



# INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

## RULES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN ATHLETES IN ISSF COMPETITIONS

### 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- 1.1. The present rules (“Rules”) have been adopted by the ISSF Council in response to the war in Ukraine, with the objectives of ensuring the integrity and security of sporting competitions and the respect of the Olympic values.
- 1.2. The Rules shall be applicable to all shooting sport disciplines and all ISSF Competitions.

### 2. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- 2.1. Following the recommendations of the IOC Executive Board published on 28 March 2023, the ISSF enacts these Rules for the participation of athletes of Russian and Belarusian nationality and their coach, trainer, manager, physiotherapist, medical personnel, or any other person assisting them (“Support Personnel”) in ISSF competitions.
- 2.2. Russian and Belarusian athletes can participate in the ISSF competitions only after being granted an Individual Neutral Athlete (“INA”) status (as defined in Article 3 below) and only individual participation can be considered. Therefore, any team (including mixed team and 3-person team) participation is not allowed for any INAs.
- 2.3. Eligibility of INAs for Multisport Games such as the University Games is decided by the respective Multisport Games organizer. The ISSF shall only recognize the results of INAs participating in such Multisport Games if the IOC recommendations and these Rules are fully implemented and respected. This means that the athletes who are of a Russian or Belarusian nationality may only compete as INAs under the conditions defined by the IOC and the ISSF and may not participate in any team event.

### 3. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. Athletes of a Russian or Belarussian nationality or Support Personnel cannot be granted the INA Status and/or compete in ISSF Competition if they do fulfill any of the following circumstances:
  - 3.1.1. Actively support the war (see the definition in the IOC recommendations Version March 28th 2023);
  - 3.1.2. Are contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies;
  - 3.1.3. Have participated in an event organized by the International Military Sports Council (“CISM”) since 2015. This ineligibility is based on the fact that the CISM Rule 7.23 provides that only military staff on active duty in Armed Forces may take part in competitions organized by CISM.
  - 3.1.4. Are or have been member(s) of the CSKA or Dynamo shooting sport clubs in Russia or member(s) or part of the Sports Committee of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus since the date of the start of the invasion of Ukraine.
- 3.2. To be granted INA status applying athletes, like all the other participating athletes, must meet all anti-doping requirements applicable to them and particularly those set out in the anti-doping rules of the IFs.



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## 4. APPLICATION PROCESS

4.1. Athletes of Russian and Belarusian nationality and their Support Personnel shall apply to the ISSF to be allowed to participate in ISSF competitions under [munich@issf-sports.org](mailto:munich@issf-sports.org). The process for defining and selecting INAs and eligible Support Personnel shall be conducted in a fair and transparent manner to ensure that all athletes are given an equal opportunity to participate in international competitions.

4.2. The applicants have to submit the information provided in the application form provided by the ISSF, including an assurance that all requirements established in these Rules are fulfilled.

4.3. Athletes or Support Personnel applying for participation under the conditions established herein shall declare that all information provided to the ISSF in course of the application process for participation is accurate and that they will not fulfil any of the circumstances mentioned in Article 3.1 of these Rules throughout the time of being granted a right to participate in ISSF competitions according to these Rules.

4.4. Upon receipt of the application form, the ISSF shall carry out verifications to ensure that the applicants meet the requirements for the INA status as set out in these Rules. The ISSF can use the assistance of an international independent intelligence agency if needed. The ISSF shall not be responsible for any competition missed by the athletes and their Support Personnel while their application is being reviewed.

4.5. With regard to the fulfilment of all requirements for participation under these regulations, the ISSF may consider any evidence provided and all other relevant circumstances, including but not limited to public statements on social media, participation in pro-war demonstrations or events, the displaying of any symbols supporting the war in Ukraine, for example, the “Z” symbol.

4.6. Athletes and Support Personnel bear the burden of proof to establish that they fulfill the requirements stipulated in these Rules for participation in ISSF Competitions. The applicable standard of proof shall be beyond reasonable doubt.

4.7. If, after granting the status of eligibility, the ISSF becomes aware of a breach of the Rules or conditions of participation enshrined in these Rules, the ISSF may withdraw the status of eligibility at any time.

## 5. OBLIGATIONS OF RSU AND BSSF

5.1. Russian Shooting Union (“RSU”) and Belarusian Shooting Sport Federation (“BSSF”) shall confirm in writing that they accept the process established herein and guarantee that they will not discriminate anyone for applying to participate as INA or Support Personnel status and that this will not have any impact on future selections. Also they confirm that they will respect the deadlines of the entries and the selection process as agreed with them.

5.2. RSU and BSSF shall provide upon ISSF’s request information available to it with respect to the submitted applications.

## 6. FLAGS

6.1. Flags of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus (current or historical) shall not be raised or displayed at any competition venue, nor in any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizer of the ISSF competition.



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6.2. Where the use of a flag is necessary to identify INAs (e.g., at ceremonies, protocol events, on-site, TV/media displays), the ISSF flag shall be used.

## 7. ANTHEMS

7.1. The national anthems of Russia and Belarus (or any other anthem associated with the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus) shall not be played or sung at any time during the ISSF Competitions in any competition venue, nor in any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizer of the ISSF competitions.

7.2. The anthem to be used to represent any INAs at an official ceremony of an ISSF competition (opening or closing, protocol, medal ceremony, etc.) shall be the ISSF Anthem.

## 8. EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND MARKS

8.1. The uniforms (whether competition, warm-up, formal, ceremonial, casual, etc.), clothing, equipment, accessories and personal items belonging to INAs and their Support Personnel that are worn, used and/or displayed at competition venues, or any area where ancillary events are held, or any other area controlled by the organizer, shall be plain white in color.

8.2. All clothing and equipment of INAs and their Support Personnel, including but not limited to tracksuits, equipment, accessories, weapons, bags, personal items, to be worn or used at the ISSF Competitions, at the respective venues as well as any other areas controlled by the ISSF or the relevant competition organizer or associated with the respective ISSF Competition must **not** contain:

8.2.1. any recognition of or reference to Russia, Belarus, National Olympic Committees (NOCs) representing any of these countries, the RSU, the BSSF such as a flag, coat of arms or any other national symbol or emblem, be it official or unofficial, in any language or format;

8.2.2. any commercial or non-commercial emblems or identification of any national organizations or entities in Russia and Belarus;

8.2.3. any expression (message, graphical element, symbol, etc.) with direct or indirect political connotation.

8.3. The uniforms can only have registered trademarks which cannot include any non-sporting brands.

8.4. All above requirements complement ISSF rules applicable to shooting clothing, equipment, weapons, accessories and personal items.

8.5. Any items INAs and their Support Personnel intend to use in relation to ISSF Competitions must be submitted to the ISSF equipment control for prior approval of the ISSF at least four weeks before the opening ceremony of the respective ISSF Competition.

## 9. DISTINCTIVE NATIONAL SIGNS

9.1. The appearance of all emblems, names, acronyms, colors, flags, codes and anthems linked to Russia and Belarus or their NFs or NOCs is prohibited at all ISSF competitions.

9.2. Organizers shall withdraw references to Russia and/or Belarus on all documents and publications in both printed and electronic format, including, but not limited to, start lists, result lists, rankings and TV graphics. The acronym to be used instead of RUS and BLR shall be INA.



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9.3. Public displays of the country name or Russian/Belarusian sports organizations are not permitted in any language or format.

## **10. MEDIA INTERACTIONS**

10.1. INAs and their Support Personnel will not be allowed to go through the mixed zone or to participate in any press conference during the ISSF competitions. They will also not be allowed to give any interviews to media during such competitions.

## **11. SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

11.1. ISSF reserves the right to limit the number of Support Personnel accompanying the athletes.

11.2. No technical official from Russia or Belarus shall be appointed by the ISSF until further notice and shall not be allowed to participate in any continental or world judges seminar. The matter of re-accreditation will be handled on a case-by-case basis should this procedure still be in place at the time of re-accreditation.

## **12. NO ISSF COMPETITIONS IN RUSSIA OR BLARUS**

12.1. No ISSF competitions shall be held in Russia or Belarus.

## **13. RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN GOVERNEMENT OR STATE OFFICIALS**

13.1. No Russian and Belarusian government or state official shall be invited to or accredited for ISSF Competitions.

## **14. PROCEDURE FOR CHANGE OF NATIONALITY AND DUAL PASSPORT HOLDERS**

14.1. The ISSF General Regulations contain an established procedure for change of nationality and rules for athletes who have dual nationality which must be observed also by the athletes of a Russian or Belarussian nationality.

14.2. Athletes with Russian or Belarussian nationality who request to represent another country in ISSF Competitions need to fulfil all requirements established in these Rules in addition to the requirements according to the ISSF General Regulations to be eligible for ISSF Competitions. The final decision will be adopted by the ISSF Executive Committee.

## **15. WORLD RANKING CONSIDERATIONS**

15.1. The points obtained by INAs will count for their world ranking. However, they will be marked as INA instead of BLR or RUS.

## **16. SELECTION PROCESS**

16.1. All additional rules regarding eligibility for ISSF Competitions have to be observed by RSU and BSSF without any discrimination.



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## **17. ENTRY PROCESS VIA THE ISSF SYSTEM**

- 17.1. The entry process will be carried out through ISSF System by the respective NF. The entries have to be made 10 days prior to the final entry deadlines at the latest therefore allowing the ISSF to check the entries. In case the entries are declined, and no other athlete is eligible, neither ISSF, nor the organizer is responsible for any costs or damages. All amounts paid at that stage to the Local Organizing Committees shall not be reimbursed. All entry deadlines are valid.

## **18. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 18.1. For each ISSF Competition, the ISSF shall appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of three members including the Technical Delegate, Head of Judges and a representative of the organizer, which shall be responsible for and authorized to give advice in case of disputes related to the behavior of competitors regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes as INAs.

## **19. ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES AND SANCTIONS**

- 19.1. Any violation of these Rules, including providing false information shall be sanctioned with an ineligibility period of 1 year. In case inaccurate information is provided repeatedly, an ineligibility period of 4 years can be imposed on the applicant.

- 19.2. Any infringement committed within the scope of, or in relation to, an ISSF competition, including but not limited to the prohibition of the wearing of emblems or logos referring to Russia or Belarus or any communication, whether verbal, non-verbal or written, in support of the war in Ukraine, shall be sanctioned with direct and immediate exclusion from the said competition. This sanction shall be pronounced by the Head of Judges Commission, the Technical Delegate or the Secretary General. The matter shall then be referred to the respective ISSF Committee to determine an appropriate sanction which shall be maximum an ineligibility of 4 years.

- 19.3. Any infringement committed of these rules shall further be subject to disciplinary proceedings by the ISSF pursuant to the ISSF Disciplinary Code.

- 19.4. In case it can be established that RSU or BSSF have been involved or have supported any violations described in these Rules or have committed the violations themselves, the respective NF shall be subject to sanctions including a possible suspension as an ISSF Member.

- 19.5. Any discriminatory behavior towards the athletes and their Support Personnel authorized to participate in an ISSF competition under the present Rules shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to the ISSF Regulations.

- 19.6. ISSF shall take all necessary measures to ensure the enforcement of these Rules.

- 19.7. Any appeal against a decision under the present Rules shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the decision being appealed. Recourse to ordinary state courts is prohibited.

## **20. ENTRY INTO FORCE**

These ISSF DR have been approved by the Council on 5 December 2023 and enter into effect upon publication on the ISSF Website.