



ESC Challenge Events

General Rules

1. Purpose

The purpose of these rules is to establish a unified regulatory framework for all ESC Challenge events.

At present, different standards are applied in Rifle and Pistol disciplines compared with Shotgun disciplines. This has led to inconsistent interpretations and application of the rules. The objective of these General Rules is therefore to create a single, harmonized standard for all ESC Challenge competitions.

These General Rules will serve as the foundation for the ESC Challenge Rulebook, which is planned to be implemented for the 2027 season. All relevant and currently separate documents will be incorporated into one unified rulebook.

2. Background and Principles

The European Shooting Confederation (ESC) has been at the forefront of innovation in shooting sport for many years. It has successfully introduced new competition formats, including Mixed Team events, and continues to seek modern and attractive formats to increase the sport's appeal.

The ESC Challenge events were developed in this spirit and have been positively received by both Member Federations and athletes. In order to maintain a high sporting and organizational standard, especially at European Championships, minimum participation requirements are necessary.

3. Minimum Participation Requirements

3.1 Seniors, Under 23, Under 21

ESC Challenge Trio Events

A minimum of six (6) teams must be entered in each Trio event for Team medals to be awarded.

ESC Challenge Duet Events

A minimum of eight (8) mixed pairs must be entered in each Duet event for Team medals to be awarded.

3.2 Under 18 and Under 16

ESC Challenge Trio Events

A minimum of four (4) teams must be entered in each Trio event for Team medals to be awarded.

ESC Challenge Duet Events

A minimum of six (6) mixed pairs must be entered in each Duet event for Team medals to be awarded.

4. Number of Duets – Reference to ESC General Regulations

According to ESC General Regulations:

Article 12.2 At the European Championships for Men and Women, each Member Federation may enter:

- a maximum of five (5) athletes in individual events,
- up to three (3) Mixed Teams in the respective Mixed events (where the competition format and schedule allow; otherwise only two (2)), and
- one (1) Team in Team events.

Its approved that: Each Member Federation may enter three (3) Duets in the respective Duet events.

A maximum of two (2) Duets from one nation (registered as Duet 1 and Duet 2) may qualify for the Final and compete for medals. The third Duet (Duet 3) is not eligible to qualify for the Final.

If all three Duets from one nation are ranked within the qualification range for the Final, Duet 3 will be placed immediately after the finalists.