

The ESC Statutes Revised and supplemented on May 17 th , 2013.		The ESC Statutes Proposals for changes to be approved on June 21st, 2017 (new text is in red colour, deleted text is crossed out, text taken from the Guidelines to the ESC Statutes is in black colour)	
Article		Article	
1.0	PURPOSE	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.	1.1	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	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,	1.2.1	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,	1.2.2	to maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of shooting sport,
1.2.3	to organize European Championships regularly,	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,	1.2.4	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,	1.2.5	to maintain relations between the national Member Federations in order to promote the development of shooting sport in Europe,
1.2.6	to encourage sponsorships in order to guarantee the economic solidity of the ESC,	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, to encourage sponsorships 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, to encourage sponsorships in order to guarantee the economic solidity of the ESC,
1.2.8	to promote the knowledge of the shooting sport through mass media,	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.	1.2.9	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.	1.3.	In these Statutes the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.
2.0	HEADQUARTERS	2.0	HEADQUARTERS
2.1	The Presidium determines the location of the headquarters of the ESC which is currently located in Lausanne, Switzerland.	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.	2.2	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.	2.3	The funds of the ESC must be deposited in a bank as decided by the Presidium.
3.0	MEMBERSHIP	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.	3.1	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.	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. (taken from Guidelines to the Statutes of the ESC)
3.3	The affiliation of non-European federations must be subject to the agreement of the General Assembly.	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.	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.
3.5	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. 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.	3.5	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. 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. (taken from the Guideline to the Statutes)
3.6	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.	3.7	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.
3.7	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.	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		RIGHTS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS
3.9	Each Member Federation has the following rights at the General Assembly:	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,	3.9.1	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,	3.9.2	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,	3.9.3	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,	3.9.4	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.	3.9.5	to submit applications for the organisation of European Championships.
	OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS		OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS
3.10	Each Member Federation has the following obligations:	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,	3.10.1	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,	3.10.2	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,	3.10.3	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,	3.10.4	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.	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 FROM THE ESC		SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION FROM THE ESC

3.11	A Member Federation may be excluded from the ESC if it has:	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,	3.11.1	failed to settle its financial obligations towards the ESC,
3.11.2	seriously breached these Statutes, ESC General Regulations or decision made under them,	3.11.2	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,	3.11.3	lost its qualifying status as a representative national shooting federation,
3.11.4	been refused membership of, or excluded from the ISSF.	3.11.4	been refused membership of, or excluded from the ISSF.
3.12	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	3.12	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
3.13	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	3.13	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
4.0	ORGANISATION	4.0	ORGANISATION
4.1	The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and committees:	4.1	The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and committees:
4.1.1	The General Assembly	4.1.1	The General Assembly
4.1.2	The Presidium	4.1.2	The Presidium
4.1.3	The Permanent Committees	4.1.3	The Permanent Committees
4.1.4	The Anti-Doping Officers	4.1.4	The Anti-Doping Officers
4.1.5	The Secretariat	4.1.5	The Secretariat
4.2	The Member Federation may propose candidates for any ESC function within in the ESC bodies and committees.	4.2	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. The application for election must contain personal information including a C.V. (See also Guidelines to the Statutes of the ESC)	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. (taken from the Guideline to the Statutes) The application for election must contain personal information including a C.V. (See also Guidelines to the Statutes of the ESC)
4.4		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. A candidate for any position in the ESC is not required to hold a special position in his own federation. Every person elected to a position in the ESC serves solely in the interest of, and is responsible to the ESC. (taken from the Guidelines to the Statutes)
4.5	In no circumstances should any officer derive benefit of expenses paid by the Confederation in excess of those incurred.	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.	5.0	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	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)	5.1.1	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	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.	5.2.1	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.	5.2.2	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.	5.3	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.	5.4	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.	5.5	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.	5.6	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.	5.7	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 will have two votes and may be represented by one or two delegates.	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.	5.9	If a country is represented by two federations, each federation is entitled to one vote and one delegate.
5.10	Member Federations may be represented by proxy, given in writing. One Member Federation may not represent more than one other Member Federation. Member Federations with one vote may only hold one proxy. Member Federations with two votes may hold two proxy votes.	5.10	Member Federations may be represented by proxy, given in writing. One Member Federation may not represent more than one other Member Federation. Member Federations with one vote may only hold one proxy. Member Federations with two votes may hold two proxy votes. 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).	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 PROCEDURE	6.0	RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE
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.	6.1.	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.	6.2	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.	6.3	The President welcomes the delegates and opens the meeting of the General Assembly.
6.4	FUNCTIONS	6.4	FUNCTIONS
6.4.1	Approval of ad-hoc Committees such as the Elections Committee, the Minutes Committee and the Review Committee.	6.4.1	Approval of ad-hoc Committees such as the Elections Committee and the Minutes Committee. and the Review 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.	6.4.2	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.	6.4.3	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.	6.4.4	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.	6.4.5	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.	6.4.6	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	Determination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.	6.4.7	Determination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.
6.4.8	Consideration of proposals set forth by Member Federations in due time and examined by the Review Committee.	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. (taken from the Guidelines to the Statutes)

6.4.9	Decision on proposals to change the Statutes and the General Regulations of the ESC. (see also 6.5.3)	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.	6.4.10	Dissolution of the European Shooting Confederation.
6.5	VOTING PROCEDURE	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.	6.5.1	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 any member raises no objection.	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 member delegate.
6.5.2.1	Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or less as there are vacancies shall be valid.	6.5.2.1	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.	6.5.3	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	6.6	ELECTION OF THE PRESIDIUM
	The Presidium of the ESC must be elected in the following order of precedence:		The Presidium of the ESC must be elected in the following order of precedence:
6.6.1	the President	6.6.1	the President
6.6.2	two (2) Vice-Presidents	6.6.2	two (2) three (3) Vice-Presidents
6.6.3	eight (8) members of the Presidium	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.	6.6.4	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 outgoing 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.	6.6.5	During the election of the President, the outgoing 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.	6.6.6	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.	6.6.7	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.	6.6.8	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	One position within the Presidium must be reserved for a woman or a man.	6.6.9	One Two positions within the Presidium must be reserved for a woman or a man 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	6.7	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 may attend the General Assembly in an advisory capacity, but they have no vote.	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 may attend the General Assembly in an advisory capacity, but they have no vote. 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 elections of the Presidium, and all may be re-elected.	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 during the next period of office is not entitled to re-election. A person reaching the age of 70 during the next period of office 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.	6.10	A person reaching the age of 75 during the next period of office by the day of the elections at the General Assembly is not entitled to re-election. A person reaching the age of 70 during the next period of office 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.	6.11	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.	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	7.0	PRESIDIUM

7.1	The Presidium consists of: - the President - the two (2) Vice Presidents - eight (8) members of the Presidium.	7.1	The Presidium consists of: - the President - the two (2) three (3) Vice Presidents - eight (8) members of the Presidium.
7.1.1	The President represents the ESC.	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	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,	7.1.2.1	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,	7.1.2.2	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,	7.1.2.3	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,	7.1.2.4	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,	7.1.2.5	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.	7.1.2.6	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,	7.1.2.7	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.	7.1.2.8	to supervise the work of the Secretariat.
7.1.3	The Presidium shall meet at least once a year, preferably during the European Championships.	7.1.3	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 two 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.	7.1.4	In legal matters the responsibility rests with the President and the two 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.	7.1.5	A member of the Presidium may be elected to any additional position in another committee of the ESC.
	FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIDIUM		FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIDIUM
7.2	The Presidium is responsible for fulfillment of the ESC purpose (see art. 1.0) and exercises the following functions:	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,	7.2.1	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,	7.2.2	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,	7.2.3	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,	7.2.4	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,	7.2.5	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,	7.2.6	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,	7.2.7	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	7.2.8	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.	7.2.9	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 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 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.	7.2.10	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.	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	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		- the Anti-doping Officers
8.1	The ESC Permanent Committees are: - the Technical Committee - the Press and Promotion Committee - the Athletes Committee	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.	8.1.1	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.	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 12 members, three 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. 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. One position in each Discipline Group must be reserved for a woman or a man.	8.2	The Technical Committee consists of a Chairman, elected by the General Assembly, and up to 20 12 members, a maximum of five (5) three 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) One positions in each Discipline Group must be reserved for each gender for a woman or a man.
8.3	The Press and Promotion Committee should advice and assist the Presidium in matters relating to media, sponsors and promotion. The Press and Promotion Committee consists of a Chairman and a maximum of six members. One position must be reserved for a woman or a man.	8.3	The Press and Promotion Committee should advice and assist the Presidium in matters relating to media, sponsors and promotion. The Press and Promotion Committee consists of a Chairman and a maximum of six members. Two (2) One positions must be reserved for each gender a woman or a man.

8.4	<p>The Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	8.4	<p>The Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
8.5	Committee meetings should be convened by the Chairman as necessary, at least once a year, after approval by the President.	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.	8.5.1	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.	8.5.2	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.	8.6	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	If Sub Committees or Temporary Committees are nominated they must be supervised by the Presidium or one of the Permanent Committees.
8.7.1	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	8.7.1	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.	8.7.1.1	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.	8.7.1.2	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)	8.7.1.3	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	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.	8.8.1	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.	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	9.0	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.	9.1	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.	9.2	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	The Secretary General should be responsible for the:
9.3.1	organization, management and direction of the Secretariat,	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,	9.3.2	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,	9.3.3	coordination between the President and Presidium members,
9.3.4	coordination of the ESC committees' work,	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,	9.3.5	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,	9.3.6	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,	9.3.7	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,	9.3.8	taking minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as of meetings of the Presidium,
9.3.9	public relations work,	9.3.9	public relations work,
9.3.10	taking care of the archive's documents of the ESC,	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.	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.
10.0	LANGUAGES		LANGUAGES
10.1	The following five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish are recognised as the official languages of the ESC.	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.	10.2	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.	10.3	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.	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	11.0	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.	11.1	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.	11.2	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).	11.3	These Statutes are subject to approval by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).
12.0	DISSOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION	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.	12.1	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.	12.2	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.	12.3	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 amateur shooting sports in Europe.	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 amateur shooting sports the sport of shooting in Europe.