

THE ISSF GRAND PRIX TARGET SPRINT SERIES 2023

Rules for the organiser of an ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint Series stage 2023

1. The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint Series 2023

The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint Series 2023 (ISSF GPTS) consists of a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 stages at different venues. Each venue must have 8 competition firing points plus two spare firing points in case of target malfunction.

At each stage of the ISSF GPTS the following events will be conducted:

- - Individual Events
- - Mixed Pair Team Events

An ISSF GPTS stage therefore consists of two days of competition (respectively three days if an open training day is offered by the organiser the day prior to the first competitions).

The individual events will be conducted in the following age groups:

- - Women/Men
- - Junior W/Junior M

Team events will be conducted in both, the Women/Men and the Junior Women/Junior Men age group (If nations are not able to send Teams for both age groups, Juniors (M/W) are allowed to compete in the Women/Men team events, but Men/Women may not compete in the Junior (M/W) team events. However, if a Junior (M/W) athlete competes in the Men/Women Team event they may not then also compete in the Junior (M/W) Team event at the same Competition stage.

2. The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint Series stages

Competition stages (min. 3 max. 5) – Individual Events

In the individual events, a maximum of 3 to 4 qualification heats per age group should be conducted. The 8 fastest athletes in the qualification heats qualify for the final heat of the respective age group.

The 8 athletes in each final of the Competition stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final; points for athletes on places 9 -15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat(s). If we have less than 11 individuals per age group registered, no qualification heat's will be held, instead 2 final races will be held in which the two run times will be added together, and the individual athletes will be placed according to combined times, with the lowest overall time being the winner. The Individuals that raced in each final race 1 of 2 will be maintained, (subject to any team having withdrawn or been disqualified from the Competition stage), as the same group of Individuals that then participate in each final race 2 of 2.

Points for the ranking system will be awarded after each competition stage according to Table 1. Athletes may take part in an unlimited number of Competition stages, but only the points from their best 4 Competition stage positions will be included in the Ranking List after the fifth stage, if only 3 or 4 Competitions are held, only the points from their best 3 Competitions will be scored. After the last stage, positions in the ISSF GPTS Ranking will be awarded according to the standing in the ranking list after the final stage.

There is a restriction on the awarding of points in the individual events of the qualification stages, so each nation can bring in as many athletes as they want per class to the start, but only the six first-placed athletes of a nation are considered for the points classification.

Table: 1 Points

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Competition stages (min. 3 max. five) – Mixed Pair Team Events

The team events will be conducted as Mixed Pair Team events in the Women/Men and Junior Women/Junior Men age groups. Each nation may nominate a maximum of 6 teams per age group. The team composition is up to each nation and may vary between qualification heat stages at a competition.

At the Competition stages, qualification heats and a final heat will be conducted in the team events. The 8 fastest teams of all qualification heats qualify for the final heat. The 8 teams in the finals of the qualification stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final heat; points for teams on places 9-15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat. All points awarded according to Table 1.

If we have less than 11 teams per age group registered, no qualification heat's will be held, instead 2 final races will be held in which the two run times will be added together, and the team with the lowest overall time will be the winner of that age group.

If less than 11 teams have participated at a stage and the two run times have been added together points will be awarded based upon maximum points to the team with the lowest overall time and then in order of team positions based upon ascending overall times; i.e. Lowest combined time = 20 points, 2nd lowest combined time = 16 points, 3rd lowest combined time = 14 points, etc. until 15th lowest combined time = 1 point. The teams that raced in each final race 1 of 2 will be maintained, (subject to any team having withdrawn or been disqualified from the competition stage or any one individual within a given team having been varied by a nation after race 1), as the same group of teams that then participate in each final race 2 of 2.

There is a restriction on the awarding of points in the team events of the qualification stages and where combined times apply, so each nation can bring in up to 6 teams per class to the start, but only the three highest placed teams of a nation are considered for the points classification. The points of all teams of one nation will be summed up for a nation ranking after the final stage.

3. Preliminary timetable:

The 2023 ISSF GPTS season plan:

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| 1. | Competition | 05th to 07th of May | Treviso | ITA |
| | Competition Stage 2 - 3 | TBD | | |
| 4. | Competition | 21st to 23rd of July | Dingolfing | GER |
| | Competition Stage 5. | TBD | if possible | ISSF World Championship Baku AZE |

Competition schedule:

Pre event training	first Day
• Official training session (not mandatory)	15:00 – 18:00
Individual events	second Day
• Qualification heats (<i>Race 1 of 2 if combined times</i>)	09:00 to 12:00
• Final heat (Race 2 of 2 if combined times)	14:00 to 16:00
Team events	third Day
• Qualification heats (Race 1 of 2 if combined times)	09:00 to 11:00
• Final heats (Race 2 of 2 if combined times)	11:00 to 12:00

4. Duties of ISSF

The dates of the ISSF GPTS stages will be published on the ISSF calendar. The necessary documents will be forwarded to the ISSF by the organisers of the respective ISSF GPTS stage.

The official result books of each ISSF GPTS stage as well as the actual ISSF GPTS individual and nation rankings will be prepared by a Target Sprint Committee-Member and published by the ISSF. The result books will be sent to the ISSF by the respective organiser by 10:00 pm of the final competition day of any stage.

The ISSF together with the ISSF Member Federation (organiser of each Competition stage) shall provide the medals for each event at an ISSF GPTS Competition stage, subject to the organiser having requested the ISSF to do so and having received the ISSF approval for use of the logo for the Competition stage at least two months before the first day of any Competition stage.

The ISSF shall provide all the medals for ranked positions Gold, Silver and Bronze for each Individual age category and a Championship-Cup for the winners of each Individual age category in the ISSF GPTS final Ranking after the final stage.

5. Duties of the organizer

All organisers acknowledge the 2023 Version of the ISSF Target Sprint Rules and Regulations as published on the ISSF web site and commit themselves to their implementation, save in so far that any conflict exists between those Rules and Regulations and these GPTS Rules, whereupon these GPTS Rules shall prevail.

The invitation to each ISSF GPTS stage will be prepared by the respective organiser. The organiser commits to communicate an invitation to their Grand Prix event to the ISSF for inclusion as a GPTS stage and then to all ISSF Member Federations in addition to the other host Member Federations to encourage maximum ISSF Member Federation participation.

The invitations must include the following information:

- Information on the competition date incl. preliminary competition schedule.
- Information on the location and venue of the competition; and
- Information on possible accommodation for the teams.

The Competition stage should preferably be run in an attractive public urban environment (e.g. city or town centre) in order to create a proximity to the public and encourage spectators; and with a diversity of running course and running surface conditions to increase interest and appeal and to test the ability of athletes over the entire GPTS Series of Competition stages. To increase the event character, the Competition stages should be accompanied by a speaker and appealing music. The ISSF GPTS Competition stages where possible should be held at an iconic venue in a media and spectator attracting setting (e.g. also in connection with a town or city festival).

The organiser shall conduct award ceremonies for each respective Individual and Team age category immediately after the last final (no later than 90 minutes after the end of the last final or end of the last Race 2 of 2 when times are combined.)

- Exception: The organiser may hold the award ceremony in a different location to the event venue but an exception for the award ceremony of the individual and mixed team competitions is only permitted if it has no influence on the departure of the individuals or teams after the competitions or award ceremony.

The organisers shall strive for an appropriate media presentation of the competitions.

Each organiser is free to seek support from sponsors for the organisation of their ISSF GPTS stage. However, the suitability of the sponsors must be checked and approved by the ISSF and comply with the ISSF General Rules and Regulations.

6. Registration

The registration of the Individual athletes and the Teams must be done by the ISSF Member Federations directly to the organiser of the respective ISSF GPTS Competition stage using the registration procedure stated in the invitation.

In the Individual events, each nation can register as many athletes as they want per class to the Competition stage. Name changes of athletes due to illness, etc. is possible up to the day before the starting day of the respective Individual or Team event and must be done by the nation's team leader directly informing the organiser.

For the Mixed Pair Team events, a maximum of 6 teams per nation can be registered. The composition of the Teams by participating individual's name(s) must be confirmed to the organiser no later than the day before the Team event. Details of how to register and notify athlete changes will be set out by the Organiser within the invitation.

7. Awards

To make the ISSF GPTS an attractive competition format, attractive awards/prizes should be announced as follows:

- ISSF GPTS Competition stage: Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze plus trophy to the winner in each age category).
- ISSF GPTS Final ranking Individual: Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze plus Trophy to the winner in each age category).
- ISSF GPTS Final ranking Mixed Pair: Championship Cup to winning Federation in each age category.

The Final ranking Individual and Team Medals, Trophies and/or Cups shall be presented by a representative of or on behalf of the ISSF to the Individuals and Teams and/or their National representative on the final day of the final GPTS Competition stage immediately after the end of the Competition Stage award ceremony.

The organisers are free to award additional attractive prizes at their respective Competition stage.

End of GPTS Series Rules (Edition 01.2023)