official declaration of eligibility for each athlete will be required from the Member Federation.

6.2 The period following naturalization may be reduced or even cancelled with the agreement of the two (2) Member Federations concerned and the final approval of the ISSF Executive Committee.

6.3 All team leaders, coaches, officials and athletes participating in European Championships and

ESC supervised competitions must abide by the ESC and ISSF Rules and Regulations, which are in force for the Championships and competitions.

6.3.1 All athletes must sign an “Athlete’s Declaration” and have an ISSF ID Number before participation in any ESC Championship.

**6.4 MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

6.4.1 Three (3) participants represent the team size in all individual events in all categories.

**6.5 THE MAXIMUM NATIONAL TEAM SIZE FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**6.5.1 Men:**

6.5.1.1	In the 300m and 50m events	10
	if the 300m events are conducted separately or not entered	6
6.5.1.2	In the 50m and 25m Pistol events	10
6.5.1.3	In the 50m Running Target events	3
6.5.1.4	In the Trap event	3
6.5.1.5	In the Double Trap event	3
6.5.1.6	In the Skeet event	3

**6.5.2 Women:**

6.5.2.1	In the 300m and 50m Rifle events	8
	if the 300m events are conducted separately or not entered	6
6.5.2.2	In the 25m Pistol events	3
6.5.2.3	In the Trap event	3
6.5.2.4	In the Double Trap event	3
6.5.2.5	In the Skeet event	3

**6.5.3 Men Junior:**

6.5.3.1	In the 50m Rifle events	4
6.5.3.2	In the 50m and 25 m Pistol events	6
6.5.3.3	In the 50m Running Target events	3
6.5.3.4	In the Trap event	3
6.5.3.5	In the Double Trap event	3
6.5.3.6	In the Skeet event	3

**6.5.4 Women Junior:**

6.5.4.1	In the 50m Rifle events	4
6.5.4.2	In the 25m Pistol events	3
6.5.4.3	In the Trap event	3
6.5.4.4	In the Double Trap event	3
6.5.4.5	In the Skeet event	3

**6.5.5 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES IN SEPARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

6.5.5.1	In 10m Rifle, Pistol and Running Target Men	3
	In 10m Running Target Women and Women Junior	3
6.5.5.2	In 50m Running Target championships	5
6.5.5.3	In 300m championships	5
	.....Men	5
	.....Women	4

6.5.6 Participants in the team events and in the gender mixed team events must be participants of the respective individual events.

## **6.5.7 ADDITIONAL ATHLETES**

- 6.5.7.1 Up to two (2) additional athletes per Olympic event may be invited to shoot for MQS, but only if the range capacity allows additional participants.
- 6.5.7.1.1 These two (2) additional athletes must not be ranked in the official result list. They must be listed separately according to their results, but without ranking, and their scores cannot be recognized as World Records or European Records.
- 6.5.7.1.2 Exchange of an athlete competing for individual and/or team results with a MQS athlete is not permitted. A MQS athlete may replace a withdrawn team athlete. The withdrawn athlete may not shoot for MQS.
- 6.5.7.2 Replacements may only be made in the teams of three (3) registered for team events, but only from those (including MQS shooters) already registered for this Championship.

## **6.6 OFFICIALS**

All persons entered as Officials must pay all appropriate fees.

## **7.0 FEES IN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 7.1 Entry fees must be paid to the Organizing Committee upon request. A fee of Euro 170.00 will be paid for each athlete entered in each individual event. The Organizing Committee will retain this fee and must forward a fee of Euro 35.00 for each athlete entered in each individual event to the ESC within 30 days after the Championship is ended. A fee of Euro 50.00 must be paid for each entered official.  
A fee of 135 Euro must be paid for each team, including gender mixed team, entered in each team event. No fee will be paid for team events where the final results are determined by the scoring calculation of the results in the respective individual events.
- 7.1.1 The total amount of entry fees to be sent to the ESC within 30 days after each European Championship must be accompanied by a complete statement of account for all entry fees at the particular Championship.
- 7.2 A reasonable fee for training may be charged when approved by the ESC Presidium.
- 7.3 A federation reducing the number of athletes and/or officials after the Final Entry Deadline is obliged to pay all applicable fees and costs, including entry fees, according to the number of athletes and entries on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid no member of that federation may participate.
- 7.4 According to the ISSF General Regulations a fee of Euro 5.00 for each athlete entered in each event in European Championships must be paid to the ISSF Secretariat within thirty (30) days after the Championship.

## **8.0 MINIMUM NUMBER OF RANGES AND INSTALLATIONS REQUIRED**

- |                                    |                   |                  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 300 m range                        |                   | 30 firing points |
| 50 m range (also for Juniors only) |                   | 70 firing points |
| 25 m range                         |                   | 6 groups         |
| if for Juniors only                |                   | 4 groups         |
| 10 m indoor range                  |                   | 90 firing points |
| 50 m running target range          |                   | 2 firing points  |
| 10 m running target range          |                   | 4 firing points  |
| Trap / Double Trap                 | } may be combined | { 3 ranges       |
| Skeet                              |                   | { 3 ranges       |

The ESC Presidium may only grant any exceptions to the above requirements.  
For European Championships a separate Finals Range or Finals Hall must be available.

- 8.2 The ISSF/ESC Technical Delegate is responsible for examining the ranges and other facilities to ensure that they meet ISSF/ESC standards and are suitable for conducting Championships.

## **9.0 Competition Procedures**

9.1 The ESC General Regulations and the applicable current ISSF competition rules will govern the conduct of events in all ISSF supervised Competition/Championships (European Championships).

9.1.1 Each Member Federation organizing an ESC Championship must form an Organizing Committee that is responsible for the administration and conduct of the Championship on the basis of the ISSF General Regulations and Rules. The Organizing Committee must appoint a competition director and sufficient qualified staff to carry out these responsibilities and must submit reports to the ESC Presidium.

## **9.2 Programs**

9.2.1 The Preliminary Program must be prepared by the Organizing Committee and submitted to the ESC Secretariat for examination and approval by the Presidium twelve (12) months in advance of the Championship.

9.2.2 When the ESC Presidium has approved the Preliminary Program, the Organizing Committee must distribute this Preliminary Program to all ESC Member Federations not later than eight (8) months before the Championship.

9.2.2.1 The preliminary entry form must be distributed with the Preliminary Program.

9.2.3 The schedule for the mandatory events of the European Championship including training days and the opening and closing ceremonies should not exceed 12 days. At the option of the Organizing Committee, the ranges may be opened for additional training days before official training begins. The duration of the European Championship may be extended to not more than 14 days with the approval of the Presidium.

9.2.4 The Final Program must be prepared by the Organizing Committee and submitted to the ESC Secretariat for examination and approval by the Presidium not later than five (5) months before the Championship.

9.2.5 The Organizing Committee must distribute the final, approved, program not later than four (4) months before the official arrival day of the Championship to all those Member Federations that have returned the preliminary entry form.

9.2.5.1 The final entry form by name must be distributed with the Final Program.

## **9.3 Entries**

### **9.3.1 Preliminary entries**

Each Member Federation entering the Championship must submit a preliminary entry to the Organizing Committee at least six (6) months before the official arrival day. The preliminary entry must list all individual and team events in which the Member Federation will participate. All preliminary entries received after the Final Program is published will be entered on a waiting list according to the date of the receipt of the entry and it may be that the participation is only possible if targets/places are available. The Organizing Committee must inform the Member Federations in question of any such change immediately after these entries are received.

### **9.4 Final Entries**

Final Entries must be forwarded to the ISSF Secretariat by fax or e-mail before midnight (Munich time) of the 30th day before the official arrival day. The final entries to the ISSF Secretariat may be made via the ISSF online registration. The final entry must list the names and ID numbers of all athletes. Also the final entry must list the names and dates of birth of all officials with their function during the European Championship.



- 9.4.1 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any entries received after the deadlines in this article and/or establish a waiting list.
- 9.4.2 Late entries received after the deadline for final entry must not be allowed to participate in the events unless received by the ISSF Secretariat three (3) days before the official arrival day and the following can be complied with:
- 9.4.2.1 The Final Program may not be changed;
- 9.4.2.2 The late entries do not cause a problem with any other organizational matters.
- 9.4.3 Any entry accepted after the final entry deadline will incur a penalty of Euro 50.00 additional entry fee for each athlete entered in each event which has to be paid to the Organizing Committee by the federation who makes the late entry.
- 9.4.4 Any additional entries received after the deadline of three (3) days before the official arrival day may not participate.
- 9.4.5 Replacement of a registered athlete by another already registered athlete for the Championship is permitted. This change can only be made before 12:00 the day before the pre-event training for the event.

## **9.5 Technical Delegate**

- 9.5.1 A European Championship is one of the ISSF supervised competitions (see ISSF General Regulations, Art. 3.2.1) and therefore the ESC Presidium supervises a Championship through an ISSF / ESC Technical Delegate who is responsible for examining the preparation of the Championship and advising the Organizing Committee.

- 9.6 The participating federation is responsible for the travel and living expenses of team members. The Organizing Committee must provide transportation from the local airport or railway station to the official hotels and from the official hotels to the range. The cost for transfer from the airport(s) to the official hotels and back may be charged when approved by the Presidium.

## **10.0 DOPING CONTROL**

- 10.1 Doping Control in the European Championships must be conducted in all disciplines of all categories according to procedures established by the ISSF.

## **11.0 JURIES, DESIGNATION, DUTIES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 11.1 In all European Championships the Presidium designates Juries in all the main groups of events, classification and equipment control.
- 11.2 The various Juries should be composed of a Chairman and two to five members (Chairman and three to seven members for shotgun events).
- 11.2.1 At least one member of each Jury must be from the Organizing Federation, but not the Chairman.
- 11.3 In accordance with the number of events at the Championship the following Juries must be designated:
- 11.3.1 Rifle Jury
- 11.3.2 Pistol Jury
- 11.3.3 Shotgun Jury
- 11.3.4 Running Target Jury
- 11.3.5 RTS Jury (Results, Timing and Scoring).
- 11.3.6 Equipment control Jury.

- 11.4 In all Championships the ESC Presidium must also designate a Jury of Appeal. The Jury of Appeal must consist of three members: the Chairman, the Technical Delegate and a representative of the organizing federation. The Chairman should come from the ESC Presidium.
- 11.5 All Jury members must hold a valid ISSF "A" or "B" license and must arrive at the Championship's site before the first training day.
- 11.6 The Organizing Committee is responsible for the travelling costs to the Championship's town, for the living expenses (lodging in single rooms) and the local transportation of the Jury members, the Anti-Doping Officer, the Media Officer and the ESC Webmaster during the Championship.
- 11.6.1 The Organizing Committee is responsible for notifying the Jury members of accommodation and obtaining the details of the travel arrangements.

**11.7 Duties of the Juries:**

- 11.7.1 The Juries for different events and activities must supervise, control, assist, advise and decide in all questions and problems concerning the competitions, the competitors and the results within their respective responsibilities and in accordance with the ESC General Regulations and the ISSF General Regulations and Rules.
- 11.7.2 The actual conduct of and responsibility for the European Championship lies with the Organizing Committee.
- 11.7.3 The Jury of Appeal is responsible for making final decisions on all appeals against decisions by Juries. The decisions of the Jury of Appeal are final.
- 11.7.4 Protests and appeals will be dealt with and decided according to the ISSF Rules.

**12.0 PROTOCOL AND AWARDS**

- 12.1 The European Championship must be inaugurated with an opening ceremony, to be held on either the first day of competition or on the day before. A closing ceremony may be held on the last day of competition. Arrangements of the opening and closing ceremonies must be approved by the Technical Delegate.
- 12.2 A victory ceremony must be held for each Championship event following these conditions:
  - 12.2.1 The flag of the countries of the three individual or team winners must be raised while the national anthem of the winner's country is played.
  - 12.2.2 The program for the victory ceremony must be approved by the Technical Delegate. At big European Championships with many events, the Organizing Committee must arrange victory ceremonies every day of competition.
  - 12.2.3 The time of the victory ceremony(ies) must be established by the Organizing Committee with the approval of the Technical Delegate.
- 12.3 In European Championships the Organizing Committee must award:
  - 12.3.1 Medals in gold, silver and bronze to the first three places in individual events. No individual medals must be awarded if the number of participants, entered at the final entry date is less than fifteen (15) in the Men's events, less than ten (10) in the Woman's and Junior's (Men and Women) events.
  - 12.3.2 Team championship medals of similar design in gold silver and bronze to each member of the first three placed teams. For the ISSF recognized individual Olympic events no team medals must be awarded if the number of teams, entered at the final entry date, is less than five (5) in the Men's events, less than four (4) in the Women's, and less than three (3) in the Junior's (Men and Women) events. For all other events no team medals must be awarded if the number of teams, entered at the final entry date, is less than three (3) in any category (Men's, Women's, Junior's Men and Junior's Women).
  - 12.3.2.1 If these minimums are not reached, the event will be declared as an "International Championship" of the nation which is organizing the Championship.
  - 12.3.3 If due to too few entries no individual or team medals can be awarded, the Organizing Committee

must inform those Member Federation(s) who have entered by telefax or e-mail in order that they may withdraw.

- 12.3.4 Certificates or Diplomas to the first eight (8) athletes in each individual event.
- 12.3.5 A commemorative medal, of a different design from the Championship's medals, to each athlete, team official, judge and delegate.
- 12.3.6 Gold, silver and bronze refers to the colour, not to the metal content.

### **13.0 EUROPEAN RECORDS**

- 13.1 European Records may be established in all recognised ESC Men's, Women's and Junior's events in Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cups, World Cup Finals, European Games, European Championships and Finals of European Cups 300m.
  - 13.1.1 European records in the finals of European Cups 300m may be recognised upon appointment of a Technical Delegate by the Presidium and in compliance with art. 10.0 and 11.0.
- 13.2 Junior European Records will be recognised only in Junior events (see Art. 5.1.3 and 5.1.4) fired either as special Junior competitions in ISSF or ESC Championships or by Junior athletes competing in regular ISSF or ESC Championships or other competitions according to Art. 13.1.
- 13.3 European Records in individual events may be established in eliminations as well as in qualifications of competitions mentioned in Art. 13.1
- 13.4 European Final Records may be established in all recognised Men's and Women's Olympic events according to the corresponding ISSF Rules (General Regulations, art.3.3.2), and ESC General Regulations, art 13.1. European Final Records may also be established in the corresponding Junior's (Men and Women) events.
- 13.5 European records will be recognised in individual events if a minimum of fifteen (15) athletes in the Men's events and ten (10) athletes in the Women's and Junior's events participate, with the exception of World Cup Finals and 300m Europe Cup Finals.

In team events of the respective ISSF recognized individual Olympic events if the number of teams is not less than five (5) in Men's events, not less than four (4) in Women's and not less than three (3) in Junior's (Men and Women) events. In all other team events if the number of teams, entered at the final entry date, is not less than three (3) in any category (Men's, Women's, Junior's Men and Junior's Women).
- 13.6 The ESC will issue a European Record diploma to athletes or team members who establish European Records.

### **14.0 MEDIA RELATIONS and ESC RIGHTS**

- 14.1 The Media coverage, Broadcasting and Advertising rights of all European Championships and other ESC official events (General Assemblies, Congresses etc) are the property of the European Shooting Confederation.
- 14.2 Press, radio and television services must be given all cooperation and assistance to ensure the free flow of public information and communication. Necessary facilities including Internet connections, telecommunications, telephone, etc. must be available prior to and during the Championship.
- 14.3 Provisions for interviews, photography and other media requirements will be made by the Organising Committee to ensure that media personnel have access to competitors and team leaders; provided that such arrangements do not cause inconvenience to individual(s) concerned.

### **15.0 GENERAL**

- 15.1 Alterations of the General Regulations may only be made by the General Assembly. However, the ESC General Regulations must always conform to the corresponding ISSF rules.
- 15.2 Upon approval, alterations become effective as soon as possible, on a date decided by the General Assembly. (See also Art. 7.2.5, ESC Statutes).

15.3 The General Regulations may be extended by annexes:

The annexes to the General Regulations must not contravene the Statutes and the General Regulations of the ESC and ISSF and must be approved by the ESC Presidium.

## 16.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS

The above General Regulations of the ESC have been introduced and approved at an extraordinary General Assembly, Enschede, Holland, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1974 and amended at the General Assembly, London, England, on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1975.

Revised at the General Assembly, Paris, France, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1976.

Improved at the General Assembly, Bucharest, Romania, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1977.

Revised and improved at the General Assembly, Titograd, Yugoslavia, on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1981.

Coordinated with UIT General Regulations and discussed at the General Assembly, Dortmund, Germany, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1983.

Completed, improved and approved by the Extraordinary General Assembly, Bucharest, Romania, on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1983.

Revised and adjusted to the UIT General Regulations and approved at the General Assembly, Zagreb, Yugoslavia, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1989.

The ESC General Regulations have been revised and adjusted to the UIT General Regulations by the ESC Presidium, Stresa, Italy, on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1993 and approved by the General Assembly, Brno, Czech Republic, on August 8<sup>th</sup> 1993.

Revised at the General Assembly, Zürich, Switzerland on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1995

Revised at the Extraordinary General Assembly, Warsaw, Poland, on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1997.

Revised at the General Assembly, Zagreb, Croatia, on the 22<sup>th</sup> July 2001.

Revised at the General Assembly, Plzen, Czech Republic, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

Revised at the General Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005.

Revised at the General Assembly, Granada, Spain, on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

Revised at the General Assembly, Osijek, Croatia, on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Revised at the General Assembly, Moscow, Russian Federation, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Revised at the General Assembly, Baku, Azerbaijan, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.