

## Proposal of the Presidium

New version of the ESC Statutes:

- to comply with the ISSF Constitution
- to reflect the reality and new goals

### ESC STATUTES

(version that allows compare the document approved on 21.07.2017 and the new proposals)

Version as of 21.07.2017		New proposed version	
<p>The ESC Statutes Version revised and supplemented on 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2017.</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The European Shooting Confederation (ESC) was founded on 18th August 1969 during the European Championship in Plzen, Czechoslovakia. Representatives of 23 nations were present at the institutional meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>Article <b>1.0</b> 1.1</p>	<p><b>PURPOSE</b> 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.</p>	<p>Article <b>1.0</b> 1.1</p>	<p><b>PURPOSE</b> 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), <b>with the principles defined in the Olympic Charter</b> 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. <b>Acknowledging the danger to sports</b></p>

			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	The objects of the ESC are:
1.2.1	<del>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,</del>		
1.2.2	to maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of shooting sport,	1.2.1	to maintain good relations with and cooperate with the ISSF for the promotion and development of shooting sport,
1.2.3	to organize European Championship regularly,	1.2.2	to organize European Championships and European Cups and other European competitions regularly, and to organize ISSF competitions in Europe in agreement with the ISSF Executive Committee,
1.2.4	to encourage the promotion of traditional Regional Championships and other major shooting competitions in Europe,	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 EOC and the Organizing Committees of the European Games in carrying out the organization of the shooting sport events and, as delegated by the EOC, supervises and controls all technical arrangements.
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 sponsorship 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,	1.2.7	to promote the exchange of experience by organizing lectures, debates, conferences or courses in the field of shooting sport in close cooperation and in line with the ISSF,
		1.2.8	to participate in realization of the ISSF development and educational programs
1.2.8	to promote the knowledge of the	1.2.9	

1.2.9	shooting sport through mass media, to award distinctions to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Confederation's purposes.	1.2.10 1.2.11 1.2.12	to promote the knowledge of the shooting sport through mass media, to award distinctions to those who have contributed to the achievement of the Confederation's purposes. to strive for environmental friendly and sustainable development of the shooting sport in Europe, To take necessary measures for protection of health of the participants of the ESC competitions.
1.3	In these Statutes the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.	1.3 1.4	<b>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.</b> In these Statutes the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.
<b>2.0</b> 2.1. 2.2 2.3	<b>HEADQUARTERS</b> The Presidium determines the location of the headquarters of the ESC which is currently located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The ESC must be registered in accordance with the laws of the country of headquarters. The funds of the ESC must be deposited in a bank as decided by the Presidium.	<b>2.0</b> 2.1 2.2 2.3	<b>HEADQUARTERS</b> The Presidium determines the location of the headquarters of the ESC which is currently located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The ESC must be registered in accordance with the laws of the country of headquarters. The funds of the ESC must be deposited in a bank as decided by the Presidium.
<b>3.0</b> 3.1 3.2	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> 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.  Membership is open to one Federation from each country. Countries with two member federations recognised prior to	<b>3.0</b> 3.1 3.2	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> <b>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.</b> <b>The National Olympic Committee of the country must be recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and European Olympic Committees (EOC)</b>  <b>Membership may be full or associated. Unless the Statutes indicate otherwise, the term Member(s) comprises both Full</b>

<p>3.3</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The affiliation of non-European federations must be subject to the agreement of the General Assembly.</p>	<p><b>Members and Associate Members.</b></p> <p>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 European Olympic Committees (EOC). Countries with two Member Federations recognized prior to 1989 may retain dual membership if both of the Member Federations are members of their National Olympic Committee according to Article 3.1.</p> <p>3.4. <b>Requirements for Membership</b> Applicants for membership must submit all documents in the official working language English to the ISSF Headquarters:</p> <p>3.4.1 Details of their foundation and organization including a list of members of the statutory bodies of the applicant;</p> <p>3.4.2 A copy of their Constitution/Statutes</p> <p>3.4.3 Certification of recognition and affiliation as required in 3.1;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 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.</p>
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<p>3.4</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>In case an application for membership is denied by the Presidium, the decision may be appealed to the General Assembly.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A Member not having paid the annual membership fee or any other amount outstanding by 31st 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>3.5.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>3.8</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>3.9</p>	<p>A Member Federation representing all shooting activity in one country pays the full membership fee. The fee for new members will be decided by the Presidium at the time of their admission. If a country is represented by two Member Federations (as per Article 3.3), each of them will pay half of the fee.</p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p>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.</p>		

<p>3.8</p>	<p>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.</p>		
	<p><b>RIGHTS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS</b></p>		<p><b>RIGHTS OF THE MEMBERS FEDERATIONS</b></p>
<p>3.9</p>	<p>Each Member Federation has the following rights at the General Assembly:</p>	<p>3.10</p>	<p><b>Each Member has the following rights:</b></p>
<p>3.9.1</p>	<p>to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the General Assembly,</p>	<p>3.10.1</p>	<p>to take part at the General Assembly</p>
<p>3.9.2</p>	<p>to propose candidates for the election of any function within in the ESC bodies and committees,</p>	<p>3.10.2</p>	<p><b>to submit proposals for consideration by ESC Bodies including the General Assembly;</b></p>
<p>3.9.3</p>	<p>to take part in ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations,</p>	<p>3.10.3</p>	<p>to take part in <b>the</b> ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations;</p>
<p>3.9.4</p>	<p>to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them,</p>	<p>3.10.4</p>	<p>to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them</p>
<p>3.9.5</p>	<p>to submit applications for the organization of European Championships.</p>	<p>3.10.5</p>	<p>to submit applications for the organization of the European Championships <b>and other ESC recognized competitions;</b></p>
			<p><b>ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF FULL MEMBERS</b></p>
			<p><b>Each Full Member has the following additional rights:</b></p>
		<p>3.11.</p>	<p><b>to vote on any items in the General Assembly,</b></p>
		<p>3.11.1</p>	<p>to propose candidates for the election of any function within the ESC bodies and committees.</p>
		<p>3.11.2</p>	
	<p><b>OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER FEDERATIONS</b></p>		<p><b>OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS FEDERATIONS</b></p>
<p>3.10</p>	<p>Each Member Federation has the following obligations:</p>	<p>3.12</p>	<p>Each Member has the following obligations: to observe the principles of loyalty,</p>

<p>3.10.1</p> <p>3.10.2</p> <p>3.10.3</p> <p>3.10.4</p> <p>3.10.5</p>	<p>to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play,</p> <p>to comply with these Statutes and General Regulations and decisions made under them,</p> <p>to be responsible for the conduct of its athletes, officials or other team members exercising a function at ESC competitions,</p> <p>to pay the annual membership fee,</p>	<p>3.12.1</p> <p>3.12.2</p> <p>3.12.3</p> <p>3.12.4</p> <p>3.12.5</p> <p>3.12.6</p> <p>3.12.7</p> <p>3.13</p> <p>3.13.1</p>	<p>integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play,</p> <p>to comply with these Statutes and General Regulations and decisions made under them;</p> <p>to take part in the ESC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ESC General Regulations;</p> <p>to be responsible for the conduct of its athletes, officials or other team members exercising a function at ESC competitions, <del>to pay the annual membership fee</del></p> <p>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.</p> <p>to regularly organize national shooting sport competitions in ESC/ISSF recognized events among Men, Women, Men Junior and Women Junior.</p> <p>to encourage shooting practice and participation in competitions in disciplines and events recognized by the ESC/ISSF.</p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP STATUS / REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>Every two years (starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022) or upon request the Presidium may review 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.</p> <p>A full Member can be transferred to</p>
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<p>3.11</p> <p>3.11.1</p> <p>3.11.2</p> <p>3.11.3</p> <p>3.11.4</p> <p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p>	<p><b>SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION</b></p> <p>A Member Federation may be excluded from the ESC if it has:</p> <p>failed to settle its financial obligations towards the ESC,</p> <p>seriously breached these Statutes, ESC General Regulations or decision made under them,</p> <p>lost its qualifying status as a representative national shooting federation,</p> <p>been refused membership of, or excluded from the ISSF.</p> <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> <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</p>	<p>3.13.2</p> <p>3.13.3</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.14.1</p> <p>3.14.2</p> <p>3.14.3</p> <p>3.15</p> <p>3.15.1</p> <p>3.15.1.1</p> <p>3.15.1.2</p>	<p>Associated Members in case the Member does not take part with its athletes in at least one European Championships per year.</p> <p>The Member under review will be invited to present its position in front of the Presidium and/or General Assembly.</p> <p><b>SUSPENSION AND EXCLUSION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Member concerned will be invited to present its position to the Presidium and/or the General Assembly.</p> <p><b>EXCLUSION</b></p> <p>A Member Federation may be excluded from the ESC if it has:</p> <p><del>failed to settle its financial obligations towards the ESC,</del></p> <p>seriously breached these Statutes, ESC General Regulations or decision made under them,</p> <p>1. lost its qualifying status as <del>the sole governing body of the shooting sport related to ISSF recognized events in the country.</del></p> <p>2. <del>a representative national shooting federation, been refused membership of, or excluded from the ISSF.</del></p> <p>The exclusion of a Member Federation</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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>	<p>3.15.2</p> <p>3.16</p> <p>3.16.1</p> <p>3.16.2</p>	<p>must be decided by the General Assembly. <b>A Member concerned will be invited to present its position to the General Assembly.</b> 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.</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> <p><del>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.</del></p> <p><del>A suspended Member Federation loses its membership rights but keeps all obligations.</del></p> <p><del>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.</del></p> <p><b>WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>Membership with ESC may be withdrawn in writing to the Secretary General which must arrive a least by 31st October in order to be valid for the next year.</b></p> <p><b>The Secretary General informs the Presidium who confirms the withdrawal in writing as well as the date of validity.</b></p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.1.1</p>	<p><b>ORGANISATION</b></p> <p>The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and committees:</p> <p>The General Assembly</p>	<p><b>4.0</b></p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.1.1</p>	<p><b>ORGANISATION or ESC BODIES</b></p> <p>The ESC shall conduct its work through the following bodies and <b>individual positions</b> committees:</p> <p>The General Assembly</p>

<p>4.1.2</p> <p>4.1.3</p> <p>4.1.4</p> <p>4.1.5</p>	<p>The Presidium</p> <p>The Permanent Committees</p> <p>The Anti –Doping Officers</p> <p>The Secretariat</p>	<p>4.1.2</p> <p>4.1.3</p> <p>4.1.4</p> <p>4.1.5</p> <p>4.1.6</p>	<p>The Presidium</p> <p><b>The President</b></p> <p><b>The Vice-Presidents</b></p> <p><b>The Secretary General</b></p> <p><del>The Permanent Committees</del></p> <p><del>The Anti –Doping Officers</del></p>
<p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>The Member Federation may propose candidates for any ESC function within in the ESC bodies and committees.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The application for election must contain personal information including a C.V.</p>	<p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>The Member Federation may propose candidates for any ESC function within in the ESC bodies and committees.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The application for election must contain personal information including a C.V.</p>
<p>4.4</p>	<p>The Secretary General of the ESC must receive all nominations three months before the election. If, at the time of the election, there are fewer candidates than vacancies for any position, additional nominations may be submitted at the General Assembly. Member Federations that nominate new candidates must submit a statement of qualification for the position for each candidate. The information on the candidate must cover carefully merits that are of interest for the applicant. The chairmen and the members of the Technical Committee must hold an ISSF A or B licence. Every person elected to a position in the ESC serves solely in the interest of, and is responsible to the ESC.</p> <p>In no circumstances should any officer derive benefit of expenses paid by the Confederation in excess of those incurred.</p>	<p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p>	<p>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 license. Every person elected to a position in the ESC serves solely in the interest of, and is responsible to the ESC.</p> <p><del>In no circumstances should any officer derive benefit of expenses paid by the Confederation in excess of those incurred.</del></p> <p><b>A person can only be elected or appointed to one position. Ex-officio positions</b></p>

		<p>4.6 remain unaffected.</p> <p>4.7 All persons elected to any ESC Body serve on an honorary basis and without salary but can be reimbursed for expenses. The Secretary General shall receive an appropriate salary for operating the ESC headquarters as CEO.</p> <p>4.8 A member of any ESC Body shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member which has nominated him/her as candidate and/or to which he/she is affiliated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.</p> <p>4.9 The members of the Presidium, the Chairmen of the <del>Permanent</del> 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.</p> <p>4.10 A person reaching the age of 75 by the day of the elections at the General Assembly is not entitled to re-election. A person reaching the age of 70 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 <del>Permanent</del> Committees. It is, however, permitted for persons above the stated ages to assist in the work at all levels.</p> <p>4.11 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.</p> <p>4.12 If a Chairman of a <del>Permanent</del> Committee dies or resigns, the Committee concerned may elect one of the members to be Chairman until the next elections.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ESC.</p>	5.0	<p><b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b> The General Assembly is the <b>general meeting of the ESC Members. It is the ESC supreme body.</b></p>
5.1	<p>The General Assembly consists of delegates representing the Member Federations. Only these delegates have</p>	5.1	<p>The General Assembly consists of delegates representing the Members. <del>Federations.</del> Only <del>these</del> delegates <b>of the</b></p>

5.1.1	<p>the right to vote.</p> <p>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)</p>	5.1.1	<p><b>Full Members</b> have the right to vote.</p> <p>The Members of the Presidium and the Chairmen of the <del>Permanent</del> 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)</p>
5.2	<p>Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly must be held every two (2) years, preferably in the town where the European Championships are staged.</p>	5.2	<p>Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly must be held every two (2) years, <del>preferably in the town where the European Championships are staged.</del></p>
5.2.1	<p>A decision on convocation of the meeting of General Assembly and on dates and place of the meeting are taken by the ESC Presidium.</p>	5.2.1	<p>A decision on convocation of the meeting of General Assembly and on <b>items on agenda</b>, dates and place of the meeting are taken by the ESC Presidium.</p>
5.2.2	<p>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.</p>	5.2.2	<p>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 Members <del>Federations</del> in current affiliation.</p>
		5.2.3	<p><b>The General Assembly may hold meetings and take decisions via teleconference, videoconference or any other appropriate electronic means.</b></p>
5.3	<p>In order to be included in the agenda to be considered at the General Assembly, the President (even per facsimile or email) must receive the matters in one of the official languages, at least three (3) months before the General Assembly convenes.</p>	5.3	<p>In order to be included in the agenda to be considered at the General Assembly, the President (even per facsimile or email) must receive the matters in one of the official languages, at least three (3) months before the General Assembly convenes.</p>
5.4	<p>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.</p>	5.4	<p>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.</p>
5.5	<p>The General Assembly can take final decisions only on items and proposals, which are included in the Agenda.</p>	5.5	<p>The General Assembly can take final decisions only on items and proposals, which are included in the Agenda.</p>
5.6	<p>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.</p>	5.6	<p>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.</p>

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 Members <del>Federations</del> within two (2) months after the meeting. The decisions of the General Assembly shall take effect immediately unless otherwise determined by the Assembly.
5.8	One Federation representing all shooting sports in a country will have two votes and may be represented by one or two delegates.	5.8	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	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.	5.10	A Member <del>Federation</del> that represents one (1) country together with another Member <del>Federation</del> may represent the other Member <del>Federation</del> 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.	Only the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, the Executive Director or Executive Committee/Board members can represent their Member 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 <b>having voting rights plus</b> 1 vote (including proxies).

6.0	<b>RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	6.0	<b>RULES OF PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>
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 <b>ordinary or extraordinary</b> 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.
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6.4	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>	6.4	<b>FUNCTIONS</b>
6.4.1	Approval of ad-hoc Committees such as the Elections Committee and the Minutes Committee.	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.	6.4.2	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.	6.4.3	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 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	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.
6.4.5	Discharge of the Presidium.	6.4.5	Discharge of the Presidium.
6.4.6	The election of the members of the Presidium, the chairmen of Permanent Committees, the Auditors and nomination for honorary membership.	6.4.6	The election of the members of the Presidium, the chairmen of Permanent Committees, the Auditors and nomination for honorary membership.
6.4.7	Decision on applications for affiliation to the ESC and on proposals of the Presidium to the exclusion or the	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 Federation.		suspension of a Member Federation or its transfer from Full to Associated status.
6.4.8	Determination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.	6.4.8	Determination of the annual membership fee for a period of two (2) years.
6.4.9	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.	6.4.9	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.
6.4.10	Examinations of the proposals to the General Assembly from the Presidium include the right to make recommendations concerning those proposals. Decision on proposals to change the Statutes and the General Regulations of the ESC. (see also 6.5.3) Dissolution of the European Shooting Confederation.	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	<b>VOTING PROCEDURE</b>	6.5	<b>VOTING PROCEDURE</b>
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 no objection is raised by any delegate. Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or less as there are vacancies shall be valid.	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. Only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates or less as there are vacancies shall be valid.
6.5.2.1		6.5.3.	
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	6.5.4	Proposals to change the Statutes of the ESC can only be considered in the General Assembly, at which at least 50% of the Members Federations having voting rights are present. A 2/3 majority must approve all changes.

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	<b>ELECTION OF THE PRESIDIUM</b>		<b>ELECTION OF THE PRESIDIUM</b>
6.6	The Presidium of the ESC must be elected in the following order of precedence:	6.6	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	three (3) Vice-Presidents	6.6.2	<b>four (4)</b> Vice-Presidents
6.6.3	eight (8) members of the Presidium	6.6.3	<b>eleven (11)</b> 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 Members <del>Federations</del> who are not presenting any candidates for vacant position. The Elections Committee consists of two members and a Chairman who has to sign the protocol with the results of the elections.
6.6.5	During the election of the President, the out-going President must, if seeking re-election, surrender the chair to a “chairman pro tempore”, elected by the General Assembly, who will then conduct the election. If re-elected, the outgoing 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 out-going President must, if seeking re-election, surrender the chair to a “chairman pro tempore”, elected by the General Assembly, who will then conduct the election. If re-elected, the outgoing 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	Two positions within the Presidium must be reserved for each gender.	6.6.9	<b>Three (3)</b> positions within the Presidium must be reserved for each gender.
6.7	<b>ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMEN</b>	6.7	<b>ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF</b>



	<p><b>OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES AND OF TWO AUDITORS</b></p> <p>The Chairmen for the following permanent committees must be elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the Technical Committee</li> <li>- the Press and Promotion Committee</li> <li>-and Two Auditors</li> </ul>		<p><b>PERMANENT THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND OF TWO AUDITORS</b></p> <p>The Chairmen for <del>the</del> following permanent committees must be elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>of the</b> Technical Committee</li> <li><del>the Press and Promotion Committee</del></li> <li>and Two Auditors <b>must be elected by the General Assembly.</b></li> </ul>
6.8	<p><b>ELECTION OF THE HONORARY MEMBERS</b></p> <p>The rare distinction of Honorary Membership (with or without an honorary title) may be granted to individuals for outstanding services to the ESC.</p> <p>Honorary membership will be decided by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Presidium (see art. 7.2.7). Honorary members must be invited to the General Assemblies, with voice but without vote, at the cost of the ESC and to the European Championships at their own expenses.</p>	6.8	<p><b>ELECTION OF THE HONORARY MEMBERS</b></p> <p>The rare distinction of Honorary Membership (with or without an honorary title) may be granted to individuals for outstanding services to the ESC.</p> <p>Honorary membership will be decided by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Presidium (see art. 7.2.8). 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.</p>
6.9	<p>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.</p>		
6.10	<p>A person reaching the age of 75 by the day of the elections at the General Assembly is not entitled to re-election. A person reaching the age of 70 by the day of the elections at the General Assembly may not candidate for a new position.</p> <p>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.</p>		
6.11	<p>If a member of the Presidium dies or resigns, the next in order of voting in the General Assembly may be co-opted</p>		

6.12	by the Presidium.  If a Chairman of a Permanent Committee dies or resigns, the Committee concerned may elect one of the members to be Chairman until the next elections.		
<b>7.0</b> 7.1  7.1.1 7.1.2 7.1.2.1 7.1.2.2  7.1.2.3 7.1.2.4 7.1.2.5 7.1.2.6  7.1.2.7 7.1.2.8  7.1.3 7.1.4	<b>PRESIDIUM</b> The Presidium consists of: - the President - the three (3) Vice Presidents - eight (8) members of the Presidium.  The President represents the ESC. The President should, inter alia, have the following roles and duties: to preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and the Presidium, 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, to maintain relations with the ISSF and the ESC Member Federations, to create and propose to the Presidium and the General Assembly the strategic plan for developing the ESC and the shooting sport in Europe, to take responsibility for the general management and well-being of the ESC, to negotiate or to oversee the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of the ESC in consultation with the Presidium.  to create any task force or working group he/she may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation, to supervise the work of the Secretariat.  The Presidium shall meet at least once a year, preferably during the European Championships. In legal matters the responsibility rests with the President and the three Vice-Presidents.	<b>7.0</b> 7.1  7.1.1 7.1.2 7.1.2.1 7.1.2.2  7.1.2.3 7.1.2.4 7.1.2.5 7.1.2.6  7.1.2.7 7.1.2.8  7.1.3 7.1.4	<b>PRESIDIUM</b> The Presidium consists of: - the President - the <b>four (4)</b> Vice Presidents - <b>eleven (11)</b> members of the Presidium.  The President represents the ESC. The President should, inter alia, have the following roles and duties: to preside at all meetings of the General Assembly and the Presidium, 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, to maintain relations with the ISSF and the ESC Member Federations, to create and propose to the Presidium and the General Assembly the strategic plan for developing the ESC and the shooting sport in Europe, to take responsibility for the general management and well-being of the ESC, to negotiate or to oversee the negotiation of all major contracts on behalf of the ESC in consultation with the Presidium.  to create any task force or working group he/she may deem necessary or advisable to address any urgent situation, to supervise the work of the Secretariat.  The Presidium shall meet at least once a year, preferably during the European Championships. In legal matters the responsibility rests with the President and the <del>three</del> Vice-Presidents.

7.1.5	<p>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.</p> <p>A member of the Presidium may be elected to any additional position in another committee of the ESC.</p>	7.1.5	<p>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.</p> <p><del>A member of the Presidium may be elected to any additional position in another committee of the ESC.</del></p>
7.2	<p><b>FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIUUM</b></p> <p>The Presidium is responsible for fulfillment of the ESC purpose (see art. 1.0) and exercises the following functions:</p>	7.2	<p><b>FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDIUUM</b></p> <p>The Presidium is responsible for fulfillment of the ESC purpose (see art. 1.0) and exercises the following functions:</p>
7.2.1	<p>nominates Sub or Temporary Committees as needed for specific problems or special tasks in shooting sports,</p>	7.2.1	<p>nominates the ESC representatives in the ISSF Executive Committee and the ISSF Council according to articles 21.7, 21.8, 21.9 and 21.10 of the ISSF Constitution,</p>
7.2.2	<p>organizes and conducts the administrative and general work within the ESC according to these Statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly,</p>	7.2.2	<p>organizes and conducts the administrative and general work within the ESC according to these Statutes and the decisions of the General Assembly,</p>
7.2.3	<p>ensures the proper preparation and organization of ESC supervised Championships and, if desired by the organizers of Regional championships, supports their organization,</p>	7.2.3	<p><del>nominates Sub or Temporary Committees as needed for specific problems or special tasks in shooting sports,</del></p> <p>ensures the proper preparation and organization of ESC supervised Championships and, if desired by the organizers of Regional championships, supports their organization,</p>
7.2.4	<p>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,</p>	7.2.4	<p>elects the members of the <b>Technical Permanent</b> Committees, <del>Sub Committees and Temporary Committees</del>, and the three <del>(3)</del> 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,</p>
7.2.5	<p>changes and supplants 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</p>	7.2.5	<p><b>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</b></p>
	7.2.6	7.2.6	<p>changes and supplants 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</p>

<p>7.2.6</p> <p>7.2.7</p> <p>7.2.8</p> <p>7.2.9</p>	<p>the General Assembly, 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,</p> <p>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,</p> <p>deals with all matters and makes all decisions, which do not fall within the legal or statutory authority of the General Assembly,</p> <p>accepts responsibility for the management of ESC finances.</p>	<p>7.2.7</p> <p>7.2.8</p> <p>7.2.9</p> <p>7.2.10</p> <p>7.2.11</p> <p>7.2.12</p> <p>7.2.13</p> <p>7.2.14</p> <p>7.2.15</p> <p>7.2.16</p> <p>7.2.17</p> <p>7.2.18</p>	<p>General Assembly, supervises the regular production of an European Records list and arranges for their notification to the Members Federations and to the ISSF by the ESC Secretariat,</p> <p>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,</p> <p>deals with all matters and makes all decisions, which do not fall within the legal or statutory authority of the General Assembly,</p> <p>accepts responsibility for the management of ESC finances.</p> <p>decides on the substitution of a Member as the host of an ESC Championship in case that the selected host is unable to fulfil its duties,</p> <p>designates juries for ESC competitions and the European Games;</p> <p>decides about the design and use of the ESC logos and emblems,</p> <p>approves the provisions of the European Rankings</p> <p>approves yearly preliminary budgets and balances,</p> <p>establishes the “Regulations for the Participation in the Shooting Events of the European Games” to be submitted to the EOC for approval,</p> <p>provisionally accepts applicants for associated memberships,</p> <p>temporarily suspends a Member, if such Member does not meet the requirements for ESC membership anymore, or in case such Member Federation has violated these Statutes or any other ESC Regulations.</p>
<p>7.2.10</p>	<p>Each member of the Presidium (except the President) has one vote. The</p>	<p>7.3</p>	<p>Each member of the Presidium (except the President) has one vote. The President votes only in case of a tie, when he/she</p>

7.3	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A non-response will be taken to signify an affirmative vote.</p> <p>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.</p>
8.0   8.1  8.1.1	<p><b>PERMANENT COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTES, TEMPORARY COMMITTEES, AND ANTI-DOPING OFFICERS</b></p> <p>The ESC Committees are: - the Permanent Committees - the Sub Committees - the Temporary Committees - the Anti-doping Officers</p> <p>The ESC Permanent Committees are: - the Technical Committee - the Press and Promotion Committee - the Athletes Committee</p> <p>The Permanent Committees should advise and support the Presidium in all technical questions of preparation and organisation of the shooting events. The Permanent Committees must work</p>	<p><b>8.0</b></p> <p><del>PERMANENT COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTES, TEMPORARY COMMITTEES, AND ANTI-DOPING OFFICERS</del></p> <p>The ESC Committees are: - the <del>Permanent</del> Technical Committees - the Athletes Committee - the Sub Committees - the Temporary Committees - the Anti-doping Officers</p> <p><del>The ESC Permanent Committees are:</del> <del>the Technical Committee</del> <del>the Press and Promotion Committee</del> <del>the Athletes Committee</del></p> <p><b>8.1</b></p> <p>The <del>Permanent</del> Committees should advise and support the Presidium in all technical questions of preparation and organisation of the shooting events.</p>	

8.2	<p>in accordance with the Guidelines approved by the Presidium.</p> <p>The Technical Committee consists of a Chairman, elected by the General Assembly, and up to 20 members, a maximum of five (5) from each of the four shooting disciplines (Rifle, Pistol, Running Target and Shotgun). The members from each discipline form 4 Discipline Groups, and each group elects a Spokesman within the group. One of those four (4) Spokesmen can be nominated by the Presidium as Deputy Chairman of the Technical Committee. The Chairman of the Technical Committee and the four (4) Spokesmen constitute the Discipline Reference Group, which coordinates proposals, drafts and notifications to the Presidium. Two (2) positions in each Discipline Group must be reserved for each gender. In case there not enough candidates of one gender to any of the Discipline Groups, one vacancy can be filled in by a candidate of another gender.</p>	8.2	<p>The <del>Permanent</del> Committees must work in accordance with the Guidelines approved by the Presidium.</p> <p>The Technical Committee consists of a Chairman, elected by the General Assembly, and up to 20 members, a maximum of five (5) from each of the four shooting disciplines (Rifle, Pistol, Running Target and Shotgun). The members from each discipline form 4 Discipline Groups, and each group elects a Spokesman within the group. One of those four (4) Spokesmen can be nominated by the Presidium as Deputy Chairman of the Technical Committee. The Chairman of the Technical Committee and the four (4) Spokesmen constitute the Discipline Reference Group, which coordinates proposals, drafts and notifications to the Presidium. Two (2) positions in each Discipline Group must be reserved for each gender. In case there not enough candidates of one gender to any of the Discipline Groups, one vacancy can be filled in by a candidate of another gender.</p>
8.3	<p>The Press and Promotion Committee should advice and assist the Presidium in matters relating to media and promotion. The Press and Promotion Committee consists of a Chairman and a maximum of six members. Two (2) positions must be reserved for each gender. The Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies.</p>		<p><del>The Press and Promotion Committee should advice and assist the Presidium in matters relating to media and promotion. The Press and Promotion Committee consists of a Chairman and a maximum of six members. Two (2) positions must be reserved for each gender.</del></p>
8.4	<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</p>	8.3	<p>The Athletes' Committee has a mission to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ESC bodies. The Athletes' Committee consists of seven (7) athletes (2 rifle, 2 pistol, 2 shotgun and one running target athlete), elected by athletes during the European Championships. Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun</p>

	<p>meeting The Athletes' Committee is represented at the ESC General Assembly by two members who must be athletes elected by the Committee, who have no voting right, but have the right to speak.</p>		<p>must be represented by one man and one woman each. The Chairperson has to be elected by the Committee members during their first meeting The Athletes' Committee is represented at the ESC General Assembly by two members who must be athletes elected by the Committee, who have no voting right, but have the right to speak.</p>
8.5	Committee meetings should be convened by the Chairman as necessary, at least once a year, after approval by the President.	8.4	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.	8.4.1	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.	8.4.2	The Chairmen of the <del>Permanent</del> <b>Technical Committee and the Athletes Committee</b> 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.	8.5	Sub Committees or Temporary Committees may be nominated by the <del>General Assembly</del> 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.	8.6	If Sub Committees or Temporary Committees are nominated they must be supervised by the Presidium. <del>or one of the Permanent Committees.</del>
8.7.1	If a Sub Committee or Temporary Committee is nominated to assist the Presidium, a member of the Presidium is appointed to supervise the Sub Committee or Temporary Committee. If a Sub Committee or Temporary Committee is nominated to assist a Permanent Committee, a member of the Permanent Committee is appointed as a member of the Sub Committee or Temporary Committee.	8.6.1	If a Sub Committee or Temporary Committee is nominated to assist a <del>Permanent Committee</del> <b>the Presidium</b> , a member of the <del>Permanent Committee</del> <b>Presidium</b> is appointed <del>as a member of to</del> <b>supervise</b> the Sub Committee or Temporary Committee.
8.7.1.1	Sub Committees and Temporary Committees consist of a maximum of five (5) members. The Chairman is elected within the group of members.	8.6.1.1	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.	8.6.1.2	The Sub Committees and Temporary Committees report to the supervising body.
8.7.1.3	Each candidate for Sub Committees and	8.6.1.3	Each candidate for Sub Committees and

<p>8.8</p> <p>8.8.1</p> <p>8.9</p>	<p>Temporary Committees must have the support of his/her national federation (see also art. 4.3)</p> <p>The Anti-Doping Officers must advise and support the Presidium in all questions concerning their special expertise.</p> <p>The Anti-Doping Officers must work in accordance with the guidelines.</p> <p>One of the Anti-Doping Officers may be invited to take part in the Presidium meeting with voice but without vote.</p>	<p>8.7</p> <p>8.7.1</p> <p>8.8</p> <p>8.9</p>	<p>Temporary Committees must have the support of his/her national federation (see also art. 4.3)</p> <p>The Anti-Doping Officers must advise and support the Presidium in all questions concerning their special expertise.</p> <p>The Anti-Doping Officers must work in accordance with the guidelines.</p> <p>One of the Anti-Doping Officers may be invited to take part in the Presidium meeting with voice but without vote.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>9.0</b></p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.3.1</p> <p>9.3.2</p> <p>9.3.3</p> <p>9.3.4</p> <p>9.3.5</p>	<p><b>SECRETARIAT</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>To manage the current affairs of the ESC the Presidium may appoint a Secretary General proposed by the President.</p> <p>The Secretary General should be responsible for the:</p> <p>organization, management and direction of the Secretariat,</p> <p>preparation of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as meetings of the Presidium,</p> <p>coordination between the President and Presidium members,</p> <p>coordination of the ESC committees' work,</p> <p>cooperation between the ESC and organizers of European Championships, in cooperation with the appointed Technical Delegate, and other ESC official competitions or events,</p>	<p><b>9.0</b></p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p> <p>9.3</p> <p>9.3.1</p> <p>9.3.2</p> <p>9.3.3</p> <p>9.3.4</p> <p>9.3.5</p>	<p><b>SECRETARIAT</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>To manage the current affairs of the ESC the Presidium may appoint a Secretary General proposed by the President.</p> <p>The Secretary General should be responsible for the:</p> <p>organization, management and direction of the Secretariat,</p> <p>preparation of the meetings of the General Assembly, as well as meetings of the Presidium,</p> <p>coordination between the President and Presidium members,</p> <p>coordination of the ESC committees' work,</p> <p>cooperation between the ESC and organizers of European Championships, in cooperation with the appointed Technical Delegate, and other ESC official competitions or events,</p>



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.
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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.
		<b>11.0</b>	<b>RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES</b> 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.

<p><b>11.0</b> 11.1</p>	<p><b>OTHER</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>12.00</b> <b>12.1</b></p>	<p><b>OTHER</b> 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.</p>
<p>11.2</p>	<p>The financial year of the ESC runs from 1st January to 31st December.</p>	<p><b>12.2</b></p>	<p>The financial year of the ESC runs from 1st January to 31st December.</p>
<p>11.3</p>	<p>These Statutes are subject to approval by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).</p>	<p><b>12.3</b></p>	<p>These Statutes <b>have to be in compliance with the ISSF Constitution</b> and are subject to approval by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).</p>
<p><b>12.0</b></p>	<p><b>DISSOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION</b></p>	<p><b>13.0</b></p>	<p><b>DISSOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION</b></p>
<p>12.1</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><b>13.1</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>12.2</p>	<p>A demand put forward without the above-mentioned notice can only be dealt with by the next following General Assembly.</p>	<p><b>13.2</b></p>	<p>A demand put forward without the above-mentioned notice can only be dealt with by the next following General Assembly.</p>
<p>12.3</p>	<p>The dissolution of the ESC must be approved by the General Assembly by a 3/4 majority of the voting delegates present.</p>	<p><b>13.3</b></p>	<p>The dissolution of the ESC must be approved by the General Assembly by a 3/4 majority of the voting delegates present.</p>
<p>12.4</p>	<p>In the case of dissolution of the ESC any remaining assets together with all records must be placed in trust with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), recognised as the international, non-profit organisation. Remaining assets should only be used for the benefit of the sport of shooting in Europe.</p>	<p><b>13.4</b></p>	<p>In the case of dissolution of the ESC any remaining assets together with all records must be placed in trust with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), recognised as the international, non-profit organisation. Remaining assets should only be used for the benefit of the sport of shooting in Europe.</p>