

## ISSF Development Fund

### - Programme Rules –

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#### Introduction

In December 2018, the ISSF President, Mr. Vladimir Lisin, proposed to establish an ISSF Development Fund, to which the President would contribute money of his personal means. The ISSF Development Fund shall initially run from 2019 until 2022.

The ISSF Executive Committee unanimously approved the creation of the Development Fund and the implementation of a system that can guarantee full transparency in the decision-making process and in financial operations of the ISSF Development Fund. The ISSF is going to encourage other parties to contribute to this Development Fund for the good of the shooting sport.

The broad objective of the ISSF Development Fund is to contribute to the promotion of the shooting sport worldwide. This shall be realized by the following support mechanisms:

- Support shall be granted to the ISSF Member Federations from those nations, where the shooting sport is not developed enough, or certain disciplines of the shooting sport lack development.
- Support shall be granted to the ISSF Member Federation for obtaining quota places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- Support shall be granted for the organization of the ISSF Final Tournament of the top-ranked athletes at the end of a year.
- Support shall be granted to the Continental Confederations in order to support their efforts on continental level in the interest of the promotion of the international shooting sport.

The allocation of any means of the ISSF Development Fund, their proportion and distribution shall be decided by the Board of Trustees of the Development Fund (hereinafter the “BoT”).

After each year of operations, the support mechanisms depending on its results can be amended by the BoT upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

The members of the BoT are appointed by the ISSF Executive Committee for a four-year term.

The BoT will also be in charge of controlling the proper use of the granted support as well as of guaranteeing that the entire process will be characterized by transparency.

The BoT shall be comprised of the following members:

- One representative of the African Shooting Sport Federation
- One representative of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas
- One representative of the Asian Shooting Confederation
- One representative of the European Shooting Confederation

- One representative of the Oceania Shooting Federation
- One representative of the ISSF Athletes Committee
- One independent lawyer

The BoT may take decisions if at least five of its members are present in the respective meeting. The members shall be invited to BoT meetings at least one month before the meeting shall be conducted. The BoT may also pass decisions by video conference or by postal vote. Decisions of the BoT require a simple majority of the votes cast.

The following Programme Rules shall apply for the ISSF Development Fund:

**1. Support for ISSF Member Federations from those nations, where the shooting sport is not developed enough or certain disciplines of the shooting sport lack development**

**1.1. Purpose**

The grant of support to ISSF Member Federations to better develop the shooting sport at their national level in order to increase the number of practising athletes and thereby promote the development of the shooting sport worldwide.

**1.2. Potential beneficiaries**

ISSF Member Federations wishing to benefit from the Development Fund must correspond to the following prerequisites:

- To have development programs for shooting sport supported by the governmental authorities or their NOC;
- To demonstrate activity on national level and regularly organize national shooting sport competitions;
- To have existing shooting facilities or facilities under construction according to the national development programs.

**1.3. Specification of support**

- 1.3.1. The support of the Member Federations may range from equipment (targets, scoring systems, ammunition, etc.) for shooting facilities to services (education programs) provided by the ISSF. Subsidies in form of cash payments are excluded.
- 1.3.2. The support shall not be granted before the shooting facility to be equipped is completed and ready for use.
- 1.3.3. Further details are provided in the Support Agreement, which shall be concluded at the end of the application procedure between the ISSF and the respective Member Federation.

1.3.4. Education programs to be realized together with the Continental Confederations. All study materials will be available at the ISSF website. The practical part must be conducted at shooting venues.

#### **1.4. Application Procedure**

1.4.1. The applying Member Federation must send a signed Application to the ISSF Secretariat (ISSF headquarters) and provide information about the development of shooting sport in its territory. Such information shall in particular include:

- A detailed presentation of existing shooting facilities including information on its equipment;
- Information on the number of athletes, coaches and judges engaged in the shooting sport under the supervision of the Member Federation;
- Information on shooting sport competitions organised by the Member Federation and/or in which its athletes participated in the past five years.

1.4.2. The Application shall contain the Development Plan, the detailed information about the proposed project(s) and, if the project presumes the construction of the shooting facility/facilities, in particular, including:

- Information on the involvement of the government and/or the NOC;
- Project schedule;
- Budget;
- Location, size and owner of the premises;
- Type(s) of shooting sport to be practised;
- Planned completion date.

1.4.3. The documents submitted shall be evaluated by the ISSF Development Commission, which shall forward the Application with its recommendations to the BoT. The BoT has full discretion whether it supports the requested or any other support for the applicant.

1.4.4. The BoT shall be the final body approving each application and determining the details of the support granted to the Member Federation.

1.4.5. The Application Procedure closes with the conclusion of the Support Agreement between the Member Federation and the ISSF.

#### **1.5. Monitoring and reporting**

1.5.1. The Member Federation shall provide the BoT with periodic reports of the use of the granted support as set out in the Support Agreement. In addition, the BoT may, at any time, request information about such use in order to observe and ensure that it is in line with these Programme Rules and the Support Agreement.

1.5.2. The Member Federation shall present a final report to the BoT once the project has been fully completed.

## **2. Support to ISSF Member Federations with respect to quota places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

### **2.1. Purpose**

The ISSF highly appreciates the work and the investment of the Member Federation in the development of their athletes. The ISSF is mindful of the Member Federations' lack funds for administrative costs such as modernisation of office equipment or for implementation of digitalization (website, apps, etc.). The ISSF Development Fund shall contribute to cover such costs and thereby supporting the Member Federations' efforts to be ready for the future. By linking the grant of support to the number of quota places gained by a Member Federation for the Olympic Games, the ISSF intends to reward the investment by the Member Federations in the training of their athletes.

### **2.2. Specification of support**

2.2.1. Member Federations may request support for each quota place obtained by one of its athletes indicating the intended use of the support in line with the Purpose stipulate under 2.1 above.

2.2.2. The exact amount that will be granted to the Member Federations for every quota place at the Olympic Games shall be determined by the BoT.

2.2.3. The intended use of the support will be established in the Support Agreement agreed between the ISSF and the respective Member Federation.

### **2.3. Monitoring and reporting**

The BoT may, at any time, request information from the Member Federation about the use of the granted support in order to ensure that it is in line with these Programme Rules and the Support Agreement.

## **3. Support for the organization of the ISSF Final Tournament**

The BoT shall set and control the conditions for the organizers of the ISSF Final Tournament, its support with means from the ISSF Development Fund and the selection mechanism of the participants upon proposal of the Executive Committee.

## **4. Support to the Continental Confederations**

### **4.1. Purpose**

In accordance with Article 21.5 ISSF Constitution the ISSF recognizes the following five Continental Confederations ("CF"): The African Shooting Sport Federation (ASSF), the Shooting Confederation of the Americans (CAT), the Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC), the European Shooting Confederation (ESC), and the Oceania Shooting Confederation (OSC). The CF comprise of ISSF Member Federations

on their respective continental level. The purpose of the CF is to maintain, to strengthen and to develop the sport of shooting in accordance with the Constitution and the Regulations of the ISSF and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good relations among the Member Federations on their regional level. Thereby, the CF support one of the main purposes of the ISSF pursuant to Article 1.1.2 ISSF Constitution. The ISSF highly appreciates the efforts of the CF in support of promoting the shooting sport on international level. The ISSF Development Fund shall contribute to the further prospering of the CF's work in the interest of the shooting sport, also for the benefit of the ISSF Member Federations.

#### **4.2. Specification of support**

4.2.1. Each CF shall receive a one-off payment in the amount of USD 3,000 per affiliated country or territory (according to 3.3 and 3.4 ISSF Constitution) to be mandatorily used for the promotion of the shooting sport, in particular for

- anti-doping promotion,
- education for coaches, judges and organizers,
- creating, updating or improving of websites and social media platforms,
- adjustment of the statutory documents according to the prerequisites of the ISSF Constitution,
- covering outstanding financial obligations of member federations of the CF towards the ISSF,
- constitutional meetings.

4.2.2. The exact amount to be granted to the respective CF according to the formula under 4.2.1 shall be determined by the BoT.

4.2.3. Prior to payment a Support Agreement shall be concluded between the ISSF and the respective CF.

#### **4.3. Monitoring and reporting**

The BoT may, at any time, request information from the CF about the use of the granted support in order to ensure that it is in line with these Programme Rules, in particular with article 4.2.1, and the Support Agreement.

#### **5. Obligations of beneficiaries**

The beneficiaries of the support granted on basis of these Programme Rules shall have the following obligations:

- acknowledge and observe at any time these Programme Rules;

- provide the BoT with all the necessary information and supporting documentary evidence related to the implementation and use of the support;
- secure the authorisation of the competent government authorities to import any equipment and materials and facilitate all the administrative steps involved;
- ensure that the shooting facility and its equipment is used in accordance with the ISSF Rules and Regulations once it is ready for use.

## **6. General Rules**

### **6.1 Taxes and duties**

- 6.1.1 The beneficiaries are responsible for paying any type of taxes, duties and other charges that are due by local laws because of receiving any type of asset under the ISSF Development Fund Programme.
- 6.1.2 Expenses related to the transfer of any kind of equipment (e.g. shipping costs, insurance) shall be borne by the ISSF.

### **6.2 Violation of the Programme Rules**

In the event of any suspicion of misuse of granted support or any other violation of these Programme Rules, the BoT may transfer the case to the ISSF Secretary General in order to start proceedings in accordance with the ISSF Rules and Regulations.

### **6.3 Exhaustion of the financial means of the ISSF Development Fund**

- 6.3.1 The BoT shall inform the ISSF as early as possible about the exhaustion of the financial means of the Development Fund.
- 6.3.2 The ISSF shall then give information that until further financial means are donated to the Development Fund no support may be granted. This information may be shared via the ISSF website.
- 6.3.3 In this case, pending applications will be rejected.

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