

**Statutes
of the Federation
„International Shooting Association – ISB“
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§ 1 Name, Territory and Headquarters

- (1) The Association bears the name "International Shooting Association - ISB" (short form: "ISB") and is called "Internationaler Schützenbund - ISB" in the German-speaking world.
The ISB is an Association in the sense of the Association Law (Austrian Law).
Its activities extend worldwide.
- (2) The Association has its Headquarters in 3500 Krems on the Danube, Austria.
- (3) The association year (fiscal year) is the calendar year.
- (4) The establishment of subsidiaries as Subsidiary Associations is intended worldwide.

§ 2 Aim of the Association

The ISB intends to be the worldwide contact for all matters concerning marksmen's activities and legal gun ownership.

The Association, which is a non-profit organisation and whose activities are not aimed at making a profit, aims to maintain, promote, support, disseminate, practise and guide the sport of shooting, the shooting tradition and the marksmanship tradition as an international umbrella organisation for all kinds of sport shooters of all shooting disciplines in top-class and popular sports, hobby shooters, shooting sport practitioners, traditional marksmen, hunting shooters, professional gun owners and legal gun owner and working for a sensible, liberal and citizen-friendly gun law.

Furthermore, the ISB is not affiliated to any political organisation or direction.

§ 3 Resources to achieve the purpose of the Association

The purpose of the Association is achieved by the following idealistic and material measures mentioned in (3.1) and (3.2):

(3.1) The idealistic measures are:

- a) the establishment of Subsidiary ISB Associations in different countries, which implement the goals and activities of the umbrella organisation ISB as a national association on site;
- b) the organisation and holding of meetings, lectures, training courses, education courses, information desks, information events and seminars as well as training and further educational events;
- c) the organisation, implementation, participation and support of shooting sport events (e.g. national and international competitions) and other events with the topic of legal gun ownership;
- d) the establishment of a website and/or other electronic media as a means of public communication;
- e) the promotion and fostering of the shooting sport and marksmanship worldwide by creating regulations as an international umbrella organisation for the respective national associations;
- f) the support of our members and partners;
- g) the support of our member clubs;
- h) cooperation with persons, authorities, organisations, interest groups and institutions that pursue the same or similar aims as the ISB or support the aims of the ISB;
- i) participation in and support of international sports organisations and gun rights organisations;
- j) installation and operation of own shooting ranges and event centres.
- k) measures and events for the preservation and promotion of physical, mental and spiritual well-being
- l) acquisition, creation as well as maintenance and repair of the property belonging to the association

(3.2) The needed financial resources will be raised by:

- a) application fees and membership fees;
- b) fees of the Subsidiary Associations;
- c) income from sporting and club events;
- d) conferences, trade and public fairs, bourses, occasional markets, workshops
- e) Revenues from events that serve to promote the purpose of the association.
- f) income from sponsorship money and advertising;
- g) subsidies and grants;
- h) the production and distribution of medals, awards, badges and promotional items;
- i) donations, collections, legacies; and
- j) income from asset management (e.g. interest).

§ 4 Types of Membership

The members of the Association are divided into Service, Full and Extraordinary Members and Collective Members.

- (1) Serving Members form the Presidium and manage the Association, they participate fully in the work of the Association.
Serving members have the right to vote and take part at conferences of the Association (except board meetings).
- (2) Full members can be all persons who are not subject to an official ban on firearms; they participate in the activities of the Association.
Full members have the right to take part at conferences but have no voting rights.
- (3) Extraordinary members are legal entities such as Associations, Federations, interest groups, companies, etc. or persons who have been awarded Honorary Membership on the basis of extraordinary services to the Association.
Honorary members can additionally be awarded the title "Honorary Council".
Extraordinary members have a seat at conferences, but no voting rights.
- (4) Collective members are employees of companies, members of clubs or Subsidiary Associations who are members of the ISB as legal entities.
Collective members have no seat at conferences and no voting rights.

§ 5 Application for Membership

- (1) All persons as well as legal entities, who wish to support the aims of the ISB, can apply to become members of the Association.
- (2) Membership must be applied for in writing using the form provided.
- (3) The Presidium decides on the admission of members.
Membership can be refused without giving reasons.
- (4) The appointment of Honorary Members is made by the President at the request of the Presidium.

§ 6 End of Membership

- (1) Membership ends by withdrawal, exclusion or in the event of death or in the case of loss of reputation for legal persons or associations.
- (2) Cancellation can only be made by registered mail with a personal signature to the Presidium.
- (3) Cancellation of Membership is permissible at any time, but does not, however, exempt from the obligation to pay contributions for the current association year or the payment of outstanding accounts. All articles belonging to the association and the membership card have to be returned demonstrably, the departure is only legally valid after return.
- (4) The exclusion of a member from the Association or the revocation of Honorary Membership can be ordered by the Presidium because of violation of membership obligations, including non-payment of membership fees or because of dishonourable or Association-damaging behaviour.

§ 7 Rights and Duties of Members

- (1) The members are entitled to participate in all events of the Association and to use the Association's facilities.
Serving members have the right to take part and vote in the General Assembly, as well as the active and passive right to vote.
- (2) The members of the ISB are obliged:
 - a) to comply with these Statutes, to follow all internal regulations and guidelines and to submit to the decisions of the organs of the Association;
 - b) to promote the interests of the Association to the best of their ability and to refrain from anything that could damage the reputation and purpose of the Association.
- (3) Members' rights are suspended as long as the Annual Membership Fee is not paid. Membership fees are payable each calendar year on January 1 and are to be paid in advance for the entire year. Overpaid fees will not be refunded upon cancellation of membership, regardless of the reason. Should there be an error in the direct debit, which can be charged to the member, the member must pay the costs incurred plus a processing fee.

§ 8 Organs of the Association

- (1) The organs of the Association are:
 - a) the General Assembly (= the General Meeting)
 - b) the Presidium
 - c) the President
 - d) the Secretary General
 - e) the General Treasurer
 - f) the Auditors
- (2) All Association functionaries carry out their Association activities on an honorary basis;
They are not entitled to reimbursement of expenses, unless authorised by the Presidium in a particular case.

§ 9 The General Assembly (General Meeting)

- (1) The General Assembly is the "Members' Meeting" in the sense of the Austrian Law on Associations and takes place every 5 years (normal General Assembly). The General Assembly can also be held online via appropriate technical providers.
- (2) An Extraordinary General Assembly takes place within 4 weeks of:
 - a) a decision by the Presidium or the President;
 - b) a written request from at least 10 per cent of the serving members of the Association;
 - c) requests by the Auditors;
 - d) a decision by a court-appointed curator.
- (3) For both the Ordinary and the Extraordinary General Meetings, all members must be notified in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting by e-mail or by announcement on the website
- (4) The invitation to the General Assembly must include the Agenda. The call-up takes place via the Presidium, via the Auditors or via a court-appointed curator.
- (5) Proposals for the General Assembly must be received by the Presidium in writing by email or postal service at least 10 days before the date of the General Assembly.
- (6) Resolutions - with the exception of those concerning a motion to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly - may only be made in matters that are on the Agenda.
- (7) All members are entitled to participate in the General Assembly.
- (8) Only the serving members are entitled to vote.
- (9) Each serving member has one vote.
- (10) The transfer of the right to vote to another serving member by means of a written and hand-signed authorisation is permissible.
- (11) The General Assembly has a valid quorum, regardless of the number of members present.

However, at least three quarters of the serving members must be represented for the decision on the dissolution of the Association or modification of the Statutes.
- (12) Elections and Resolutions in the General Assembly are generally made by simple majority of the valid votes cast.

However, Resolutions to modify the Statutes of the Association or to liquidate the Association, require a qualified majority of three quarters of the valid votes cast.
- (13) The General Assembly is chaired by the President.

If the President is prevented from attending, the General Assembly shall be chaired by:

 - a) the Secretary General, or
 - b) the General Treasurer
- (14) Tasks of the General Assembly:
 - a) Resolutions on the Budget;
 - b) to receive and approve the Report of the General Treasurer and the Financial Statements, with the participation of the Auditors;
 - c) receipt of the Reports of the Subsidiary National Associations;
 - d) election and removal of the members of the Presidium and the Auditors;
 - e) ratification of the actions of the Presidium;
 - f) passing resolutions on modifications to the Statutes and the Dissolution of the Association;
 - g) Discussion and resolution of other issues on the Agenda.

§ 10 The Presidium

- (1) The Presidium consists of the President, the Secretary General and the General Treasurer. They are elected by the General Assembly for a period of 5 years, re-election is possible.
- (2) In the case of the resignation of an elected member, the Presidium has the right to co-opt another member in his place, for which the subsequent approval must be obtained in the next General Assembly.
- (3) Each function in the Presidium is to be done personally.
- (4) The Presidium is responsible for:
 - a) affairs which are assigned to it, if necessary by Rules of Procedure;
 - b) appointing, in special cases for certain tasks, specialized advisers with an advisory function.
- (5) The Presidium discusses and takes its decisions in the Presidium meetings, which are to be convened by the President if necessary. A Resolution of the Presidium requires a majority.
- (6) The Presidium has a majority when all its members have been invited and at least half of them and the President are physically present.
- (7) The Presidium passes its resolutions by a simple majority of votes; in the event of a tie, the President has the deciding vote.
- (8) The elected officials may resign in writing at any time. The Declaration of Resignation is to be addressed to the Presidium, and, in the case of resignation of the entire Presidium, to the General Assembly. The resignation becomes effective only with the election or co-opting of a follower.

§ 11 Tasks of the Presidium

- (1) The Presidium is responsible for the management of the Association.
It is the "Management Committee" in the sense of the Austrian Association Law.
- (2) It is responsible for all tasks which are not assigned to other organs of the Association by the Statutes.
- (3) In particular, the following tasks fall under its sphere of activities:
 - a) Establishment and maintenance of an accounting system that meets the Association's requirements including a continuous record of income / expenditure and the maintenance of a Register of Property.
 - b) Preparation of the Annual Budget, the Statement of Accounts and the Financial Statement.
 - c) Preparation and convening of the General Assembly.
 - d) Informing the members of the Association about the Association's activities, the Association's conduct of business and the audited accounts.
 - e) Management of the Association's funds.
 - f) Admission and exclusion of Serving, Full and Associate Members of the Association;
 - g) Recruiting and dismissing of employees.
 - h) Determination of the amount of the membership fees and all other fees which are collected by the ISB.

§ 12 Special Obligations of Specific Presidium Members

- (1) The President manages the current business of the Association.
The Secretary General supports the President in the administration of the Association's business.
- (2) The President represents the Association externally with the right of single representation.
Legal transactions between members of the Presidium and the Association require the approval of the Presidium.
- (3) The President is entitled to make a decision independently, in the case of urgent threat to the Association, in matters which should normally be decided by the General Assembly. However, this decision needs to be subsequently endorsed by the responsible organ of the Association.
- (4) The President acts as the Chairman in the General Assembly and in the Presidium.
- (5) The Secretary General takes the Protocol in the General Assembly and in Presidium meetings; he is responsible for the written documents of the Association. In his Protocols he has to record in writing the course of the meetings and the most important discussions accurately. He has to reproduce Resolutions verbatim, to state election proposals and election results exactly.
- (6) The General Treasurer is responsible for the proper financial management of the Association. He conducts his function in accordance with the provisions of the Cash and Property Regulations. In the General Assembly he reports on the financial and asset management of the Association.

§ 13 The Auditors

- (1) Two auditors are elected by the General Assembly for a period of five years. Re-election is possible. The Auditors may not belong to any institution - with the exception of the General Assembly - whose activities are the subject of the Audit.
- (2) The Auditors are responsible for the ongoing business control as well as the examination of the financial management of the Association with regard to the correctness of the accounting and the use of the funds according to the Statutes.
The Presidium has to submit the necessary documents to the Auditors and provide the necessary information.
The Auditors have to report to the Presidium about the result of the Audit.

§ 14 The Sport Directors (Section Heads) and other specialist functions

All functions listed under § 14 are not members of the Presidium.
They will be nominated by the President, if necessary, and can be removed by him at any time without giving reasons.

If necessary, the President may nominate Sports Directors as specialist advisors for an assigned specialist area, such as a shooting sport (section).
These Sports Directors coordinate the worldwide activities of the ISB with the National Sports Directors of the respective National Associations of the ISB.
This ensures international uniformity of activities and sporting practice within the framework of the ISB.
As representatives of the umbrella organisation, the Sports Directors of the ISB are superiors of the National Sports Directors of all National Associations of the ISB.

- (1) The Sports Directors have the following responsibilities:
 - a) the organisation of training and competitive shooting (announcement of world championships, organisation of international competitions, etc.) in their respective disciplines on the instruction of the Presidium in coordination with the National Sports Directors of the Subsidiary Federations;
 - b) the collection and forwarding of the Ranking Lists to the Presidium;
 - c) the verification of the competition results and informing the President immediately;
 - d) reviewing the Heads of Federal Sports Authorities and ensuring that the ISB Regulations are implemented in the same way worldwide.
- (2) In the case of being prevented from attending, the Sports Directors may nominate a Deputy in agreement with the President.

§ 15 The Court of Arbitration

(1) All Association disputes shall be settled or decided by the Association's Internal Court of Arbitration.

This is a "conciliation committee" in the sense of the Austrian Law for Associations.

(2) The competence of the Arbitration Court is to decide the aforementioned disputes.

(3) The Arbitration Court consists of one Arbitrator to be named by each of the parties in the dispute and a Chairman, who is appointed by the two Arbitrators with the approval of the Presidium.

The members of the Arbitration Court cannot belong to any institution - with the exception of the General Assembly - whose activities are the subject of the dispute.

(4) The Arbitration Court makes its decisions by simple majority of votes.

It decides to the best of its knowledge and belief.

Its decisions are final within the Association.

§ 16 Dissolution of the Association

(1) The voluntary dissolution of the Association can only be decided in a General Assembly with a three-quarters majority of the valid votes cast.

(2) The General Assembly has to decide on the liquidation - if the Association's property is available. In particular, it must appoint a Liquidator and decide to whom the Liquidator must transfer the assets of the Association remaining after the liabilities have been covered.

(3) In the event of dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association remaining after the liabilities have been covered shall be used for non-profit, charitable or ecclesiastical purposes in accordance with the Austrian Federal Fiscal Code (BAO).

As far as possible, and if permitted, it shall be allocated to an organisation determined by the last General Assembly which pursues the same or similar purposes as this Association.

(4) The last Association Executive Committee (Presidium) has to notify the voluntary dissolution in writing to the responsible Association Authority within four weeks after the decision has been made.

§ 17 Subsidiary Associations

- (1) In order to implement the global aims and activities of the ISB, it is intended to establish a National Association of the ISB in each country of the world.
- (2) The name of the Association will depend on the country in which the Association is active. For example, the national associations in Austria of the ISB will be known as the "Internationaler Schützenbund-Verband Österreich" (International Shooting Association Austria) (in short "ISB Austria" or "ISBÖ") or in Germany "International Shooting Association Germany" (in short "ISB Germany" or "ISBD").
- (3) The establishment of a national association must be approved by the Presidium.
- (4) The functionaries of the Subsidiary Associations must be confirmed by the Presidium.
- (5) The National Associations are managed by a Directorate as Board of Management
- (6) The Directorate of the National Associations is composed of
 - (a) the General Director
 - (b) the Federal Secretary
 - (c) the Federal Treasurer
- (7) The National Associations must hold their General Assembly at least 4 weeks before the General Assembly of the umbrella association. The report of the General Assembly as well as an up-to-date list of all members of the Associations must be submitted to the Presidium by the respective Directorates within one week.
- (8) The Directorates of the National Associations must report continuously to the Presidium on the activities of the National Associations.
- (9) Each Directorate can, with the agreement of the General Director, appoint its own National Sports Director and National Superintendents for a region to improve the regional coordination of activities.

These functions are to be recorded in an Organisation Chart and sent to the Presidium.

With the approval and instruction of the Director General, the National Sports Directors and National Superintendents shall work on the Agendas of the ISB for their assigned state or territory, in close cooperation with the respective Sports Directors and National Sports Directors and shall also support them.
- (10) In consultation with the Sports Directors and with the approval of the Presidium, the Directorates may appoint their own National Sports Directors for their federal territory to perform the functions of the Sports Directors at national level.

The National Sports Director may, with the approval of the Directorate and after consultation with the National Superintendents, appoint County Sports Directors for a region in order to improve regional coordination.

In their assigned area, the County Sports Directors shall have the same function as the National Sports Directors in analogy, but they shall only support the National Sports Directors and shall coordinate their activities with the National Sports Directors.
- (11) In the event of insufficient cooperation with the umbrella organisation or gross violations of the guidelines, as well as behaviour that is detrimental to the organisation, the ISB Presidium may at any time remove individual members of the National Associations, the Directorates or the whole Directorate, expel officials from the ISB or declare a National Association of the ISB dissolved.
- (12) Half of the membership fees of the National ISB Associations are to be paid annually to the umbrella organisation ISB as Association Fees.

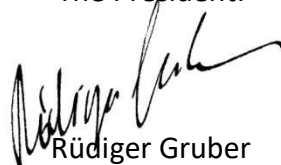
(13) In the event of the liquidation of individual National ISB Associations, their entire assets will be transferred to the Umbrella Organisation ISB.

§ 18 Liability for damages

The ISB is not liable for damages caused by a member of the Association when carrying out their own actions involving third parties.

Decided at the General Assembly on 23.01.2022

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