

# OCEANIA SHOOTING FEDERATION CONSTITUTION

(as amended at Christchurch 15.2.84)

## I. PURPOSE AND HEADQUARTERS

### ART 1

The Federation is formed in accordance with the Constitution and General Regulations of the International Shooting Sport Federation.

The purpose of the Federation is to promote and guide the sound development of the shooting sport within the Oceania area and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the shooting organisations irrespective of political, racial and religious differences.

- (a) By establishing permanent communications between the national shooting organisations for the exchange of ideas on the development and perfection of shooting.
- (b) By organising Continental Championships and competition between members of the Oceania Shooting Federation on a regular basis.
- (c) By distributing technical rules for the various shooting events, as issued by the ISSF and other recognised controlling bodies.
- (d) By awarding distinctions to shooters and those who have worked for the development of shooting.
- (e) By encouraging all efforts to strengthen the comradeship between shooters of different countries based on the love of their country and respect for that of others, thereby creating international confidence and goodwill.

### ART 2

The headquarters of the Federation shall be in the town of the domicile of the Secretary.

## II. MEMBERSHIP

### ART 3

The Federation shall be composed of the officially recognised national shooting organisation of the various countries that have complied with the provisions of the Constitution.

### ART 4

The General Assembly may elect other bodies, institutions or persons as honorary members who shall enjoy the privileges of the organisation without vote. Proposals for honorary membership shall be submitted to the Secretary at least three months before the General Assembly to permit examination by the Executive Committee.

## **ART 5**

The Federation may accept as benefactors those institutions, companies, or individuals who contribute to the development of shooting sports by offering moral, financial or technical support.

## **ART 6**

One national organisation from each country may be admitted as a member of the Federation. The application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary. The organisation applying for membership shall be subject to the following:

- (a) Give full details of foundation and organisation
- (b) Submit two copies of the Constitution
- (c) Submit a declaration from the National Olympic Committee stating that the organisation is recognised as a governing body for one or more activities in the shooting sport
- (d) Comply in every respect to the Constitution of the Federation.

Acceptance of membership is determined by majority vote of the Executive Committee. If the application for membership is denied, re-application may be made directly to the General Assembly, where acceptance of membership shall be determined by majority vote.

All applications are reported to the General Assembly.

## **ART 7**

- (a) Annual membership fees are payable January 1. An organisation not paying the annual membership fee by June 10 of the current year will automatically be deprived of all privileges. If the subscription has not been paid for two consecutive years the unfinancial organisation shall be excluded from membership.
- (b) An organisation may be suspended from the Federation for a major offence against the Constitution on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, such recommendation to be submitted to the General Assembly for ratification.
- (c) The status of a member organisation shall be reconsidered by the Executive Committee in the event of the following:
  - i. Political boundaries of countries being changed.
  - ii. Shooting organisations being founded, divided or re-organised.
  - iii. The member organisation no longer considered as being the governing body of shooting in the nation concerned.

Review of such action by the General Assembly may be obtained upon application by the organisation concerned.

## **ART 8**

- (a) Each member may participate in the General Assembly with two votes, and is allowed one or two delegates.
- (b) If a member cannot participate in the General Assembly it may give written powers to the delegation of another member: such proxy shall be advised in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the General Assembly.
- (c) The membership fee shall be fixed by the General Assembly for a period of two years.
- (d) Member organisations with a limited activity in the Federation may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, pay only half of the full amount. They shall have the right to be represented by one delegate and shall have one vote. Limited activity is defined as participation in no more than one discipline i.e. rifle, pistol, shotgun, running target, etc.

## **ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERATION**

### **ART 9**

The Federation shall conduct its affairs through the following bodies:-

- (a) The General Assembly
- (b) The Executive Committee
- (c) The Technical Committee

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **ART 10**

The General Assembly consists of delegates from the organisations affiliated with the Federation. A quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent of member associations.

The General Assembly shall meet at intervals not exceeding two years, normally at the venue of the Regional Championships. It will be summoned to an Extraordinary Meeting by the President upon the decision of the Executive Committee, or on the request of at least half the member organisations of the Federation.

### **ART 11**

The General Assembly exercises the following functions:

- (a) Election of the President of the Federation.
- (b) Election of the Vice Presidents, one from each member association,
- (c) Election of the Secretary.
- (d) Election of the Treasurer.
- (e) Election of the Chairman of the Technical Committee.
- (f) Appointment of an Auditor.

- (g) Approval of the Executive Reports and the report of the Auditor.
- (h) Approval of the general rules for the organisation of international championships within the Oceania region.
- (i) Choice of the country to organise the next Regional Championships.
- (j) Consideration of proposals set forth by member organisations, bodies and committees of the Federation, and the making of decisions which are appropriate to the authority and functions of the General Assembly as set forth in this Constitution.
- (k) Making final decisions on acceptance, rejection, or exclusion of members.
- (l) Nomination of honorary members,
- (m) Determination of membership fee.
- (n) Revision of the Constitution,
- (o) Dissolution of the Federation.

The General Assembly can make final decisions only in such matters as are included in the Agenda of items to be considered at scheduled meetings.

#### **ART 12**

The summons for the General Assembly, together with the Agenda, the administrative reports, and the audit report shall be forwarded to the member organisations eight weeks before the General Assembly convenes.

#### **ART 13**

Meetings of the General Assembly are held under the chairmanship of the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or, if necessary, another member of the Executive Committee especially elected by the General Assembly.

#### **ART 14**

Generally the vote on all matters other than elections shall take place by open ballot on a show of hands, and shall be decided by simple majority of those present except for the provisions relating to Alterations to the Constitution or Dissolution of the Federation. On the request of at least two of the voting delegates present, the General Assembly's decision on any matter then shall be taken by secret vote.

Elections shall be secret. For single positions, those who have received more than half of the votes are declared elected; should no person receive such a majority, successive ballots shall be conducted with the person receiving the lowest number of votes being eliminated, until a majority is achieved. For committee positions, those who have the highest number of votes are declared elected.

The Chairman votes only in the event of a tie.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **ART 15**

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (b) The President
- (c) The Vice Presidents
- (d) The Secretary/Treasurer
- (e) The Chairman of the Technical Committee.

These positions shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years. No person shall occupy more than one position except the Secretary who may act as Treasurer.

### **ART 16**

The Executive Committee shall exercise the following functions:

- (a) Admission to membership and decision on the exclusion of membership, with final confirmation of the General Assembly.
- (b) Examine the Executive reports of the President, the Secretary, and the President of the Technical Committee, and of any other committees established by the General Assembly.
- (c) Examine all other relevant reports and proposals.
- (d) Ensure that the decisions of the General Assembly are put into effect.
- (e) Deal with all matters and make all decisions which, according to the Constitution, are not the responsibility of other bodies of the Federation.
- (f) Communicate and where practicable meet prior to any meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council, and consider any views relating to that meeting as provided by member of the Federation.

All the decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by majority vote.

## **THE PRESIDENT**

### **ART 17**

The President shall fulfil the following functions:-

- (a) Be an ex officio member of the ISSF Administrative Council, and convey the views of the Federation to that Council as the occasion arises.
- (b) Advise the Executive Committee and members of the Federation of any impending meeting of the ISSF Administrative Council together

with any items on the Agenda that may have relevance to the interests of those members.

- (c) Such advice shall be given in sufficient time to allow the views of the member organisations to be forwarded to the Executive Committee for guidance.

## **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

### **ART 18**

The Technical Committee consists of a Chairman elected by the General Assembly and a Representative of each recognised discipline, recommended by the President of the Technical Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The Chairmen of all National Technical Sub-Committees shall be members."

### **ART 19**

The Technical Committee shall exercise the following functions:-

- (a) To study the development of the sport of shooting on general lines.
- (b) Work on the perfection of the shooting rules.
- (c) Control the technical preparation and organisation of the major shooting events under the sponsorship of the Federation.
- (d) Deal with the technical questions concerning all shooting sections.
- (e) Ensure that all rules and changes to rules approved by the ISSF are distributed to member organisations.
- (f) Verify new Oceania regional records and submit claims for world records.
- (g) Report to the Executive Committee and prepare proposals concerning matters under the control of the Technical Committee.
- (h) Deal with questions concerning ranges and technical equipment,
- (i) Organise courses for range officials.
- (j) Co-operative with the President and Secretary who shall be invited to all meetings of the Committee.
- (k) The President shall co-ordinate reports from the Technical sub-committees of each member association.

## **AUDITOR**

### **ART 20**

The accounts shall be audited by an Auditor appointed by the General Assembly every two years.



## **ADDENDUM TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The 'Oceania' area shall be defined as those groups of islands within the ambit of the South Pacific Commission (ref. Canberra Survey vol.22, No.12), and presently named:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea
- Samoa
- Nauru
- Tonga
- Cook Islands
- Norfolk Island
- American Samoa
- Micronesia
- New Caledonia
- French Polynesia (Tahiti)
- Solomons
- Kiribati
- Fiji
- Vanuatu
- Tuvalu