

New Delhi, IND

January 2023

TO THE KIND ATTENTION OF ALL ISSF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

INVITATION

Dear Friends,

The National Rifle Association of India and the Organizing Committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the

ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Bhopal 2023

which will take place from March 20 - 27, 2023 at the M.P. Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Enclosed herewith please find the General Information, Preliminary Competition Schedule and Registration Forms which are also available on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org and the website of the Organizing Committee www.thenrai.in.

All participating federations are asked to complete the registration forms and return them by the set deadlines.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service http://entry.issf-sports.info to make your Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials directly online.

We hope to welcome all ISSF Member Federations and make the ISSF World Cup Bhopal 2023 a successful competition.

With best regards,

K. SULTAN SINGH
Organizing Secretary and Secretary General NRAI

ISSF Technical Delegate:

c/o 5 New Pho

Organizing Committee: Mr. K. Sultan Singh (Organizing Secretary) The National Rifle Association of India c/o 51-B, Tughlakabad Institutional Area New Delhi – 110062 – India



GENERAL INFORMATION

All information is available on the following websites:

www.issf-sports.org

www.thenrai.in

All Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials can be done directly online:

http://entry.issf-sports.info

If any entries cannot be done online, please send the form directly to: <u>marco.mori@issf-sports.org</u> or willi@issf-sports.org

1. Invitation

The Invitation is attached to this General Information.

2. Dates and Schedule

Official Arrival 20 MAR 2023 Official / Pre-Event Training 21 MAR 2023 Technical Meeting 21 MAR 2023

Competitions 21 MAR – 27 MAR 2023

Official Departure 27 MAR 2023

The Preliminary Competition Schedule of the ISSF World Cup is attached to this General Information. The Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule) will be distributed after the Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day).

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

3. Rules and Regulations

The ISSF World Cup will be conducted according to the actual ISSF Rules and Regulations – Detailed information is available on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

ISSF Juries (Competition Jury, RTS Jury, and Equipment Control Jury) will be designated by the ISSF to supervise the ISSF WC. Qualified Range Officials holding applicable ISSF licenses will conduct the competitions.

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Rifle / Pistol 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 competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-competition testing and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

Rifle Clothing

All rifle athletes must have ISSF seals with serial numbers on their jackets and trousers. Any rifle jackets or trousers that do not have ISSF seals must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the athlete's first competition. Jackets and trousers that were previously inspected and have an ISSF seal continue to be valid except that athletes with more than one jacket or trousers must report to Equipment Control before their first competition to confirm which jacket and which trousers they will use. All other seal numbers for that athlete will be cancelled. Athletes that wish to replace a registered jacket or trousers with a new clothing item must bring that item to Equipment Control for inspection and a new seal. Previous seals will then be cancelled. Rifle athletes can have only one active jacket and trousers at any time.

Rifle Clothing Post-Competition Stiffness Testing

If one panel of a rifle jacket or trousers tests 2.9 or lower, the stiffness device must be recalibrated and the panel must be retested. If it fails again, but all other panels pass, the athlete will not be disqualified, but a written warning must be given to the athlete and the ISSF seal must be cut off. The athlete can continue using this clothing for that day in that event. If two or more panels fail, the athlete must be disqualified (DSQ).

Air or CO₂ Cylinders

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO2 cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control.

4. Participation

Individual Events

ISSF Member Federations can enter a maximum of five (5) athletes in individual events but only three (3) of them can be registered to compete in the Final for the medals. The other two (2) can only compete for the ranking points.

Mixed Team Events

ISSF Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman per mixed team event.

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Maximum Entry

The maximum number of starts per event is the number of athlete entries that can be accepted for each ISSF World Cup event. Range capacity is determined by the available shooting time and the number of available firing points.

If the maximum number of starts is reached during the Final Entry process, a "waiting list" for that event(s) will be established. If cancellations are subsequently received, entries from the waiting list will be entered on a first come, first served basis. ISSF Headquarters and the Organizing Committee will cooperate to determine if additional entries from the waiting list can be accommodated.

Men Events	Max. No. of Starts	Women Events	Max. No. of Starts
10m Air Rifle Men 50m 3 Positions Men 10m Air Pistol Men 25m RFP Men	120 90 120 60	10m Air Rifle Women 50m 3 Positions Wome 10m Air Pistol Women 25m Pistol Women	120 n 90 120 70
Mixed Team Events Max. N	lo. of Starts		
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team	60 60		

ISSF ID Number

All athletes must sign an "Athlete's Declaration" and have an official ISSF ID number issued before participation in the ISSF World Cup. Athletes without ISSF ID number will not be allowed to participate. ISSF ID numbers can be obtained from the ISSF Headquarters by using the official application form.

Athlete biographies will be distributed and photos will be taken.

5. Entry Process

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1 –9) and return them by the established deadlines.

Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials must be submitted to ISSF Headquarters. Entry Forms are provided, but ISSF Member Federations are urged to use the ISSF Online Registration Service.

All other Registration Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee (see also: "Summary of Deadlines").

Preliminary Entries

ISSF Member Federations entering the ISSF World Cup must submit the Preliminary Entries not later than 18 JAN 2023.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service http://entry.issf-sports.info, or exceptionally complete the Preliminary Entry Form (Annex 1) and return it by email to marco.mori@issf-sports.org.

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Final Entries

ISSF Member Federations must forward their Final Entries directly to the ISSF HQ. The Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day) is **18 FEB 2023**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service http://entry.issf-sports.info, or exceptionally complete the Final Entry Forms (Annex 3) and return them by email to marco.mori@issf-sports.org or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

Late Entries

If the maximum number of athlete entries have not been reached, late entries will only be accepted until the Late Entry Deadline (3 days before the Official Arrival day) which is **17 MAR 2023.**

Important Note: Until the 3 days Late Entry Deadline, the following changes in the Final Entries are possible without restriction and additional fees:

- a) Change of names / athletes within an event
- b) Change of Status (World Cup athlete ↔ "MQS only" athlete) within an event.

Any additional entries received after the Late Entry Deadline, from 18 MAR 2023 onwards, may not participate.

Entry Confirmation upon arrival

All Team Leaders of ISSF Member Federation Delegations must report to the OC Entries Official and confirm their Final Entries. The confirmation must be completed before 12:00hrs on the day before the Pre-Event Training.

Entry Changes after the Late Entry Deadline

From 19 MAR 2023 onwards, only the following changes in the Final Entries are permitted:

- a) Replacement of a registered athlete by another already registered athlete in another event can be made only before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training for that event.
- b) Change of Status in an event: an "MQS only" athlete can replace a withdrawn "World Cup" athlete. The withdrawn "World Cup" athlete may not shoot for "MQS only". The exchange of athletes within an event is not permitted.

Cancellation

Any ISSF Member Federation that reduces the number of athletes listed in their Final Entries after the Final Entry Deadline (18 FEB 2023) must pay applicable entry fees and hotel room cancellation costs according to the number of athletes and entries on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid, no member of that federation may participate.

Entry Fee

The entry fees include all charges for registration, local transportation between shooting range and official hotels and doping control.

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Fee		Description
EUR	170	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR	170	Final Entry Fee per Mixed Team
EUR	50	Final Entry Fee per Official
EUR	50	Additional Late Entry Fee per athlete / per Mixed Team / per event
EUR	170	Cancellation Fee per athlete / per Mixed Team / per event

Unofficial Training Fee

Euro 25 Per Person Per Lane for 3 Hours

Payment of Entry Fees

All payments must be cash in Euro / US Dollars only to the Organizing Committee upon arrival at the shooting complex. Payment using either credit or debit cards or traveler's or bank cheques will NOT be accepted. Upon request, invoice can be sent for payment through bank transfer. Any charge, deducted by bank shall be collected from the federation making payment through bank transfer. Federations are requested to clearly assign payment to Organizing Committee in order to afford credit to the federation making payment through bank transfer. Bank details are mentioned under paragraph 8 below.

Accreditation Process

All persons involved in the ISSF World Cup (Athletes, Team Officials, ISSF Officials, OC Officials, Media Persons) must have accreditations that clearly identify the accreditation holder (with photograph, family name and first name, nation and function) in order to use the local transportation and to enter controlled areas on the shooting range.

Accreditations (for persons registered before the Late Entry Deadline and with photograph in the ISSF database) will be prepared by the ISSF Headquarters and Organizing Committee. All other accreditations will be prepared by the ISSF World Cup Accreditation Office.

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

6. Shooting Range

The ISSF World Cup will take place at the M.P. State Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Address:

M.P. State Shooting Academy Goregaon, Barkheda, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh - 462004, India

Rifle/Pistol

The shooting range is equipped as follows:

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Range Description

10M Hall 70 Firing Points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

25M Range 40 Firing Points (8 groups), electronic targets, SIUS AG

50M Range 60 Firing Points, electronic targets, SIUS AG Finals Hall 10 Firing Points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

The firing direction of the 25m and 50m range is north.

7. Immigration and Customs Requirements

VISA

THERE IS NO PROVISION OF "VISA ON ARRIVAL" IN INDIA!

VISA Support Form (Annex 7) will be provided by the Organizing Committee for the Championship. Participants who need VISA support letter are kindly requested to complete VISA Support Form and return it to the Organizing Committee not later than **03 FEB 2023**. Please submit the form fully completed, signed and stamped by the federation. Please do not change the forms and do not use other forms. Incomplete or incorrect forms will be returned, unprocessed.

As per immigration laws in India, visa for participants from (1) Afghanistan, (2) Iraq, (3) Pakistan, (4) Sudan, (5) Foreigners of Pakistan origin and (6) Stateless persons can be issued only after Ministry of Home (MHA) clearance. Therefore, online application for Visa must be made at least 60 days in advance by the participants of these countries. Further, ISSF Member Federations from these countries should send information about participants in the following format at least 60 days in advance to facilitate visa process:

S.NO.	NAME	FATHER/HUSBAND'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY & PASSPORT NUMBER	DATE OF ISSUE	PLACE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRY	ONLINE VISA APPLICATION NUMBER	ADDRESS INCOUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Note: All fields are mandatory

If the number of participants from/above mentioned countries is more than 15, the information should be provided in soft copy (in excel (.xls format) also.

Applications/list of participants from the above mentioned countries not submitted in time are liable to be summarily rejected.

Gun Permits

All athletes must declare the firearms and ammunition to be brought into India and return to the Organizing Committee the Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) no later than **03 FEB 2023**. Please submit the form fully completed, signed and stamped by the federation.

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On arrival at New Delhi airport, the participants must produce Annex 8 (in triplicate) to the Custom authorities for verification of firearms and ammunition.

All participating federations are advised to book their flight through Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. THE FLIGHT MUST BE BOOKED 8 HOURS AFTER THE ARRIVAL AT NEW DELHI AIRPORT. The clearance of guns and ammunition will ONLY be arranged at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.

The cost of the Gun Permit Fee is EUR 20.00 per weapon.

8. Accommodation

Official Hotels

List of official hotels is listed below. Participants interested to book official accommodation are requested to complete appropriate Final Hotel Reservation Form (Annex 5) and return to the Organizing Committee not later than **03 FEB 2023**. The reservation will be on a "first come – first service" basis. The hotel booking shall be confirmed on receipt of Final Hotel Reservation Form along with 100% of advance towards room rent charges. In case of cancellation after 4 MAR 2023 / or no show, the Organizing Committee will charge full costs of all nights for rooms confirmed by you.

Hotel name	Star category	No. of rooms available	Inclusion	Single room rate	Double room rate
TAJ LAKEFRONT	5*STAR	50	Bed & Breakfast	180 EURO	200 EURO
JEHAN NUMA	5*STAR	50	Bed & Breakfast	160 EURO	180 EURO
MARRIOTT	5*STAR	40	Bed & Breakfast	150 EURO	170 EURO
RADISSON	5*STAR	40	Bed & Breakfast	150 EURO	170 EURO
FERN RESIDENCY	4*STAR	30	Bed & Breakfast	120 EURO	140 EURO

Please note that in case any team/federation books accommodation directly, no official recognition would be given and no official transportation shall be provided by us.

PAYMENT TERMS

50% ADVANCE BEFORE 3 FEB 2023

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Payment should be paid by wire transfer to:

Beneficiary Name : National Rifle Association of India

Beneficiary Bank : STATE BANK OF INDIA

Branch : 11, SANSAD MARG, NEW DELHI-110001

Account No. : 00000040088163715

 Swift Code
 :
 SBININBB104

 IFSC Code
 :
 SBIN0000691

 MICR Code
 :
 110002087

Food Service at the Shooting Range

Catering services will be made available at ranges against payment. For dinner and other services in hotels, participants are requested to settle bills before their departure.

9. Travel and Transportation

Travel – Arrival

Participating federations will be met and facilitated on arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. Teams will then clear immigration and security controls and then proceed for onward flight to Bhopal wherein the teams will be welcomed and will be taken to respective Hotels through transport.

Airport pick up - Transportation to the Official Hotels (and return for departure)

Participants will be transported to their hotels. The transportation for airport pick up/drop off is free of charge starting on the official arrival day until the official departure day. For the persons who wish to arrive before / leave after official arrival / departure day, the cost of the transportation for the airport pick up will be as following and the same has to be booked in advance

Type of Transport	No. of persons with luggage	No. of persons without luggage	Rate for airport pick up/drop
Innova Car	2-3	4-5	150.00 EUR
Mini-Bus	6-8	10-12	250.00 EUR
Bus (25 Seater)	15-18	22-25	350.00 EUR
Bus (35 Seater)	24-27	32-35	400.00 EUR

Local Transportation – Shuttle Service

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Transportation to and from hotels to the Range will be arranged by the Organizing Committee free of charge during the Official Competition days. A transportation time table between the hotels and shooting complex will be available in the hotels.

Participating Federations should confirm their departure timetable with the Organizing Committee (Annex 4) at least 48 hours prior to departure from Bhopal.

For the teams who wish to arrive before the official arrival day and need additional transport to and from hotel to the range, the same will be arranged by the Organizing Committee. The charges for the additional transport are:

Shuttle Charges from Hotel to Shooting Range & back

Type of Transport	No. of persons	Rate for shuttle service
Innova Car	4-5	150.00 EUR
Mini-Bus	10-12	250.00 EUR
Bus (25 Seater)	22-25	350.00 EUR
Bus (35 Seater)	32-35	400.00 EUR

10. Competition Related Procedures at the Shooting Range

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on 21 MAR 2023, at the Finals hall.

Each participating ISSF Member Federation is kindly requested to have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition and Training Schedules, draw procedures and other important issues related to the ISSF World Cup. The time of the meeting will be confirmed after the Final Entry Deadline.

Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

While in India, all guns and ammunition must be stored in the armoury at the shooting range. Delegations are advised that all teams and individuals/groups arriving separately should carry a signed and stamped copy of the Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) while both entering and departing India. The storage of guns and ammunition in hotels and outside the shooting range is strictly prohibited. Armoury will be open to facilitate the arrival of official teams until departure.

Ammunition

The following ammunition will be available at the Shooting Ranges:

.22 Eley Tenex Rifle – 25.00 EURO for a box of 50 cartridges

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.22 Eley Tenex Pistol – 25.00 EURO for a box of 50 cartridges RWS R10 Air Pellets – 10.00 EURO for one tin of 500 pellets

Doping Control Tests

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules and the ISSF Test Distribution Plan 2019 under the supervision of the ISSF Technical Delegate.

11. Ceremonies

Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Shooting Ranges on 21st March 2023. There will be no closing ceremony.

Victory Ceremony

The Victory Ceremonies will take place at the shooting range / Finals hall immediately after the end of each Final. (see also: Final Competition Schedule). During the ceremonies the athletes are required to present themselves in their official national uniform or national tracksuits (tops and bottoms).

Flags and Anthems

All teams must bring one (1) copy of their national anthem (CD) and three (3) national flags (1x2m) and deposit them with the Organizing Committee during the team registration process.

12. Weather Information

Temperatures during the period range from 20°C to 35°C. Average sunlight is 11 hours/day.

13. Media Relations

All Media representatives must register for the ISSF World Cup by using the Media Accreditation Form (Annex 9). Media Room and Press Conference rooms will be provided separately for the media persons. Mr. Somit Biswas will be liaison officer. The email of Mr. Somit Biswas is somit.biswas@gmail.com

All Finals will be covered by ISSF TV and will be displayed on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

14. Industry Service

Adequate arrangements will be available for firearm and equipment repair services.

15. Annexes

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16. Summary of Deadlines

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