

INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED



ISCD CONSTITUTION

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1 DEFINITION

1.1 NAME AND PRINCIPLES

- 1.1.1 The INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED hereinafter called "ISCD" is a permanent and independent organization and shall be affiliated to the International Paralympic Committee (PC).
- 1.1.2 The ISCD is the controlling body of the sport of Shooting for the Disabled.
- 1.1.3 The ISCD is a non-profit organisation. Its members and officials do not bear any liability for its actions.
- 1.1.4 The seat of the ISCD shall be established in a location determined by the Executive Committee.

1.2 AIMS

The ISCD shall, in pursuit of the development for shooting for the disabled:

- 1.2.1 Encourage the growth and development of the sport in all nations of the world through an organised programme of education and instruction.
- 1.2.2 Constitute a forum for the discussion, analysis and approval of proposals for the establishment of the rules of all Shooting disciplines for disabled, consistent with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) rules.
- 1.2.3 Establish the highest standards for the certification of referees and classifiers for all international competitions.
- 1.2.4 Sanction, schedule and conduct all international competitions and championships according to the Sport rules and regulations, the IPC Classification Code and WADA Anti-Doping regulations.
- 1.2.5 Maintain a documented history of the sport by recording and reporting of all international competitions.

- 1.2.6 Raise funds and invite contributions from any person or group by way of donations, sponsorship and other support.
- 1.2.7 Give support to the Zonal Committees in improving their own activities.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ISCD are the following:

- 1.3.1 To organize, control and develop the sport of Shooting for the Disabled on an international scale.
- 1.3.2 To ensure that the policies and rules which govern the sport, established by vote of the member nations, are carried out.
- 1.3.3 To convene all meetings necessary for the proper organisation and administration of ISCD.
- 1.3.4 To establish policies, procedures and regulations concerning the certification of referees and classifiers, the structure of international competitions, changes in the rules of the game and classification rules, and all other matters which impact directly on the sport.
- 1.3.5 To create any committees and commissions deemed necessary for the proper conduct of its duties and the appointment to such committees and commissions.
- 1.3.6 To manage, control and regulate the conduct of international shooting competitions (Paralympics, World and Regional Championships, and other international competitions).
- 1.3.7 To monitor and control the activities of future continental and regional Federations or Organizations according to the ISCD Constitution and the actual ISCD Shooting Rules.
- 1.3.8 To record and verify Paralympic, World and Continental records.
- 1.3.9 To fight, in accordance with the WADA Anti-Doping Regulations, against the doping in Shooting for the Disabled and contribute to the creation of a drug-free sport by educating all Shooting athletes and officials.
- 1.3.10 The ISCD shall not work with a view to profit. The Members shall not have a share in the ISCD's assets or in the surpluses attained.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 ISCD membership is open only to Federations or Organizations controlling the sport of Shooting for the Disabled within the respective nation.

National Shooting Federations or Organizations for the Disabled are the recognised governing national bodies of Shooting for the Disabled, which, by affiliation, constitute the membership of the ISCD

- 2.4 Membership implies complete recognition of the Constitution and Rules of the ISCD and shall be granted by the Executive Committee and shall be ratified by the first General Assembly following the approval of the application by the affiliated Federation or Organization. This decision has to be ratified by the General Assembly by a simple majority (50% + 1) of valid votes cast.

2.5 Each member nations shall pay an annual membership fee.

3 COMPOSITION OF ISCD

The ISCD is composed of the following bodies: (see chart)

- o the General Assembly
- o the Executive Committee
- o Board of Administration
- o the Commissions
- o The Zonal Committees

3.1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3.1.1 The General Assembly is the supreme authority of ISCD and shall meet every 2 year in conjunction with the World Championships and the Paralympic Games. The decisions of the General Assembly are final and without the possibility of appeal.

3.1.2 The General Assembly is composed of the delegations of the ISCD affiliated Federations or Organizations. Only the Federations or Organizations that have paid the membership fees for the current year may participate and vote at the General Assembly.

Each member country may be represented by two (2) delegates but is entitled to only one vote.

The delegates must be citizens of the country they represent.

Voting by proxy is not permitted.

3.1.3 The conduct of the General Assembly shall be governed by the General Assembly regulations which are adopted by the General Assembly.

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISCD

3.2.1 Between General Assemblies, the Executive Committee of the ISCD shall decide on all matters concerning the sport of Shooting for the Disabled and its organization in the best interest of the sport. It is also responsible for ensuring adequate personnel and facilities for the efficient operation of the ISCD. The

Executive Committee will also decide on financial matters concerning the operation of the organization.

3.2.2 Members of the Executive Committee:

- The President
- The Vice-President
- 1 Executive member
- The Medical Officer – to be selected
- The Technical Officer – to be selected

3.2.3 Adopted members:

When deemed necessary, the Executive Committee may make special appointments for specific tasks provided that the National Federation or Organization of the person(s) concerned agrees with the appointment. The basic selection criterion is that the adoptee must have an expertise in the area to which he/she is being adopted. An Adopted Member has no voting right.

3.2.4 The Executive Committee must meet at least once a year, either at Paralympic Games, World and/or Regional Championships in the interests of financial advisability.

3.2.5 Between General Assemblies, the Executive Committee has the authority to change or modify Technical Rules and By-Laws when it is considered necessary and desirable. However, such changes or modifications must be put before the following General Assembly for their final ratification. Technical Rule changes will come into force following the next Paralympics.

3.2.6 At it's first meeting, the newly elected Executive Committee shall appoint members to various committees in accordance with the Rules.

3.3 BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

3.3.1 The Board of Administration has the following members:

- The President
- The Vice-President
- The 1 executive member
- The 3 Zonal representatives (ex-officio)
- The Advisory Athletes' Representative – to be selected by the athletes
- The Medical Officer-to be selected
- The Technical Officer-to be selected
- 2 Administrators (financial & legal) – to be contracted/appointed

3.3.2 The Board of Administration shall meet at least once each calendar year. The Board of Administration shall adopt regulations to govern its own conduct, Regional Regulations to govern the conduct of the regions, and regulations to govern ISCD **Commissions**.

3.4 COMMISSIONS

3.4.1 The following 3 Commissions are appointed by the Executive Committee:

- o the Technical Commission
- o the Medical Commission
- o the Athletes Commission

4. Zonal COMMITTEES

4.1 Each Zonal Committee shall be composed as followed:

- o Chairperson
- o Secretary
- o Technical Officer
- o Referee Commissioner

4.2 The Chairperson of the Zonal Committee shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Administration.

4.3 The Chairperson, Secretary and the Technical Officer of the Zonal Committee shall be elected by the Regional Assembly. Their election shall be for a period of four years. After this period they shall be eligible for re-election.

4.4 The Referee Commissioner shall be appointed by the ISCD Executive Committee, on nomination of the ISCD Technical Commission, after consultation of the Zonal committee, for a period of four years, and shall not be elected by the Regional Assembly.

4.5 The Regional Assembly shall meet every 4 year in conjunction with the Regional Championships.

5 ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSIONS

5.1 Members of the Executive Committee and the Commissions shall be elected by secret ballot for a term of four years during the General Assembly in the year of the World Championships.

5.2 Member nations of ISCD shall be entitled to vote providing that they are in good standing. Each member nation shall have one vote.

5.3 Each member nation may nominate candidates only from its own nation for the above named offices. The Executive Committee may nominate candidates from any nation for the above named offices. All nominations need to be received in writing by the secretariat 40 days before the GA.

- 5.4 Any candidate nominated for election to the Executive Committee must be present at the General Assembly. All nominees must send their curriculum vitae to the Secretariat to be presented to the GA.
- 5.5 A simple majority of valid votes (50% +1) is required to secure election to an office. If more than two candidates are running for an office and no candidate gains a simple majority of valid votes (50% + 1) on the first ballot, there will be a second ballot between the two candidates gaining the most valid votes in the first ballot.

6 ISCD SECRETARIAT

- 6.1 The Secretariat is the administrative and communication centre of the ISCD and is under the responsibility and the authority of the President.
- 6.2 The Executive Committee determines the Secretariat's actual location.

7 FEES

- 7.1 The annual membership fee of the ISCD will be decided by the G.A.
- 7.2 The membership fee is due on the 28th February of each year. Any country not paying the membership fee by the deadline date for the current year may not participate in any competition or vote at the various meetings of the ISCD.

8 DISCIPLINE AND DISPUTES

- 8.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or take any other course of action against individuals, organisations or nations in breach of the ISCD Constitution or Rules and Regulations.
- 8.2 Member nations, organisations and individuals shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee if they consider they have just cause against the decision of the Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- 8.3 Any question or matter which is not provided for in this Constitution shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee's decision shall be binding on all members until the next General Assembly when the matter shall be resolved.

9 FINANCES

- 9.1 The ISCD fiscal year shall be the calendar year.
- 9.2 The Executive Committee shall have the right to levy fees.

- 9.3 The Executive Committee may assign the right to levy fees to the Zonal Committees upon conditions set by the Executive Committee.
- 9.4 The Executive Committee shall determine the use of the funds it accumulates in keeping with the objectives of ISCD, including any grants received from any other international organisation or outside agencies. The Financial Officer shall manage and audit the ISCD accounts.
- 9.5 The Executive Committee shall publish accounts annually. The General Assembly shall approve the financial audited reports and shall approve the budget as decided by the Executive Committee.

10 OTHER PROVISIONS

10.1 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE ISCD

- 10.1.1 English shall be the official languages of the ISCD.
- 10.1.2 English is the working language but Representatives from any of the affiliated countries may speak in their native language, translated to English by an interpreter provided at their own expense.

10.2 ETHICAL ISSUES

- 10.2.1 All political and religious discussions or demonstrations are forbidden within the ISCD.
- 10.2.2 No distinction is made between continents, countries or individuals for reasons of race, colour, gender, religion or politics.

10.3 ENTERING INTO FORCE AND AMENDMENT

- 10.3.1 This Constitution shall be modified only by the General Assembly. Proposals for amendments must be presented by the Executive Committee or by any member nation, and submitted to the Secretariat at least three months prior to the General Assembly. Two months prior to the General Assembly the Constitution, along with any proposed amendments, shall be distributed to the member nations.

To be adopted, an amendment shall require at least two-thirds of the valid votes cast.

- 10.3.2 This Constitution was adopted by the General Assembly at
....(place)..... on the(date)..... and entered into force on
that date.

10.4 WINDING UP OR DISSOLUTION

- 10.4.1 The International Shooting Committee for the Disabled may, at a special meeting called for that purpose and by resolution of a two-thirds majority of existing members, be wound up or dissolved.
- 10.4.2 If on the winding up or dissolution of the Committee, and after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property which remains, must be given or transferred to another body or bodies having similar objects to the Committee, and recognized by the International Paralympic Committee or a successor body.

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