INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

ISSF Electoral and Nominations Commission (ENC)
Notice No 1

To:	Member Federations
Subject:	2026 ISSF General Assembly Elections Call for Candidates & Candidate Nomination Form
From:	ISSF Electoral and Nominations Commission (ENC)
Date:	12 August 2026

Dear Member Federations,

The International Shooting Sport Federation invites its Full Member Federations in good standing to submit nominations for positions to be elected at the ISSF General Assembly to be held in Rome on 13–14 December 2026.

The nomination and election process will be overseen by the ISSF Electoral and Nomination Commission (ENC), established by the Executive Committee to ensure that the process is conducted in a transparent, fair, impartial and orderly manner.

The ENC will act independently in carrying out its responsibilities under the ISSF Constitution, the ISSF Electoral Rules, the ISSF Integrity Code and its Terms of Reference.

About the Electoral and Nominations Commission

The ENC has been established to oversee the 2026 ISSF nomination and election process and to help ensure that it is conducted fairly, transparently, impartially and in an orderly manner.

The ENC is independent of candidates, Member Federations and other ISSF bodies. Its responsibilities include reviewing candidate eligibility and integrity, supervising compliance with the campaign rules, considering alleged breaches of the Electoral Rules and referring matters to the Integrity Unit where appropriate.

The ENC does not select preferred candidates or direct how Member Federations should vote. Its role is to apply the Constitution, Electoral Rules and Integrity Code consistently so that all candidates are treated fairly and members can have confidence in the election process.

Its members are Margot Foster OLY (AUS) Chair, Niels Lindholm (FRA) and Paolo Basarri (ITA).

Positions to be elected

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

- President;
- four Vice-Presidents*;
- five ordinary members of the Executive Committee; and
- the chairpersons of the following Committees:
    - Technical Committee;
    - Rifle Committee;
    - Pistol Committee;
    - Shotgun Committee;
    - Moving Target Committee;
    - Target Sprint Committee;
    - Judges Committee;
    - Coaches Committee;
    - Statutes and Eligibility Committee;
    - Medical Committee;
    - Sustainability Committee; and
    - E-Sports, E-Games and Technological Innovations Committee.

The Chairperson of the Athletes Committee is not elected by the General Assembly and is not included in this process.

Who may nominate

Each Full Member Federation in good standing may nominate one candidate for each position, or category of position, subject to election.

Each candidate must have the formal support of his or her Member Federation and each candidacy must be submitted in writing using the approved online Candidate Nomination Form (see link below).

By submitting the Candidate Nomination Form, the Member Federation agrees to bear all costs, including travel and accommodation expenses, associated with participation of the nominated candidate in ISSF meetings should the candidate be elected, subject to the applicable ISSF Travel Policy (travel and accommodation expenses for members of the Executive Committee and Council will be covered by the ISSF).

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* Please note that subject to a review of the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee it is going to be proposed to the General Assembly to amend the ISSF Constitution to the effect that five (5) Vice Presidents (instead of four) represented by both genders, one from each of the five (5) Continents, be elected by the General Assembly. Candidates must hold the citizenship of a country of the nominating Member Federation from that Continent. The election of five Vice Presidents will only take place in the ISSF General Assembly 2026 if the ISSF General Assembly 2026 has prior voted to amend the ISSF Constitution accordingly, with the relevant majority.

Submission of Nominations

Nominations must be submitted by the Member Federations through completing the Candidate Nominations Form which is available as an online form (see link below). All nominations must only be submitted via the online form. Nominations sent to the ISSF by email will not be accepted and will not be considered a valid nomination,but will be deemed not received.

As the online form does not allow submissions with mandatory fields left blank, we have attached a Word version of the entire form for your convenience. You may use this document internally to facilitate the collection of the required information, however, the Word version must not be used for submission of the nomination. The nominations must be submitted via the online form only.

Nomination deadline

Completed nominations must be received no later than **14 September 2026 at 11.59pm CET.**

Late nominations will not be accepted.

Election Timetable

Date	Stage
12 August 2026	Call for Candidates issued and nominations open; Candidate Nomination Forms available
14 September 2026	Nominations close
Within two business days of receipt	Secretariat checks each Candidate Nomination Forms for completeness
Within seven days of notice	Any incomplete Candidate Nomination Forms must be completed. See below for meaning of “incomplete”.
By 14 October 2026	Eligibility and integrity assessments completed and nominating Member Federations notified
14 October 2026	Official list of eligible candidates, biographies and candidate statements published
14 October 2026	Campaign period begins
6 December 2026	Interim campaign expenditure declaration due
13–14 December 2026	General Assembly and elections
At the close of the General Assembly	Campaign period ends
No later than 28 December 2026	Final itemised campaign expenditure declaration due

Incomplete Candidate Nomination Form: A nomination form is incomplete where a required section has not been completed, or a required document, declaration or signature has not been provided. The seven-day completion period allows the missing material to be supplied; it does not permit a candidate or Member Federation to revise, improve or replace content that was already submitted.

All questions and election-related communications (other than the candidate nominations themselves) must be submitted through **elections@issf-sports.org**. **NOTE** that nominations sent to the ISSF via this email address will not be accepted.

Candidate requirements

To be eligible for election, a candidate must satisfy all requirements in the ISSF Constitution and Electoral Rules, including that the candidate:

- has the support of the nominating Member Federation;
- is not older than 75 years on the date of election;
- has not served more than 12 consecutive years in the same elective position;
- is not subject to any current period of ineligibility imposed under disciplinary, ethics, integrity, anti-doping or safeguarding rules;
- has not, within the last four years of the nomination, been convicted of any breach of the ISSF Integrity Code or corresponding ethical, integrity or disciplinary rules of another sports governing body;
- has not been convicted of an offence of the kind identified in Article 6.1(d) of the Electoral Rules;
- passes the eligibility and integrity assessment conducted by the ENC;
- satisfies any additional requirements applicable to the particular position; and
- is available and able to fulfil the responsibilities of the position.

A person may be elected or appointed to only one ISSF position, except where a position is held ex officio.

Candidates for the Judges Committee must hold a licence or qualification required by the Constitution or other applicable ISSF rules. Candidates for discipline committees should have appropriate knowledge and experience of the relevant discipline.

Standards expected of candidates

Candidates for ISSF positions are expected to demonstrate:

- an impeccable reputation and standing in the sport;
- personal integrity and sound judgement;
- the capacity to act independently and in the interests of the ISSF as a whole;
- appropriate governance and leadership skills;
- an understanding of the responsibilities of an international Olympic federation;
- the ability to work constructively across countries, cultures and disciplines; and
- the time and capacity necessary to perform the role.

Election to an ISSF position is not a representative appointment on behalf of the nominating Member Federation. Once elected, office-holders must act impartially and independently in the best interests of the ISSF.

The Candidate Nomination Form (accessible via an online form)

This form includes the following components all of which must be completed:

- the signatures of the candidate and nominating Member Federation and evidence of the Member Federation's decision to nominate the candidate;
- the candidate's current contact details and valid email address;
- a biography suitable for publication;
- a written statement setting out the candidate's vision and objectives for the role;
- confirmation that the candidate has read, understood and agrees to comply with the ISSF Constitution, the ISSF Integrity Code, the Electoral Rules and other applicable ISSF rules;
- a declaration of availability;
- a declaration that the candidate satisfies all applicable eligibility requirements;
- disclosure of any interests or relationships that could give rise to an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest;
- the required integrity declaration;
- acknowledgement of the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in relation to disputes concerning eligibility; and
- any consent required for background, disciplinary, criminal, media and other integrity checks.

The nominating Member Federation must also state why it considers the candidate qualified for the position.

Candidates have a continuing obligation to disclose any material change affecting their eligibility, integrity declaration, interests or availability at any time before the election.

Review of Candidate Nomination Forms

The ISSF Secretariat will conduct an initial review of each nomination package within two business days of receipt.

Where a package is complete, it will be forwarded to the ENC.

Where a Form is incomplete, the nominating Member Federation will be notified and given seven days to provide the missing information or documents. A candidature that remains incomplete after that period may be declared inadmissible.

This period is only for providing missing objective and factual data or documents not for revising, improving or replacing information already submitted. The ENC may reject a Form where personal statements and information about the candidate have been amended as to substance and style on the basis that it is a fresh nomination submitted after the closing date.

The ENC may request any additional information or documentation it considers necessary to assess a candidature.

Eligibility and integrity assessment

The ENC will review each candidature and conduct such eligibility and integrity checks as it considers appropriate.

Those checks may include consideration of:

- disciplinary and criminal records;
- conflicts of interest;
- reputation for integrity;
- previous conduct within the ISSF or other sports organisations;
- adverse information relevant to the role; and
- any other matter relevant to the proper exercise of the position.

The ENC may seek further information from the candidate or nominating Member Federation and may use an external provider or independent expert where appropriate.

A candidate found ineligible will be notified and allowed to provide written observations before the ENC makes its final decision.

Final decisions affecting a candidature or eligibility will be notified in writing.

Publication of the names of eligible candidates

The ENC will determine candidate eligibility and integrity and notify the nominating Member Federations by **14 October 2026**, subject to confirmation of the final election timetable.

The official list of eligible and vetted candidates will then be published on the ISSF website and communicated to all Member Federations.

Candidate biographies and statements will be published on the same date.

Campaign period: 14 October to 14 December 2026

The campaign period will begin only when the official list of candidates is published on the ISSF website and will end at the close of the General Assembly.

No candidate may campaign before publication of the official list. Any alleged breach of this rule should be reported to the ENC, with supporting evidence, for investigation.

Candidates must at all times comply with the ISSF Constitution, Electoral Rules, Integrity Code and all other applicable rules. Campaigns must be conducted fairly, with dignity, moderation and respect for other candidates and the sport.

During the campaign period, candidates **may**:

- contact Member Federations directly;
- visit Member Federations;
- use their personal social media accounts;
- grant unpaid media interviews;
- publish and distribute their campaign views and objectives; and
- engage professional advisers, provided the costs are declared.

Candidates **must not**:

- use paid advertising in print, broadcast or online media;
- use sponsored content, boosted posts or other paid social media promotion;
- pay journalists or media outlets;
- use political canvassing services;
- offer or accept gifts, hospitality, donations or other benefits connected with the election;
- pay for or accept travel, accommodation or expenses connected with campaign activities;
- use ISSF, Continental Confederation or Member Federation resources for campaign purposes, especially if the candidate is an incumbent;
- make promises or undertakings intended to influence votes;
- intimidate, coerce or improperly influence voters;
- enter into voting arrangements or collude with other candidates;
- use institutional social media accounts to promote a candidature; or
- claim endorsement by the IOC, ASOIF or another international sporting organisation.

Campaign expenditure

The maximum campaign expenditure per candidate is **EUR 25,000**.

Candidates must keep complete and accurate records of all campaign expenditure. An interim declaration, including a summary of expenditure incurred and confirmation that the EUR 25,000 limit has not been and is not expected to be exceeded, must be submitted to the Secretary General by 6 December 2026.

A final itemised declaration covering the entire campaign period, together with supporting documentation, must be submitted within 14 days after the General Assembly. Incomplete, inaccurate or late declarations may result in action under Article 15 of the Electoral Rules.

Questions

The ENC is here to support a fair and orderly process. We want Member Federations and candidates to understand what is required, have a proper opportunity to participate and be treated consistently throughout.

Questions are welcome and should be sent to elections@issf-sports.org so that we can provide practical guidance while maintaining the ENC's independence. However, the ENC will not answer questions about the merits or likely eligibility of any particular candidate nor the status of a candidacy.

Relevant documents

The following documents accompany this Call for Candidates or are available via the ISSF website:

- Candidate Nomination Form
- ISSF Constitution;
- ISSF Electoral Rules; and
- ISSF Integrity Code.

Member Federations and candidates are responsible for reading and complying with all applicable documents.