

2008 ALREADY IN PROCESS...

IT WILL BE THE YEAR OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF OUR INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.

2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - SHOOTING ON THE PROGRAM

As we already informed our members and readers of ISSF News, the IOC decided in July last year to organize the Youth Olympic Games. The full session of the IOC in Guatemala in July 2007 decided to organize the Youth Olympic Games already scheduled to start in the year 2010. These Games should be open for male and female athletes between the ages of fourteen to eighteen.

There were originally eleven candidate cities which wanted to organize these Youth Olympic Games. Meanwhile, the IOC established an evaluation committee to study the conditions in these cities and the Executive Board of the IOC selected the cities of Singapore and Moscow. The final decision on which of these two cities will finally be authorized to organize the first Olympic Youth Games is currently being decided by postal vote by all IOC members. Later on, the IOC will publish the final decision at the end of February 2008. The dates will be determined by the IOC and the Games will be organized during the second half of August 2010. Our shooting sport will be part of the program of these first Olympic Youth Games but only with four events in the air rifle and air pistol disciplines both for male and female junior shooters. Our sport has been allocated a total quota of 80 athletes who will be selected by a quota system and only one age group has been determined: between the ages of sixteen to eighteen. The IOC has taken notice of our large ISSF World Championships which will be organized from July 30th to August 12th 2010 and then the final competition scheduled for the Youth Games will be coordinated accordingly.

The aim of the Youth Olympic Games is to encourage young people to get involved in sports and spend less time in front of comput-

ers, televisions and screens of all types. The IOC also has decided to organize the Winter Youth Games and the first edition is planned to be organized in 2012 for about 1000 athletes.

It will be very difficult for the Executive Committee to make a detailed decision on the distribution of the eighty quota places. One opinion voiced already proposed only two quotas per country, one in air rifle and one in air pistol for men and for women which would mean a maximum of four quota places per country. That would enable ISSF to bring only an estimated number of 20 to 30 countries to the Youth Olympic Games. The other opinion proposes only two quota places per country which would allow the possibility to bring about 40 to 50 countries to the Youth Olympic Games. The ISSF has always had a large participation in the Olympic Games, regarding the number of countries included. In Sydney and also in Athens our sport was on place three after athletics and swimming as far as the number of countries participating. This principle of universality should be followed also for the Youth Olympic Games and the Executive Committee will have very detailed discussions and considerations on this matter in its next meeting in April in Beijing, China.

Presently, our data base informs us that in the air rifle events we have ID numbers for 135 junior male athletes from 44 countries throughout 5 continents and 158 female athletes from 65 countries throughout 5 continents.

We find a similar situation in the air pistol events, namely, 100 junior male shooters from 25 countries throughout 4 continents and 95 female shooters from 44 countries throughout 5 continents. This data was very surprising for the Executive Committee and we have to recognize that we have more female shooters than male shooters in the junior age categories.

2010 ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - CHANGE OF DATES

For the 50th ISSF World Shooting Championships in the year 2010 in Munich, Germany, we had to decide on a change of the provisional dates. Just a few days ago, we learned that there would be an overlapping of dates with the XXI Central American and Caribbean Games Mayaguez 2010 and this would not allow quite a number of officials from the Central American member federations to come to our General Assembly and World Championships in Munich. Therefore, the President has decided and the Organizing Committee of the German Shooting Federation has agreed to change the dates as follows:

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010

- ISSF Executive Committee

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010

- ISSF Administrative Council

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010

- Free day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

- ISSF General Assembly, 1st day

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010

- ISSF General Assembly, 2nd day and also on

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010

- ISSF Administrative Council, 2nd meeting with elections of the committee members

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010

- Official arrival day for the 50th ISSF World Shooting Championships

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010

- Official training and opening ceremony

SUNDAY AUGUST 1 TO WEDNESDAY,

AUGUST 11, 2010

- Competition days

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010

- Departure day

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We therefore ask all our member federations and friends to take note of the change in meeting dates and the large world championships dates for the year 2010.

2008 ISSF ACADEMY – THIRD “A” COACHES COURSE

From January 11 to 18, 2008, the ISSF was conducting an important training course for coaches, category “A” license, in our training academy in Kuortane, Finland. Nine top shooting sport coaches from seven member federations of the ISSF started their last train-

experience in the following fields: Expertise in one discipline; a second discipline; advanced methods in coaching, sports and exercise studies; sports pedagogy; sports psychology and mental training methods; sport medicine; youth in sports; knowledge of ISSF regulations and history; media works; sports management; sports equipment technology and finally, organization and planning. We are publishing these requirements for the first time in our ISSF News in order to inform all the candidates who consider and plan to apply for admission to these courses in our training academy.



ISSF ACADEMY – Third “A” Coaches Course Members

ing week in the sports institute in order to receive the highest coaches license, grade “A”, within the ISSF training Academy. This is the third ISSF training academy course, category “A”, with the program starting 15 years ago and five national coaches in rifle, two in pistol and two in shotgun having successfully completed, within the last four years, the basic course, category “C”. They also graduated from the “B” coaching license course with an average mark scoring 2.5 or less before they all were qualified for this last step to obtain their ISSF “A” coaches license. The following seven national coaches who successfully graduated this course in January this year:

Mr. Goran MAKSIMOVIC, SRB · Mr. Ahmadreza HAMOUNI HAGHIGHAT, IRI · Mr. Kevin KILTY, IRL · Mr. Guy STARIK, ISR · Mr. Oyvind SIREVAAG, NOR · Mr. Marcus LINDSKOG, SWE · Mr. Richard HAWKINS, USA.

Two more graduates will receive their “A” coaches license once they have rewritten their homework. All the other examinations have been successfully fulfilled. This “A” course for coaches requires in-depth knowledge, skill and

2008 BEIJING – WORLD CUP IN APRIL AND OLYMPIC GAMES IN AUGUST

We are looking forward to the very successful pre-Olympic trial event related to the World Cup in Beijing, China, in April and finally to the Olympic Games in August in Beijing, China. There is concern for some member federations who are planning to participate in the Olympic Games in Beijing and send shooters, however, they will not be allowed to enter athletes if their member federation is not in good standing with the ISSF. Our headquarters have sent out several letters and reminders to the members federations concerned and we hope that they will clarify their standing as soon as possible in order to be allowed to participate in the pre-Olympic test event, in the General Assembly and, finally, to send athletes to the Olympic Games. Also, those member federations that have not observed our reminders and have not clarified their standing are in danger of not being considered during the distribution of the wild cards. We therefore ask all those member

federations concerned to fulfill their responsibilities.

ISSF HEADQUARTERS NOTES

Unfortunately, our office has to point out, from time to time, that member federations are not informing us when they change their address or their telephone or e-mail data. It is very urgently requested that all member federations inform us immediately if they change their telephone, fax numbers or e-mail addresses or if they change people in certain positions of their Federation, such as President or Secretary General.

2008 ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PLZEN

We have published the provisional decision of the Executive Committee to agree with the proposal of the Running Target Committee in regards to organizing yearly world championships and to change their rules. This authorization of the Executive Committee, however, was only decided as a trial for this year 2008 and these new rules with the organization of a medal chart are provisional and will be used for the first time in the Separate World Championships in October in Plzen 2008.

2008 ISSF SPONSOR RULES – DRAFT OF THE STATUTES COMMITTEE

On the internet, we published the draft of new sponsor rules drafted by the Statutes Committee as well as considered and discussed by the Executive Committee. The final decision will be taken during the next meetings of the Executive Committee and Administrative Council in April in Beijing 2008. These provisional new rules have been published in order to give all interested officials and athletes the possibility to send us any comments regarding this draft.

Best wishes to all our athletes for their success in the forthcoming and crucial competitions of this Olympic year. We are also looking forward to welcoming as many representatives of our member federations as possible to the General Assembly to be held in April in Beijing, China.

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