



# ESC STATUTES

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The foundation of the ESC became the direct outcome of the Committee for European Affairs activity which the International Shooting Union (UIT) set up in 1958, during the World Championships in Moscow, USSR.

The Committee worked intensively for the development of the shooting sport in Europe and proposed during the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome the formation of the European Shooting Confederation. Four years later a motion was put before the UIT General Assembly to work out statutes for the Confederation.

The European Shooting Confederation (ESC) was founded on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1969 during the European Championship in Plzen, Czechoslovakia. Representatives of 23 nations were present at the institutional meeting.

The ESC is recognized by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) as the sole controlling body in Europe administering the shooting sport supervised by the ISSF.

## 1.0. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of the European Shooting Confederation (ESC) is to promote, 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), with the principles defined in the Olympic Charter, in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discriminations on account of politics, gender, religion, race, color, sexual orientation, language, national or social origin, property, birth or any other reason, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good relations among the Member Federations. Moreover, the ESC must directly or indirectly ensure the common interest of the ESC in the ISSF.

Acknowledging the danger to sports integrity from the manipulation of sports competitions, the ESC restates its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of sport, including the protection of clean athletes and competitions, fight against the manipulation of competitions and by requiring its Members to do likewise.

1.2. The objects of the ESC are:

- 1.2.1 to maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of shooting sport,
  - 1.2.2 to organize European Championships, European Cups and other European competitions regularly, and to organize ISSF competitions in Europe in agreement with the ISSF Executive Committee,
  - 1.2.3 to encourage the promotion of traditional Regional Championships and other major shooting competitions in Europe,
  - 1.2.4 to co-operate with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and the Organizing Committees of European Games and as well as other multi-sport events that belong to the EOC in carrying out organization of shooting sport competitions (as delegated by the EOC), supervise and control all technical arrangements.
  - 1.2.5 to maintain relations between the Member Federations in order to promote the development of the 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 the shooting sport in close cooperation and in line with the ISSF,
  - 1.2.8 to participate in realization of the ISSF development and educational programs
  - 1.2.9 to promote the knowledge of the shooting sport through mass media,
  - 1.2.10 to award distinctions to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Confederation's purposes,
  - 1.2.11 to strive for environmentally friendly and sustainable development of the shooting sport in Europe,
  - 1.2.12 to take necessary measures for protection of health of the participants of the ESC competitions.
- 1.3 The ESC and its officials, the ESC Members and their teams, officials and athletes undertake to observe the ISSF Constitution and all ISSF regulations as well as to recognize decisions taken by the competent ISSF bodies.

## **2.0 SEAT**

- 2.1 The seat of the ESC is in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2.2 The ESC must be registered in accordance with the laws of the country of its seat.
- 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 must be composed of those National Shooting Organizations that are members of their National Olympic Committees and recognized by the respective National Olympic Committee as the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country.  
The National Olympic Committee of the country must be recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC).
- 3.2 Membership may be full or associated. Unless the Statutes indicate otherwise, the term Member(s) comprises both Full Members and Associate Members.
- 3.3 Membership is open to one Member Federation from each country which is governed by the NOC recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC).  
Countries with two national Federations recognized prior to 1989 may retain dual membership if both of them are members of their National Olympic Committee according to Article 3.1.

### **Requirements for Membership**

- 3.4 Applicants for membership must submit all documents in the official working language English to the ESC Headquarters:
  - 3.4.1 Details of their foundation and organization including a list of members of the statutory bodies of the applicant;
  - 3.4.2 A copy of their Constitution/Statutes
  - 3.4.3 Certification of recognition and affiliation as required in 3.1;
  - 3.4.4 A copy of their Anti-Doping Regulations which must be in conformity with the ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations and the World Anti-Doping Code;
  - 3.4.5 A written declaration whereby the applicant undertakes to observe the ESC Statutes and all ESC regulations as well as to recognize decisions taken by the ESC bodies.
- 3.5 Associated Membership may be granted to a National Shooting Organization in case it is recognized by the National Olympic Committee as the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country but the National Olympic Committee of the country is not yet recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC)  
The Associated Members can participate with their athletes and officials in competitions and events supervised by the ESC before a Full Membership is decided.
- 3.6 In case an application for membership is denied by the Presidium, the decision may be appealed to the General Assembly.
- 3.7 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 1<sup>st</sup> January. Payment of the fee must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
A Member not having paid the annual membership fee or any other amount outstanding by 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year can be deprived of all its rights within the ESC by the Presidium, including the right of voting at the General Assembly and participation in all official Championships, etc. until the fee has been paid.  
For participation in European Championships to be held before 31<sup>st</sup> of March, the payment of the membership fee for the previous year will be accepted.
- 3.8 Notification of rights being forfeited will be given by the ESC Secretariat to the Member concerned and to the Organizing Committee of the European Championships to be held in the respective year.
- 3.9 A Member Federation representing all shooting activity in one country pays the full membership fee. If a country is represented by two Member Federations (as per Article 3.3), each of them will pay half of the fee.

### **RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS**

- 3.10 Each Member has the following rights:
  - 3.10.1 to take part at the General Assembly,
  - 3.10.2 to submit proposals for consideration by the ESC bodies including the General Assembly.
  - 3.10.3 to take part in the ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations.
  - 3.10.4 to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.
  - 3.10.5 to submit applications for the organization of the European Championships and other ESC recognized competitions.

### **ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF FULL MEMBERS**

- 3.11 Each Full Member has the following additional rights:
  - 3.11.1 to vote on any items in the General Assembly,
  - 3.11.2 to nominate candidates for the election or re-election to any function within the ESC bodies.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS**

- 3.12 Each Member has the following obligations:
- 3.12.1 to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
  - 3.12.2 to comply with these Statutes and General Regulations and decisions made under them,
  - 3.12.3 to take part in the ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations,
  - 3.12.4 to be responsible for the conduct of its athletes, officials or other team members exercising a function at the ESC competitions,
  - 3.12.5 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 the ESC and third parties,
  - 3.12.6 to regularly organize national shooting sport competitions in ISSF and ESC recognized events among Men, Women, Men Junior and Women Junior,
  - 3.12.7 to encourage the shooting practice and participation in competitions in disciplines and events recognized by the ISSF and the ESC.
  - 3.12.8 to pay the annual membership fee established by the ESC General Assembly.

## **3.13 MEMBERSHIP STATUS / REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.13.1 Every two years (starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022) the Presidium reviews the fulfillment of the Membership requirements and obligations by the Members with respect to their current Membership status and propose to the General Assembly to decide whether any Member Federation should be transferred to another Membership status.
- 3.13.2 A full Member can be transferred to Associated Member, in case the Member does not take part with its athletes in at least one European Championships per year over a period of two consecutive years or more.
- 3.13.3 The Member under review will be invited to present its position in front of the Presidium and/or General Assembly.

## **3.14 SUSPENSION**

- 3.14.1 If, in the opinion of the Presidium, a Member has committed a serious breach of these Statutes or General Regulations or decisions made under them, the Presidium is entitled to suspend temporarily the Member with immediate effect.
- 3.14.2 A suspended Member 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 should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the General Assembly does not approve the matter, the suspension must cease.
- 3.14.3 The Member concerned will be invited to present its position to the Presidium and/or the General Assembly, before any decision is made.

## **3.15 EXCLUSION**

- 3.15.1 A Member may be excluded from the ESC if it has:
  - 3.15.1.1 - seriously breached these Statutes, the ESC General Regulations or decision made under them; or
  - 3.15.1.2 - lost its qualifying status as the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country.
- 3.15.2 The exclusion of a Member must be decided by the General Assembly. A Member concerned will be invited to present its position to 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 Members must be represented.
- 3.15.3 A Member is obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to ESC prior to its resignation or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.

## **3.16 RESIGNATION**

- 3.16.1 Members may resign from the ESC subject to a resignation notice given in writing to the Secretary General at the latest by 31<sup>st</sup> October in order to be valid for the next year.
- 3.16.2 The Secretary General informs the Presidium who confirms the resignation in writing as well as its effective date.

## **4.0 ORGANISATION or ESC BODIES**

- 4.1 The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and individual positions:
  - 4.1.1 The General Assembly
  - 4.1.2 The Presidium
  - 4.2.3 The President
  - 4.1.4 The Vice-Presidents
  - 4.1.5 The Secretary General

- 4.1.6 The Committees
- 4.2 Candidates for election or re-election to any ESC function within the ESC bodies have to be nominated as candidates by a Full Member.
- 4.3 A Candidate nominated for election or re-election to any position must be a member and have the support of his / her national federation. The nominating Full Member must send the nomination of each candidate which must contain personal information including a C.V.
- 4.4 The Secretary General of the ESC must receive all nominations of any kind (new candidates or re-election) 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 by the Members in accordance with article 4.3. Members 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 Chairperson and the members of the Technical Committee must hold an ISSF A or B Judges license.
- 4.5 Every person elected to a position in the ESC serves solely in the interest of, and is only accountable to the ESC for his or her mandate during term thereof.
- 4.6 A person can only be elected or appointed to one position. Ex-officio positions remain unaffected.
- 4.7 All persons elected to any ESC Body serve on an honorary basis and without salary but can be reimbursed for their expenses.
- 4.8 The Secretary General shall receive an appropriate salary for operating the ESC headquarters as CEO.
- 4.9 Members of any ESC Body shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member which has nominated the mas' candidates and/or to which they are affiliated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.
- 4.10 The members of the Presidium, the Chairpersons of the Committees and the Auditors are elected for a period of four (4) years. They remain in office until the new elections at the General Assembly in the fourth year of the mandate. The General Assembly may however revoke them before the end of their mandate if and only if such revocation is based on just cause.
- 4.11 The age limit for nomination of any candidate is seventy-five (75) years as of the day of the elections at the General Assembly. Persons above the stated age limit may however assist in activities of the ESC at all levels.
- 4.12 If a member of the Presidium dies or resigns, the first non-elected candidate having received the most votes at the elective General Assembly may be co-opted by the Presidium.
- 4.13 If a Chairperson of a Committee dies or resigns, the Committee concerned may appoint one of the members of the Committee to be Chairperson ad interim until the elections to be held at the next General Assembly.

## **5.0 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 5.1 The General Assembly is the general meeting of the ESC Members. It is the ESC supreme body.
- 5.1.1 It is convened either as Ordinary General Assembly to be held every two years or as an Extraordinary General Assembly to be held at the request of the Presidium, or upon a written request of, at least, 1/5 of the total number of Full Members.
- 5.1.2 Decisions on convocation of the Ordinary General Assembly and on items on agenda, dates and place of the meeting are taken by the ESC Presidium.
- 5.1.3 An Extraordinary General Assembly must be held within six (6) months of receipt of a valid written request by the Secretary General. The Presidium shall decide on the date, time and place of an Extraordinary General Assembly.
- 5.1.4 The General Assembly may hold meetings and take decisions via teleconference, videoconference or any other appropriate electronic means.
- 5.1.5 Resolutions or decisions may be submitted the Presidium to a vote by correspondence of the Members, including by electronic mail or any appropriate electronic means. The required majorities set forth in the Statutes apply to these resolutions and decisions.
- 5.2 The General Assembly consists of delegates representing the Members. Only delegates of the Full Members have the right to vote.
- 5.2.1 The Members of the Presidium and the Chairmen of the 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 article 5.2)
- 5.3 Items to be included in the agenda to be considered at the General Assembly at the request of the Members, must be communicated in writing (including by email) in one of the official languages to the President or the Secretary General, at least three (3) months before the General Assembly.
- 5.4 The summons for the General Assembly together with the final agenda, the periodic report, the proposals and the nominations for the elections set forth by the Members and/or the Presidium must be posted to the Members at least two (2) months before the Assembly convenes.
- 5.5 The General Assembly can take final decisions only on items which are included in the final Agenda.

- 5.6 Items, excluding alterations of the Statutes or of the General Regulations, may be added to the final Agenda in the beginning of the meeting upon approval by a 2/3 majority vote of the General Assembly. During the meeting no new items may be added to the final agenda, except when unanimously agreed by all Member Federations attending the meeting.
- 5.7 The decisions of the General Assembly shall take effect immediately unless otherwise determined by the Assembly.
- 5.8 The minutes of the proceedings of the General Assembly shall be normally sent to the Members within two (2) months after the meeting.
- 5.9 One Federation representing all shooting sports in a country will have two votes and may be represented by one or two delegates.
- 5.9.1 If a country is represented by two federations, each federation is entitled to one vote and one delegate.
- 5.10 A Member that represents one (1) country together with another Member may represent the other Member from the same country by proxy, which must be given in writing. Apart from that, representation of Members by proxy is not allowed.
- 5.11 Only the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, the Executive Director and Executive Committee/Board members can represent their Member acting as voting delegate at the General Assembly. Participation forms for delegates must reach the Secretary General at least seven (7) working days prior to the opening of the General Assembly. All delegates representing the Members must provide documented proof of their appointment as a delegate of that Member.
- 5.12 A quorum in the General Assembly is 50% of the Members having voting rights plus 1 vote (including proxies).

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

- 6.1 Meetings of the ordinary or extraordinary 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.
- 6.4.4 Choice of the countries to organize 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.
- 6.4.5 Discharge of the President and the Presidium of liability for their acts in fulfilling their role as the ESC Bodies.
- 6.4.6 The election of the members of the Presidium, the chairperson of the Technical Committee, the Auditors and nomination for honorary memberships as well as termination of their services on just cause.
- 6.4.7 Decision on applications for affiliation to the ESC and on proposals of the Presidium to the exclusion or the suspension of a member or its transfer from Full to Associated status.
- 6.4.8 Determination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.
- 6.4.9 Considerations of proposals set forth by Members 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.
- 6.4.10 Examinations of the proposals to the General Assembly from the Presidium include the right to make recommendations concerning those proposals.
- 6.4.11 Decision on proposals to change the Statutes and the General Regulations of the ESC. (see also 6.5.4)
- 6.4.12 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 powers of the 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.
- 6.5.3 Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or less as there are vacancies shall be valid.
- 6.5.4 Proposals to amend the Statutes of the ESC can only be considered in the General Assembly, at which at least 50% of the Members having voting rights are present. Amendments must be approved by a 2/3 majority.

## **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 four (4) Vice-Presidents
- 6.6.3 eleven (11) 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 Members who are not presenting any candidates for vacant position. The Elections Committee consists of two members and a Chairperson 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 “chairperson pro tempore”, elected by the General Assembly, who will then conduct the election. If re-elected, the outgoing President subject to the previous provision resumes the 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 A minimum of three (3) positions within the Presidium must be reserved for each gender, of which, at least one of the Vice-Presidents.

## **6.7 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND OF TWO AUDITORS**

The Chairperson of the Technical Committee and two Auditors must be elected by the General Assembly.

## **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. 7.2.8.) Honorary members will 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 expense.

## **7.0 PRESIDIUM**

### **7.1 THE PRESIDIUM CONSISTS OF:**

- the President
  - four (4) Vice Presidents
  - eleven (11) members of the Presidium
  - the Chairperson of the Athletes Committee
- 7.1.1 The President represents the ESC.
  - 7.1.2 The President shall, 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 organization, on behalf of the ESC in consultation with the Presidium,
    - 7.1.2.3 to maintain relations with the ISSF and the ESC Members,
    - 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 In legal matters the responsibility rests with the President and the four Vice-Presidents.
  - 7.1.4 If a 2/3 majority of the Presidium finds the President unable to fulfill his/her duties, then one of the Vice-Presidents may be appointed to the Presidency, until a new President is elected in the next General Assembly.
  - 7.1.5 The Presidium shall meet at least once a year, preferably during the European Championships.

## **7.2 FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIUM**

The Presidium is responsible for fulfillment of the ESC purpose (see art. 1.0) and exercises the following functions:

- 7.2.1 nominates the ESC representatives in the ISSF Executive Committee and the ISSF Council according to the ISSF Constitution,
- 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 Technical Committee, the Anti-Doping Officers and approves the results of the elections for the Athletes' Committee for a four-year term of office.
- 7.2.5 nominates Sub or Temporary Committees as needed for specific problems or special tasks in shooting sports, and for what extend these committees are expected to work
- 7.2.6 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,
- 7.2.7 supervises the regular production of an European Records list and arranges for their notification to the Members and to the ISSF by the ESC Secretariat,
- 7.2.8 prepares 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,
- 7.2.9 deals with all matters and makes all decisions, which do not fall within the legal or statutory authority of the General Assembly,
- 7.2.10 accepts responsibility for the management of ESC finances,
- 7.2.11 decides on the substitution of a Member as the host of an ESC Championship in case that the selected host is unable to fulfill its duties,
- 7.2.12 designates juries for the ESC competitions as well as for the shooting sport competitions at the European Games and other multi-sport events that belong to the EOC.
- 7.2.13 decides about the design and use of the ESC logos and emblems,
- 7.2.14 approves the provisions of the European Rankings
- 7.2.15 approves yearly preliminary budgets and balances,
- 7.2.16 establishes the Regulations for the Participation in the shooting sport competitions at the European Games and other multi-sport events that belong to the EOC– to be submitted to the EOC for approval.
- 7.2.17 provisionally accepts applicants for associated memberships,
- 7.2.18 temporarily suspends a Member if such Member does not meet the requirements for ESC membership anymore, or in case such Member has violated these Statutes or any other ESC Regulations.
- 7.2.19 establishes, approves and amends rules and regulations to the extent such competence has not been assigned to the General Assembly.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 A postal vote may be conducted in the interval between meetings.
  - 7.4.1 As a common form, the postal vote is electronic postal vote.
  - 7.4.2 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 the vote before a stated deadline. An absence of answer within the set deadline will be deemed an affirmative vote.
  - 7.4.3 Within eight (8) days of closing of vote, the postal vote, the President must report the result of the vote to the members.
- 7.5 The Presidium appoints the Secretary General upon proposal of the President and determines the term of office which has to be in accordance with the President's term of office.

## **8.0 COMMITTEES**

The ESC Committees are:

- the Technical Committee
- the Athletes Committee
- the Sub Committees
- the Temporary Committees

- 8.1 The Committees should advise and support the Presidium in all technical questions of preparation and organization of the shooting events. The Committees must work in accordance with the Guidelines approved by the Presidium.

- 8.2 The Technical Committee consists of a chairperson, 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).
- 8.2.1 The members from each discipline form four (4) Discipline Groups, and each group elects a Spokesman within the group.
- 8.2.2 One of those four (4) Spokesmen can be nominated by the Presidium as Deputy Chairperson of the Technical Committee.
- 8.2.3 The Chairperson of the Technical Committee and the four (4) Spokesmen constitute the Discipline Reference Group, which coordinates proposals, drafts and notifications to the Presidium.
- 8.2.4 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 Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies.
- 8.3.1 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.
- 8.3.2 Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun must be represented by one man and one woman each.
- 8.3.3 The Chairperson has to be elected by the Committee members during their first meeting.
- 8.4 Committee meetings should be convened by the Chairperson as necessary, at least once a year, after approval by the President.
- 8.4.1 The Chairperson 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.
- 8.4.2 The Chairpersons of the Technical Committee and the Athletes Committee must be invited to take part in the Presidium meetings with voice but without vote.
- 8.5 Sub Committees or Temporary Committees may be nominated by the Presidium.
- 8.5.1 If Sub Committees or Temporary Committees are nominated, they must be supervised by the Presidium.
- 8.5.2 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.
- 8.5.3 Sub Committees and Temporary Committees consist of a maximum of five (5) members. The Chairperson is elected within the group of members.
- 8.5.4 The Sub Committees and Temporary Committees report to the supervising body.
- 8.5.5 Each candidate for Sub Committees must have the support of his/her national federation (see art. 4.3).
- 8.6 The composition of the ESC Committees should respect the fair distribution of positions and take account of the Members and appropriate representation of both genders. The ESC Committees are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks.

## **9.0 SECRETARIAT**

- 9.1 A secretariat must be established by the Presidium for the management of the current affairs of the ESC.
- 9.2 To manage the current affairs of the ESC the Presidium appoints 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,
  - 9.3.11 the preparation of the report about the ESC activities to be submitted to the ISSF Council in accordance with the ISSF Constitution.
- 9.4 The Secretary General shall attend meetings of the General Assembly and of the Presidium and shall take an advisory role in deliberations, but has no vote.

## **10.0 LANGUAGES**

- 10.1 The following five languages: English, French, German, Russian and Spanish are recognized as the official languages of the ESC. Of these, English will be used as the permanent working language.
- 10.2 In all linguistic versions of these Statutes the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.
- 10.3 When European Championships are held, the language of the organizing country will be used in the program, 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. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

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

## **12.0 OTHER**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The financial year of the ESC runs from 1st January to 31st December.
- 12.3 These Statutes have to be in compliance with the ISSF Constitution and are subject to approval by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

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

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 A demand put forward without the above-mentioned notice can only be dealt with by the next following General Assembly.
- 13.3 The dissolution of the ESC must be approved by the General Assembly by a 3/4 majority of the voting delegates present.
- 13.4 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), recognized as the international, non-profit organization. Remaining assets should only be used for the benefit of the sport of shooting in Europe.

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