



ASIAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

ASC CONSTITUTION

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0 FOUNDATION OF THE ASIAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION

The formation of the Asian Shooting Confederation was fully supported in principle by Members of the Asian countries present at the 18th Olympic Games held in Tokyo in 1964. It was finalized at the 5th Asian Games held in Bangkok in December, 1966. The first General Assembly meeting was held on July 20, 1967, at the Tokorozawa Ranges near Tokyo, Japan.

1 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The Purpose of the Asian Shooting Confederation (hereinafter referred to as “**ASC**”) is to promote and guide the sound development of shooting sports in full accordance with the Constitution and General Regulations of the International Shooting Sport Federation (hereinafter referred to as “**ISSF**”) and in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Olympism as defined in the Olympic Charter, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and good relations among Member Federations and within the shooting sport community as a whole, without discrimination of any kind. Moreover, the ASC will directly or indirectly promote and ensure the common interest of all its members within the ISSF.
- 1.2 Objectives of the ASC include:
- 1.2.1 Conducting permanent communications between the Member Federations for the exchange of ideas on the development and perfection of shooting sports, in close collaboration with the ISSF.
 - 1.2.2 Acting as the only official link between Member Federations and the ISSF in all matters relating to any ASC supervised competitions and ASC recognized shooting events, training courses and Asian records.
 - 1.2.3 Conducting and regulating the Asian Shooting Championships.
 - 1.2.4 Conducting shooting events at the Asian Games under the supervision of the ISSF.
 - 1.2.5 Encouraging and supervising regional and other international competitions in Asia.
 - 1.2.6 Supporting the formation of regional organizations in Asia for the further promotion of shooting sports, provided that their aims, structure and regulations conform to those of the ISSF and ASC
 - 1.2.7 Encouraging in a general way all efforts to further strengthen good fellowship between shooters among Asian countries, based on the love of their own country, thereby reinforcing international confidence and goodwill.
 - 1.2.8 Publishing an official periodical bulletin or maintaining an updated website to keep Member Federations informed of the current news and progress of shooting activities in Asia.
 - 1.2.9 Organizing an education and training Programme, in close cooperation with the competent ISSF Committees.
 - 1.2.10 Licensing judges in accordance with ISSF rules.

- 1.2.11 Awarding orders of merit to those who have contributed to the development of the shooting sports.
- 1.2.12 Promoting the exchange of experience by organizing lectures, debates, conferences and courses.
- 1.2.13 Granting support to Member Federations and individual athletes.

2. HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1 The Headquarters of the Confederation shall be in the country of domicile of the President or the Secretary General or any location decided by the President upon the consultation of Executive Committee Members.
- 2.2 The ASC must be registered in accordance with the laws applicable in the country of the Headquarters.
- 2.3 Funds of the ASC are deposited with a bank as decided by the ASC Executive Committee.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The ASC is composed of Asian shooting associations or federations of nations represented in the Olympic Council of Asia. Each association or federation shall be approved by the ASC as the sole governing body of the shooting sports in their respective countries, and must be recognized and affiliated with their respective National Olympic Committees and with the ISSF.
- 3.2 Affiliation of federations belonging to non-Asian nations, or to nations not represented in the Olympic Council of Asia, is subject to the agreement of the ASC General Assembly, with the exception of those that had already been recognized prior to 2005.
- 3.3 Membership is open to one association or federation from each country. Countries with two Member Federations recognized prior to 2005 may retain dual membership, but no new applications for membership may be accepted from more than one federation per country.
 - 3.3.1 If a country is represented by two Member Federations, each Federation pays half the membership fee.
- 3.4 Membership is decided by simple majority vote of the ASC Executive Committee and new members are reported to the ASC General Assembly.
- 3.5 Applications for membership are made in writing to the ASC and must include:
 - 3.5.1 Regular ASC application form duly completed with full details about the foundation, organization and structure of the applying Federation.
 - 3.5.2 Official recognition by the respective National Olympic Committee.
 - 3.5.3 A copy of its official Constitution or Statutes.
- 3.6 Applicants may submit rejected or denied applications directly to the ASC General Assembly.
- 3.7 Annual membership fees are revised every two years by a simple majority vote in the ASC General Assembly. Meanwhile, the annual fee is due from January 1st of each calendar year and must be paid by January 31st.

- 3.7.1 If application for membership has been approved on or before the 1st of December of the current year, the annual fee is payable in full for that year.
- 3.7.2 Member Federations failing to pay the annual subscription fee or any other amount outstanding by January 31st of the current year are automatically deprived of all privileges of membership including the right of voting, participation in all official competitions, etc., until such payment has been received. This rule applies retroactively to any amount still outstanding at the moment of adopting the Constitution.
- 3.7.3 If the annual subscription fee or other outstanding amount has not been paid for three consecutive years, the defaulting Member Federation may be expelled from the ASC upon the decision of competent ASC body in accordance with this Constitution. The ASC may, however, decide to suspend such expulsion.
- 3.7.4 In case of expulsion for any unpaid fees or amounts, membership of the defaulting Member may be restored upon payment of the outstanding fees in addition to a re-affiliation fee of USD 150.
- 3.7.5 A member with limited financial resources may apply to the ASC for a membership fee reduction.
- 3.8 All Member Federations are fully aware of, accept and apply the ASC Communication Policy annexed hereto (Annex A).
- 3.9 Member Federations must refrain from active participation in or affiliation to any other international or regional shooting sport federation which is not recognized by the ASC and/or the ISSF.
- 3.10 Member Federations should always refer to the ASC as the only official link with the ISSF in all matters relating to any ASC supervised competitions and ASC recognized shooting events, training courses and Asian records.
- 3.11 A member Federation or a person engaged in the shooting sports may also be sanctioned, suspended or expelled from the Confederation if the Executive Committee considers that: a) the member/person violated the ASC or ISSF Constitutions, or, b) the conduct of that particular member/person is detrimental to the interests or contrary to the purposes of the Confederation. Before the suspension or expulsion of a member from ASC as per article 3.11 hereof, the concerned member shall be given the opportunity to present his case. Decision by the Executive Committee to suspend or expel a member for reason other than

- non-payment of membership fee shall be decided through a secret ballot requiring 2/3 majority of Executive Committee.
- 3.11.1 All reinstatement of a previously expelled member is subject to payment, by that member, of a USD 150 re-affiliation fee.
- 3.12 Major changes in the authority, organization or structure of a Member Federation must be notified to the ASC in writing within 30 days.
- 3.13 Obligations of ASC Member Federations:
- A)** To comply with this Constitution and ASC Regulations as well as decisions made by the respective ASC bodies;
 - B)** To meet the responsibility as host Federation entrusted with the organization of any ASC Championship or event;
 - C)** To encourage shooting practice and participation in competitions and events;
 - D)** To regularly organize national shooting sport competitions and events;
 - E)** To pay the annual membership fee and any other financial obligations established under ASC Constitution and General Regulations.
- 3.14 Rights of ASC member Federations:
- A)** To submit proposals for consideration by ASC Bodies including the General Assembly;
 - B)** To take part in the ASC competitions with their athletes in accordance with the ASC and ISSF regulations;
 - C)** To submit applications for the organization of the Asian Championships;
 - D)** To vote on any items in the General Assembly;
 - E)** To propose candidates for the election of any function within the ASC bodies and committees;
 - F)** To exercise all other rights granted to them by this Constitution and regulations and decisions made by the respective ASC body.

4 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AND DISTINCTIONS OF MERIT

- 4.1 The rare distinction of Honorary Membership, with or without an honorary title, may be granted to individuals for outstanding services to the ASC, as the Confederation's highest honour.
- 4.2 Honorary Memberships will be decided by the ASC General Assembly on recommendation by the ASC Executive Committee or the ASC President.
- 4.3 Honorary Members may attend all meetings of the ASC, with voice but without vote.
- 4.4 The ASC may award most deserving individuals and shooters with distinctions of merit in the form of cups, medals, plates or other similar trophies.

5 STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 5.1 The Confederation conducts its affairs through the following bodies:
 - 5.1.1 The General Assembly
 - 5.1.2 The Executive Committee
 - 5.1.3 The Technical and Judges Committee
 - 5.1.4 The Medical and Anti-Doping Committee
- 5.2 The General Assembly and/or Executive Committee may establish additional Committees and Sub-Committees as required for the fulfilment of ASC purposes.
- 5.3 A candidate for election or re-election to any position in the ASC must be nominated by his national Federation or by any other Asian Federation. Any Federation proposing a candidate for one of the ASC Committees is obliged to assist him with the costs of travel, accommodation and meals in connection with his attendance at Committee meetings. If, at the time of the election, there are fewer candidates than vacancies for any position, additional nominations may be submitted at the General Assembly. Member Federations that nominate new candidates must submit a statement of qualifications for the position for each candidate. A candidate for any position in the ASC is not required to hold a special position in any Federation. Every person elected to a position in the ASC serves solely in the interests of, and is responsible to the ASC.
- 5.4 Nominations for elections should be submitted at least three (3) months before, and published at least two (2) months before the General Assembly convenes. They shall contain personal information related to the candidate and his or her personal CV.
- 5.5 Members of the ASC Executive Committee, Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees, and other ASC officials hold office for a four-year tenure. They remain in office until the new elections of the Executive Committee, and they may be re-elected.
- 5.6 In no circumstances shall any officer take advantage of expenses paid by the ASC in excess of those incurred.
- 5.7 A candidate for election or re-election as ASC representatives in the ISSF Executive Committee and in the ISSF Council must be nominated by his national Federation. The candidate is not required to hold a special position in his Federation. Once elected, the mentioned representatives shall serve in the

interest of ISSF and Asian Shooting Confederation, and be responsible to ASC according to this constitution, and as instructed by ASC Bodies.

- 5.8 All members of the ASC Bodies must promote the interests of the ASC and support the decisions taken by its bodies.

6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 6.1 The ASC General Assembly is the supreme body of the ASC.
- 6.2 The General Assembly consists of delegates representing Member Federations. Only these delegates are entitled to vote.
 - 6.2.1 One Member Federation representing all shooting sports in its own country is entitled to two votes and may be represented by one or two delegates. If a country is represented in the ASC by two Member Federations, each Federation is entitled to one vote and one delegate.
 - 6.2.2 Member Federations may be represented by proxy, given in writing. One Member Federation may not represent more than one other Member Federation. Member Federations with one vote may only hold one proxy vote. Member Federations with two votes may hold two proxy votes.
 - 6.2.3 Proxies must be filed with the ASC, in writing, on the official Member Federations' letterhead, at least three (3) weeks before the General Assembly convenes.
 - 6.2.4 The ASC publishes the proxy lists at least two (2) weeks before the General Assembly convenes.
 - 6.2.5 Members of the ASC Executive Committee, and Honorary Members, are *ex officio* participants in the General Assembly, with voice but without vote, unless they are also delegates representing Member Federations.
- 6.3 Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly are held every two (2) years, preferably where the Asian Shooting Championships or the Asian Games are staged, unless otherwise decided by the ASC President.
 - 6.3.1 Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly may be summoned by the President upon decision of the Executive Committee or upon written request by the association of at least 25% of the total number of current Member Federations.
- 6.4 The General Assembly deals with items on the agenda. Member Federations willing to have a matter included in the agenda must submit their proposal in writing to the ASC, in English, at least three (3) months before the General Assembly convenes. The same applies to eventual proposals for the amendment hereof.
 - 6.4.1 An eventual demand for the dissolution of the ASC must be submitted at least six (6) months before the General Assembly convenes (see section 9 hereof).

- 6.4.2 The ASC Executive Committee or a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the General Assembly may add other agenda items for discussion, excluding amendments to the Constitution or to the General Regulations.
- 6.4.3 The General Assembly can take final decisions only on matters that are included in the agenda.
- 6.5 Summons of the meeting of the General Assembly together with the agenda, annual report, report of the Committee of Auditors and nominations for elections are distributed to Member Federations at least two (2) months before the General Assembly convenes.
- 6.6 Minutes of the General Assembly's proceedings are published and distributed to all Member Federations as soon as possible, normally not later than one (1) month after the meeting.
- 6.7 Decisions taken by the General Assembly are immediately effective unless otherwise determined by the Assembly.
- 6.8 Meetings of the General Assembly are held under the Chairmanship of the President or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents in order of age seniority, or, if necessary, another member of the ASC Executive Committee specifically elected by the General Assembly.
- 6.9 A quorum in the General Assembly is 25% of all Member Federations, including proxies.
- 6.10 Before the official opening of the General Assembly, the Secretary General calls the roll of voting powers, establishes the voting list and announces to the Assembly the total number of eligible votes.
- 6.11 Generally, the vote on all matters, other than elections, takes place by a show of hands and is decided by simple majority of those present. The President may cast a vote in the event of a tie.
 - 6.11.1 A secret ballot may be requested by any ten voting delegates present at the meeting, in which case apply voting rules defined in Art. 6.2.1 to 6.2.5 hereof.
 - 6.11.2 Elections are conducted by secret ballot, except elections which may be conducted by acclamation when there is only one candidate or as many candidates as there are vacancies, and if no objection is raised by any member.

- 6.11.3 In case elections are conducted, only ballots that contain votes for as many candidates, or fewer, as there are vacancies, are valid.
- 6.11.4 Proposals to amend this Constitution must be approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of Members.
- 6.12 Upon need, urgent decisions may be taken by the ASC in between two General Assembly meetings, and communicated as quickly as possible to all Member Federations. If such decisions are in the General Assembly's scope of responsibility, they must be included in the agenda of the next General Assembly for final ratification.
- 6.13 The General Assembly exercises the following functions:
 - 6.13.1 Electing the President of the ASC
 - 6.13.2 Electing five (5) Vice Presidents, one (1) Secretary General and eight (8) other members of the ASC Executive Committee.
 - 6.13.3 Deciding on eventual nominations for Honorary Membership.
 - 6.13.4 Approving the general rules for the organization of the Asian Shooting Championships and Asian Games.
 - 6.13.5 Establishing additional Committees and Sub-Committees, as required.
 - 6.13.6 Approving the Annual Report and any other relevant report by the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, or Chairmen of the Committees.
 - 6.13.7 Approving proposals set forth by any Member Federation.
 - 6.13.8 Deciding on appeals regarding membership status.
 - 6.13.9 Reviewing annual membership fees every two years.
 - 6.13.10 Deciding on eventual proposals to amend the ASC Constitution or General Regulations.
 - 6.13.11 Approving eventual changes brought into the ASC General Regulations by the ASC Executive Committee.
 - 6.13.12 Approving the external auditors proposed by the ASC Executive Committee.
 - 6.13.13 Dissolving the Confederation.

7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

- 7.1 The ASC Executive Committee consists of:
- The President of the Confederation elected by the ASC General Assembly
 - The five (5) Vice presidents elected by the ASC General Assembly
 - The Secretary General elected by the ASC General Assembly
 - Eight (8) members elected by the ASC General Assembly.
- 7.1.1 Each Vice President may be assigned specific duties and responsibilities by virtue of a decision of the President.
- 7.1.2 The Secretary General acts also as Treasurer of the ASC.
- 7.1.3 In relation to legal matters involving the statutes, responsibility rests with the President and the five Vice Presidents, upon the advice of Statutes Sub-Committee.
- 7.1.4 If a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the Executive Committee finds the President unable to fulfil his/her official duties, one of the Vice Presidents may be appointed to hold the Presidency.
- 7.1.5 The President is entitled to recruit permanent or temporary staff for the Headquarter office to undertake routine work if needed.
- 7.1.6 Members of the Executive Committee may be appointed to any additional position in other ASC Committees.
- 7.1.7 All the office bearers and members of ASC Executive Committee shall be elected by name. Every person after being elected to any position in ASC Executive Committee shall act in person without being considered as representative of the Federation that nominated him / her for ASC Executive Committee and shall remain in position until the end of 4 years tenure, regardless of the status of its Federation.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee meets at least once a year, preferably where the Asian Shooting Championships or the Asian Games are staged, unless otherwise decided by the President. The quorum is 50% of the members. No proxy is accepted.
- 7.2.1 All members of the Executive Committee must attend at least one meeting of the Executive Committee a year, unless otherwise justified by very serious circumstances and excused accordingly by the other members of the Executive Committee.
- 7.2.2 The Executive Committee may adopt sanctions against anyone of its own members who will be in breach of the previous rule. Before taking any action against the member, he / she shall be given the opportunity to present his / her case.

- 7.3 Summons of the meeting of the Executive Committee together with the agenda and other relevant documents are distributed to the members at least six (6) weeks before the meeting convenes.
- 7.4 The Executive Committee is the only competent body to decide on interpretation of this Constitution. Its decision is final.
- 7.5 The Executive Committee is responsible to fulfil the ASC purpose and objectives (see section 1 hereof), in particular by exercising the following functions:
 - 7.5.1 Organizing and conducting administrative and general work within the ASC, according to this Constitution and to decisions taken by the ASC General Assembly.
 - 7.5.2 Appointing the Chairmen and the members of the Technical and Judges Committee and of the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee for a four-year tenure.
 - 7.5.3 Establishing additional Committees or Sub-Committees, as well as appointing their Chairmen and their members for a four-year tenure.
 - 7.5.4 Appointing the Chairmen and members of additional Committees or Sub-Committees established by the General Assembly.
 - 7.5.5 Ensuring the proper preparation and organization of ASC supervised competitions and shooting events.
 - 7.5.6 Supporting the organization of regional competitions, on request.
 - 7.5.7 Producing the schedules for major competitions in Asia, compatible with those of the ISSF and in other continents.
 - 7.5.8 Setting up guidelines for the shooting sports and defining the ASC shooting Programs in general.
 - 7.5.9 Examining and approving Programmes and detailed procedures of championships and other competitions.
 - 7.5.10 Supervising the regular production, publication and transmission of the Asian shooting sports records list.
 - 7.5.11 Preparing proposals for Honorary Membership for submission to the ASC General Assembly.
 - 7.5.12 Awarding distinctions of merit within the principles laid out by the ASC.
 - 7.5.13 Deciding on admission, suspension and eventual expulsion of Member Federations.
 - 7.5.14 Changing or updating the ASC General Regulations as needed, e.g. following changes introduced to the ISSF Regulations.

- Such changes require final approval by the ASC General Assembly.
- 7.5.15 Examining reports prepared by the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, other members of the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of all Committees and Sub-Committees.
- 7.5.16 Examining proposals by Member Federations and submitting them to the ASC General Assembly.
- 7.5.17 Deciding on the design and use of official ASC emblems.
- 7.5.18 Dealing with all matters and taking all decisions that cannot be handled by other ASC Committees.
- 7.5.19 Deciding on eventual urgent matters as per Art. 6.12 hereof.
- 7.5.20 Taking responsibility for the good management of ASC finances through a well-established and recognized external auditing company approved by the ASC General Assembly.
- 7.5.21 Appointing a replacement for any Officer, Executive Committee member, committee member or committee chairman who resigns, becomes unable to fulfil his duties for other reasons, is removed, or if a vacancy occurs.
- 7.5.22 Deciding on all matters not covered in this Constitution. Such decisions are to be made in accordance with the relevant ASC and ISSF rules. If no such regulations exist, the Executive Committee shall decide according to their duty to act fairly.
- 7.5.23 Elect the representatives of ASC in the ISSF Executive Committee and in the Council according to article 21 of ISSF Constitution among candidates nominated by ASC Member Federations. It is preferable that both genders represent ASC in case it has more than two members in the Council.
- 7.5.24 Establish, amend and apply regulations and rules to the extent such competence has not been assigned to the General Assembly according to this Constitution. This includes in particular the competence to create, apply, amend, and approve: a) Anti-Doping Rules; b) Code of Ethics; c) Eligibility Rules; d) Disciplinary Regulations; e) Technical Rules;
- 7.5.25 To decide the hosts of all ASC supervised Championships and competitions, including the Asian Shooting Championships and Continental championships, for a maximum period of four (4) years ahead, and to decide on the substitution of a Member Federation as the host in the case that the selected host is unable to fulfil its duties;
- 7.5.26 Issue Special Regulations concerning the distribution of Olympic Quotas during ASC various championships.
- Decisions of Executive Committee may be taken by postal or electronic vote.

7.6 President

The President has the powers assigned to him by this Constitution, other regulations, and in particular the following:

- A) Provides leadership and direction to the ASC;
- B) Represents the ASC, and presides over all its activities;
- C) Represents the ASC in international sports organizations and in all legal matters with the right for single representation of the ASC;
- D) Acts on behalf of the ASC as circumstances require;
- E) Chairs the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
- F) Supervises the execution of decisions and activities of ASC Bodies;
- G) Ensures that the purposes and objectives of the ASC are fulfilled;
- H) Ensures that the decisions taken by the General Assembly and Executive Committee are put into effect;
- I) Performs special assignments on request of the Executive Committee.

7.7 Vice-Presidents

The Vice-Presidents have the powers assigned to them by this Constitution, other regulations and in particular the following:

- A) Support and assist the President and carry out duties assigned by the Executive Committee and the President;
- B) A Vice-President, assigned by the President, convenes and chairs the meetings;
- C) When present at any ASC championship or activity, a Vice President is the highest ASC representative and authority after the President.

7.8 SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General is the head of administration of the ASC, supervises all tasks performed at the ASC Headquarters.

The Secretary General has the powers assigned to him by this Constitution, other regulations and in particular the following:

- A) Represents the ASC in all legal matters with a single representation of the ASC;
- B) Managing the accounts and financial matters of the ASC;
- C) Supervises and coordinates administrative services and activities;
- D) Ensures the implementation, documentation and archiving of all decisions taken by ASC different bodies;
- E) Reports on the activities of ASC Headquarters at each meeting of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee;
- F) Fulfills ASC administrative works and responsibilities, including without limitation, conducting ASC correspondence, preparing circular letters and reports and mailing summons to meetings;
- G) Performs special assignments on request of the Executive Committee, or of the President.

8. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- 8.1 The other two permanent Committees of the ASC are the Technical and Judges Committee and the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.
- 8.1.1 Each of the above-mentioned permanent Committees consists of a Chairman and a maximum of eight (8) members, all appointed by the ASC Executive Committee. Preferably, both genders should be represented.
- 8.1.2 The two permanent Committees advise and support the ASC in all technical questions related to the preparation and organization of shooting events, and work in accordance with the General Regulations.
- 8.2 Meetings of the two permanent Committees are convened by each Chairman as required, at least once a year after approval by the ASC President.
- 8.2.1 The Chairman of each permanent Committee must forward to the ASC:
- the minutes of the Committee meetings within two (2) weeks of the meeting
 - the Committee's proposals to the ASC at least six (6) weeks before the next ASC Executive Committee meeting
- 8.3 The Technical and Judges Committee consists of a Chairman and 8 members, so that all shooting disciplines are represented in three (3) groups, as follows:
- Rifle + Running Target: represented by three (3) persons, preferably including both genders
 - Pistol: represented by three (3) persons, preferably including both genders
 - Shotgun: represented by three (3) persons, preferably including both genders
- 8.3.1 Each one of the three (3) discipline groups appoints a spokesman or spokeswoman within the group. The Chairman of the Technical and Judges Committee will be the spokesman or spokeswoman for his/her own discipline group.
- 8.3.2 The Chairman of the Technical and Judges Committee and the other two spokesmen or spokeswoman constitute the discipline reference (working) group, which coordinates proposals, drafts and notifications to the ASC.
- 8.4 The Technical and Judges Committee exercises the following functions:

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- 8.4.1 Dealing with and advising on technical questions concerning rifle, pistol, running target and shotgun shooting.
- 8.4.2 Dealing with and advising on questions concerning ranges and technical equipment.
- 8.4.3 Working and advising on the correct interpretation of shooting rules, in collaboration with the Technical Committee of the ISSF.
- 8.4.4 Recommending juries to the ASC for the Regional and other Championships and the Games
- 8.4.5 Organizing and conducting coach, referee and jury courses at least once a year
- 8.4.6 Setting guidelines for the activities of judges and referees within the ASC
- 8.4.7 Submitting periodic reports to the ASC
- 8.5 The Medical and Anti-Doping Committee exercises the following functions:
 - 8.5.1 Originating and using applied scientific research to improve the shooting performance of Asian shooters
 - 8.5.2 Conducting Anti-Doping control according to ISSF rules
 - 8.5.3 Advising and instructing Asian countries and Member Federations hosting shooting competitions in the handling of medical and anti-doping affairs
 - 8.5.4 Submitting periodic reports to the ASC
- 8.6 If additional Committees or Sub-Committees are established, they are supervised by the ASC Executive Committee.
 - 8.6.1 Additional Committees and Sub-Committees consist of a Chairman and a maximum of four (4) members, all appointed by the ASC Executive Committee. Preferably, both genders should be represented.
 - 8.6.2 Additional Committees and Sub-Committees report to their own supervising Committee.
- 8.7 Chairmen of all Committees and Sub-Committees may be invited to attend meetings of the ASC Executive Committee, with voice but without vote.

9 DISSOLUTION OF THE CONFEDERATION

- 9.1 A request of dissolution of the Confederation shall be included in the agenda of the ASC General Assembly. To be considered, a written proposal must be submitted to the ASC at least six (6) months before the General Assembly convenes. Lacking such term of notice, the request may only be dealt with during the following General Assembly meeting.
- 9.2 The dissolution of the Confederation is approved by the ASC General Assembly by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of all voting members present.
- 9.3 In case of dissolution of the ASC, any remaining assets after payment of all liabilities are divided among Member Federations. All official records are handed over to the ISSF.

10 MISCELLANEOUS

- 10.1 English is the only official language of the ASC.
- 10.1.1 The English text of this Constitution, the General Regulations, the competition rules and any other ASC official document prevails over any translation available.
- 10.1.2 When Asian Shooting Championships are held, the organizing country may add its own language(s) to the Program, instructions, announcements, etc., together with English.
- 10.2 ISSF eligibility rules apply to the members of the ASC in any matter not covered either by the ASC Constitution or the ASC General Regulations.
- 10.3 ISSF rules prevail in any matter not covered either by the ASC Constitution or the ASC General Regulations
- 10.4 The spirit of good sportsmanship shall prevail over the interpretation of rules and problems and conduct of competitions. International friendship shall take privilege over the mere process of winning.
- 10.5 The ASC financial year runs from January 1 to December 31.
- 10.6 If need be, meetings of ASC General Assembly, Committees and Subcommittees may be conducted via Online Video Conferencing.
- 10.7 It is preferable that both genders are represented in ASC permanent Committees, i.e. Executive Committee, Technical and Judges Committee, Medical and Anti-Doping Committee.
- 10.8 The ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations must be followed by the ASC and all its members, teams, officials and athletes.
- 10.9 The ISSF Code of Ethics must be followed by the ASC and all its members, teams, officials and athletes.
- 10.10 Any final decision rendered by the ASC may be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The language of the proceedings shall be English. The time limit for the appeal to be filed is twenty-one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal. Any decision taken by CAS will be final and binding on all parties concerned.

10.11 Annexes hereof: Annex 'A' - ASC Communication Policy.

This Constitution was approved by the General Assembly of the Asian Shooting Confederation held on September 2nd, 2023.

This Constitution is immediately effective, and replaces any previous version.

ANNEX 'A' TO ASC CONSTITUTION

ASC COMMUNICATION POLICY

A.1. INTRODUCTION

- A.1.1. This policy was drafted with the general purpose of building up a reliable, quick, and so far as possible an inexpensive communication system between the ASC Headquarters, ASC Member Federations and ASC Officials. It was drafted with a view to avoid unnecessary burdens on the ASC financial budget and to avoid distracting the ASC Headquarters' personnel from more important operational activities.
- A.1.2. This policy does not cover communication between the ASC Headquarters and non ASC external interlocutors.
- A.1.3. This policy shall be considered as an integral part of the ASC Constitution.

A.2. PRINCIPLES

- A.2.1. The ASC Headquarters communicates with ASC Member Federations and ASC Officials through the internet namely by e-mail and on the Web.
- A.2.2. All ASC Member Federations and ASC Officials must be equipped for official communication through e-mail and on the Web, including the ability of downloading attachments and reading common document and image formats, including "PDF" format.
- A.2.3. All ASC Member Federations and ASC Officials must provide the ASC Headquarters with an official or unofficial e-mail address, which they are responsible to keep permanently valid and capable of receiving reasonable amounts of data, such as small document attachments. The ASC favours the use of popular web-based e-mail services that offer, free of charge, good reliability, capacious mail boxes, spam protection, and easy access from anywhere in the world.

- A.2.4. The ASC Headquarters may not be held responsible for any communication failure due to disregard of the above-mentioned principles.
- A.2.5. Any e-mail message, with or without attachments, exchanged between the ASC Headquarters and ASC Member Federations or ASC Officials, is considered as official ASC correspondence and is treated accordingly by the ASC Headquarters. Information appearing in the header of the message (date, subject, etc.) serves as an identifier.
- A.2.6. As a general rule, the ASC Headquarters does not require acknowledgement of receipt on outgoing e-mail messages. Lack of any automated error response to such messages is interpreted by the ASC Headquarters as a successful communication, without any further action on their part, except in cases and circumstances covered in the ASC Headquarters' internal guidelines.
- A.2.7. In case of automated error response to outgoing e-mail messages, e.g.: *undeliverable*, *user unknown*, *mailbox full*, etc., the ASC Headquarters will behave at their discretion according to the particular circumstances and to the ASC Headquarters' internal guidelines, without bearing further responsibility towards the concerned addressees.
- A.2.8. In case of communications that cannot take place by electronic means, such as forwarding of non documentary material, the ASC favours traditional shipping services (normal or registered airmail). The ASC does not make use of private couriers unless dictated by very particular circumstances and with the approval of the ASC President.
- A.2.9. The ASC Headquarters are responsible to issue more detailed internal guidelines inspired by the above-mentioned principles, for application by the ASC Headquarters' secretarial and technical staff.