



ISSSF



Key Highlights

2023





Overview

The year 2023 marked an important period of progress and strategic development for the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Throughout the year, the Federation addressed key governance matters, athlete representation, sustainability challenges, and development priorities, while continuing to adapt to a complex international sporting environment. Below is a summary of the main highlights and milestones achieved by the ISSF during 2023.

1. Participation of Individual Neutral Athletes

In line with international sporting discussions and the need to ensure fairness and inclusivity, the ISSF took the decision to allow athletes holding a Russian or Belarusian passport to be given the possibility to compete as Individual Neutral Athletes.

To oversee and manage this process in a transparent and responsible manner, the ISSF committed to the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee, as outlined under Item 7.1. This committee will be responsible for defining criteria and monitoring compliance with the applicable conditions.

2. Lead Restriction Discussions with FITASC

Environmental sustainability and regulatory compliance remained a key priority in 2023. On 8 August 2023, the ISSF hosted a meeting at its Headquarters with representatives of FITASC to discuss the implications and future challenges related to lead restrictions.

This meeting formed part of ongoing efforts to align approaches, exchange expertise, and prepare the shooting sport community for potential regulatory developments impacting the use of lead.

3. ISSF Athletes Committee Elections

The election of the ISSF Athletes Committee was successfully conducted during the ISSF World Championship in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The election process followed the official call and procedures circulated earlier in the year (Circular MFs Athletes Committee and Athlete Form), ensuring athlete representation and engagement within the governance structure of the Federation.

The outcome of the election reinforced the role of athletes in ISSF decision-making and strengthened dialogue between athletes and the Federation.

4. Creation of the ISSF Development Fund

In 2023, the ISSF established the ISSF Development Fund, representing a significant step forward in supporting global development initiatives.

The Fund is designed to enhance capacity-building, promote growth in emerging regions, and provide targeted support to Member Federations, reinforcing the ISSF's long-term commitment to the sustainable development of shooting sport worldwide.





5. ISSF Workshop in Munich

The ISSF held a Workshop in December 2023 in Munich, bringing together participants for in-depth discussions on key operational and strategic topics.

Despite exceptionally heavy snowfall across the region—which significantly affected travel and resulted in limited attendance—the workshop was successfully delivered as planned. The challenging conditions made the event particularly memorable and demonstrated the commitment of those who were able to attend.

The workshop agenda provided a structured framework for knowledge exchange and collaboration, contributing to ongoing institutional learning within the ISSF.

Conclusion

Overall, 2023 was a year of meaningful progress for the ISSF, marked by decisive governance actions, strengthened athlete representation, proactive engagement on sustainability issues, and renewed investment in development initiatives. These achievements provide a solid foundation for continued growth and adaptation in the years ahead.



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