GENERAL INFORMATION

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1. Invitation

The Invitation is attached to this General Information.

2. Dates and Schedule

Official Arrival	Friday 2nd of October, 14.00
Open Training Session	Friday 3rd of October, 14:00 – 16:00
Technical Meeting	Friday 3rd of October, 16:30
Competitions	Friday 2nd of October, Mixed Team Event
	Saturday 3rd of October, Individual Events
	Sunday 4th of October, Mixed Pair Event
Official Departure	Sunday 4th of October, after award Ceremony

The Preliminary Competition Schedule of the ISSF World Cup is attached to this General Information.

The latest Schedule updates will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

3. Rules and Regulations

The ISSF World Tour Target Sprint – Bellinzona, SUI 2026 will be conducted according to the ISSF Rules and Regulations for ISSF Target Sprint Competition "EDITION 2025 (First Print 12/2025) Effective 1 January 2026". Detailed information is available on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.
Juries will be designated by the Organizing Committee to supervise the Championship. Qualified Range Officers / Referees holding applicable licenses will conduct the competitions.

Rifle / Equipment

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory. However, athletes are responsible for competing with legal equipment and clothing. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control for checking before the start of the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-competition testing according to ISSF Target Sprint Rule 6 and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

Air or CO_2 Cylinders

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO_2 cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control.

4. Participation

Mixed Team Competition
The Mixed Team Competition will be held on Friday, 2 October and will be conducted as a single final race. There is no qualification round.
Each team consists of three (3) athletes. Teams may be formed in any order (female or male), provided that no team includes more than two athletes of the same gender (i.e. either two male and one female athlete or two female and one male athlete).
Teams composed of athletes from different ISSF Member Federations may also participate; however, these teams will be classified Out of Competition (OoC) and will not be eligible for medals or official rankings.

Individual Events
ISSF Member Federations can enter an unlimited number of athletes for individual event.

Mixed Pair Team Event
ISSF Member Federations can enter a maximum of six (6) teams, consisting of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete in an individual senior or junior event.

Juniors
Athletes will remain as juniors until the 31st December of the year in which they become 21 years of age. Any athlete born between the 1st January and the 31st December will cease to be a junior on the 31st December of that year.

5. Entry Process

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1 – 8) and return them by the established deadlines to the Organizing Committee. (see also: “Summary of Deadlines”).

Entries

ISSF Member Federations entering the Championship must submit the Entries not later than 30st of August 2026. Please complete the Entry Form (Annex 1, 2, 3 and 8) and return it by email to the Organizing Committee.

Entry Confirmation upon arrival

All team leaders must report to the Organizing Committee Entries Official and confirm their entries, including those for the team events. The confirmation must be completed on the day of the open training or the first competition day.

Entry Fees

The entry fees include all charges for registration.

Description	Fee
Entry Fee per athlete / per event	CHF 75.00
Entry Fee per team	CHF 75.00

Payment of the entry fee

The final entry must be submitted no later than August 30st to the Organizing Committee. Upon receipt of the registration, the Organizing Committee will send a confirmation.

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Based on the submitted entries, including the number of athletes, teams, mixed events, individual events, and any additional services such as meals, the Organizing Committee will subsequently issue an invoice. To ensure accurate billing and avoid discrepancies, registrations must be completed prior to any payment.

The invoice must be paid no later than September 20st. (No entry fees may be paid to the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) or travel agencies.)

All amounts must be paid in CHF and must include any transfer fees or similar charges may be applied by the bank. Please ensure that all necessary information is provided so the Organizing Committee can correctly assign payments to the respective federation.

A copy of the bank transfer receipt must be given to the team leader to bring to the Entry Confirmation.

The Entry Confirmation/Registration, which will take place on October 2nd at the venue, requires this document. All payments made at the venue must be paid in cash in CHF to the Organizing Committee upon arrival (credit cards will not be accepted).

Accreditation Process

Accreditations will be prepared in advance by the Organizing Committee.
Accreditations and BIB Numbers will be distributed by the Organizing Committee after payment of the entry fees.

6. Venue

The ISSF WORLD TOUR TARGET SPRINT 2026 – Bellinzona will take place at the Venue in Bellinzona (TI) Switzerland.
Address: Via Francesco Chiesa 4, 6501 Bellinzona (Ticino, Switzerland)

The shooting range is equipped as follows:

Range	Description
10m mobile Target Sprint Stand	10 firing points, mechanical falling targets

7. Immigration and Customs Requirements

Visa

Participants who need an official invitation letters for visa application, please send fully completed Visa Support Form (Annex 4) in Microsoft Word format together with clear passport scanned copies via email (wtts.sui@swissshooting.ch) to the Organizing Committee before **15 August 2026**.
The expiry date of the passport should be no shorter than **at least 6 months** after the departure date from Switzerland.

Unless the Organizing Committee receives a special request, the invitation will be sent by e-mail. If an express service is requested, the cost of this service will be charged to the federation and must be paid to the Organizing Committee upon arrival.

Police permit – gun License

The gun importation form (Annex 5) must be completed exclusively by delegations from **NON-EU/EFTA countries.**

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According to Swiss law, the import of firearms into Switzerland requires an approved gun importation form (Annex 5), duly certified by the Swiss authorities. This regulation also applies to air guns. Please ensure that you carry a copy of your certified gun form when entering Switzerland.

In addition, all delegations are advised to carry a complete list of all firearms and related equipment, which must be presented to customs or border police upon request together with the official invitation.

The form must be filled in completely and returned to the Organizing Committee no later than 15 August 2026. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.

Participants from EU / EFTA Countries

Participants who hold a valid European Firearms Passport (EFP) may import their weapons into Switzerland without additional permits.
However, all weapons – including air guns – must be listed in the EFP.

Participants from Non-EU / EFTA Countries (e.g. UK, USA etc.)

Participants from non-EU or non-EFTA countries, or those without a valid European Firearms Passport, must obtain a Swiss import permit in accordance with Article 40a of the Swiss Weapons Ordinance (WV).

The Organizing Committee (Swissshooting) will submit a group application on behalf of the athletes to the Swiss Federal Police (fedpol). For that please fill out annex 5 and send to: wtts.sui@swissshooting.ch.

A fee of **CHF 100** applies for the gun license for participants from Non-EU/EFTA countries.

Deadlines and conditions:
- The completed application form (annex 4, 5) and copies of the athletes' passports must be submitted no later than August 15, 2026.
- The processing time by fedpol is usually at least 10 working days.
- Entry into Switzerland without a valid permit may be refused and could result in legal consequences.

8. Accommodation

No official Accommodation hotel and transport is provided. But the following hotels are highly recommended for sports delegations due to their location and services.

If wished, we can provide accommodation in a civil protection shelter. Therefore, please send an email to: wtts.sui@swissshooting.ch

- **Hotel La Tureta**
  - Adress: Piazza Grande 43, 6512 Giubiasco – Bellinzona
  - Website: Hotel La Tureta | Boutique hotel a Giubiasco, Ticino

- **Hotel Bellinzona Sud**
  - Adress: Service Area Bellinzona Sud, Mundásc 3, 6513 Monte Carasso
  - Website: Hotel Bellinzona Sud

- **OSTELLO MONTEBELLO - BELLINZONA YOUTH HOSTEL**

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- Adress: Via Nocca 4, 6500 Bellinzona
- Website: https://ostellomontebello.ch/

- **Hotel Gamper**
  - Adress: Viale Stazione 29a, 6500 Bellinzona
  - Website: Hotel Gamper

- **Hotel Unione Bellinzona**
  - Adress: Via Henri Guisan 1, 6500 Bellinzona
  - Website: Home - Hotel Unione

- **6532 SMART HOTEL**
  - Adress: Via San Gottardo 1, 6532 Castione
  - Website: https://6532smarthotel.ch/

Food Service at the Shooting Range

Food and beverages will be available at the venue and shooting range. For lunch and dinner, which will be served on a self-service basis at a special price, advance registration together with the final entry is mandatory.

Lunch	20.00 CHF per person
Dinner (Friday)	20.00 CHF per person

Official dinner on Saturday, incl. price giving ceremony: 25.- CHF per person

9. Travel and Transportation

Travel – Arrival

The designated airports for entry are Zurich International Airport (ZRH) and EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg. (BSL/MLH).

Distances to the Venue	Kilometers	Time
Zurich International Airport to Bellinzona	234 Km	2 hours and 45 minutes
EuroAirport Basel to Bellinzona	243 Km	3 hours and 10 minutes

There are separate possibilities to rent a car at Zürich International Airport and EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg

Local Transportation – Shuttle Service
There will be no official Transportation from / to the airport to the official hotels / no local transportation from the hotels to the Venue offered during the whole competition

10. Competition Related Procedures at the Shooting Range

Technical Meeting

Each participating ISSF Member Federation should have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding the final competition and training schedules, draw procedures, and other important matters related to the championship. The time of the meeting will be confirmed after the entry deadline.

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Storage of Firearms and Ammunition (pellets)

To ensure the safety of firearms and ammunition for athletes participating in the ISSF World Cup Bellinzona 2026, all federations shall comply with the following regulations:

It is strictly forbidden to take any arms or ammunition (including pellets) outside the venue, especially to the Accommodation. This regulation must also be strictly followed by Athletes possessing a European Firearms Passport. The armoury will be checked every evening to ensure that all weapons have been returned.

The armoury will be open from 2nd to 4th of October 2026.

Doping Control Tests

Doping Controls Tests can be conducted in accordance with the actual ISSF Anti-Doping Rules.

11. Ceremonies

Victory Ceremony

The Victory Ceremonies will take place at the venue. (see Final Competition Schedule).

Please note that the Award Ceremony for the Mixed Team competition (Friday) will be held on Saturday as part of the official Award Ceremony (see Final Competition Schedule).

During all ceremonies, athletes are required to wear their official national uniform or national tracksuit (top and bottom).

Flags and Anthems

The Organizing Committee does not need any flags or anthems from the delegations.

12. Weather

You may expect mild temperatures in Bellinzona (SUI) in October, with average temperatures ranging between 13°C and 14°C. During the day, temperatures can reach pleasant values of around 18°C and may occasionally exceed 20°C, while nights can cool down to approximately 10°C. Nevertheless, weather conditions in Bellinzona (SUI) can be changeable, with a mix of sunny autumn days and possible rain showers, as October is among the wetter months in the region. Therefore, please make sure to check the weather forecast before your departure to *Bellinzona (SUI)*.

13. Annexes

All necessary Registration Forms are attached to this General Information.

14. Summary of Deadlines

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