

## ICTSA Day-to-Day Operating Rules and Bye Laws 31-01-2024

The ICTSA rules and regulations are subject to change and any queries should be directed to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary. These rules and regulations are in addition to the various discipline rules as defined by the ISSF, FITASC, ICTSC, ICTSF and the ICTSA Constitution.

It is a condition of membership that all ICTSA members are deemed to have agreed to be bound by the rules and regulations of the sport and the Association.

### Individual

- 1.01 Individual affiliation/membership fees are due on the 1st January of each year and on valid receipt of a membership application by the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer as a benefit of membership an individual member is immediately fully covered by the Association's Insurance Policy in accordance with the terms and conditions of same. No part of the membership/affiliation fee is deemed to be payment of an insurance premium
- 1.02 Scores will not be recorded or used for any purpose until membership fees are paid to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer.
- 1.03 Life membership is subject to ratification by the National Executive and election to the Register of Members on an annual basis. In the event that membership is not ratified by the National Executive, a pro-rata portion of the Life Membership Fee originally paid, will be deducted from the total amount originally paid and the remainder refunded. The value attributed to the pro-rata portion of the Life Membership used to date, will be calculated as the number of years since the life membership was taken out, multiplied by the average annual membership fee in vogue during that period. Refunds will not exceed €2,500.
- 1.04 The ICTSA National Executive may suspend a member for any period of time for the good of the sport.
- 1.05 The ICTSA National Executive or the ICTSA Chairman or the ICTSA Honorary Secretary may suspend Insurance cover from any member.
- 1.06 All ICTSA membership application forms should be sent to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer or submitted online at [www.ictsa.ie](http://www.ictsa.ie)
- 1.07 An individual member can be affiliated to a Provincial Association based on where he or she was born or where currently resident. The ICTSA National Executive will ratify all affiliation of members to provincial bodies and its decision will be final.
- 1.08 All members must comply with the waste management rules that are in operation at the ground at which they are competing or otherwise shooting.
- 1.09 Members who have received grant-aid must disclose the source and amount to the National Executive.
- 1.10 Individual affiliation to the ICTSA shall cost €150  
An Application Form must be completed in full each year and submitted to the ICTSA.  
Membership is not deemed accepted until the application is fully processed and ratified by the board.
- 1.11 Junior membership is available for any persons under 21 years of age on the 1st January in the year in question, at €75 and a Colt membership for any persons under 16 years of age on the 1st January in the year in question, at €20  
An Application Form must be completed in full each year and submitted to the ICTSA.  
Membership is not deemed accepted until the application is fully processed and ratified by the board.
- 1.12 A reduced membership fee of €75 is available to any person in full time education up to the age of 26 on the 1st January of the year in question.  
A student card will not be accepted as proof of full time education.  
A confirmation of attendance from the educational institution must be furnished for a member to avail of the reduced membership fee.
- 1.13 A reduced membership fee is available to a person 80 years and over.  
Currently that annual fee is set at €0 (zero).  
It applies to a person who has been a member continuously for 5 years prior to the age of 80.  
It does not apply to lapsed members.  
An Application Form must be completed in full each year and submitted to the ICTSA.  
Membership is not deemed accepted until the application is fully processed and ratified by the board.
- 1.14 Individual members must discharge all debts due to the ICTSA for any preceding year before renewing their membership for the following year.
- 1.15 All membership applications and renewals are subject to ratification by the National Executive and election to the Register of Members.  
In the event that a membership application or renewal is rejected by the National Executive, any annual membership fee paid by the rejected applicant shall be refunded.

### Club

- 2.01 All club members must be individual members of the ICTSA.
- 2.02 Club affiliation/membership fees are due on the 1st January each year and on valid receipt of a membership application by the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer as a benefit of membership the club member (except where the club is deemed a commercial enterprise) is immediately fully covered by the Association's Insurance Policy in accordance with the terms and conditions of same. No part of the membership/affiliation fee is deemed to be payment of an insurance premium
- 2.03 The ICTSA National Executive may suspend an Affiliated Club for any period of time for the good of the sport.

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- 2.04 The ICTSA National Executive or the ICTSA Chairman or the ICTSA Honorary Secretary may suspend insurance cover from any Affiliated Club, if a situation merits it.
- 2.05 Copies of the ICTSA insurance policy will be made available to those members who seek it.
- 2.06 "Club" affiliation to the ICTSA from 1st January 2008 shall cost €375.
- 2.07 "Associate Club" affiliation to the ICTSA shall cost €375
- 2.08 All "Associate Club" members must be members of the ICTSA. The club profit/surplus must be divided equally among all club members. The Club must have an elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Club Constitution must be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the ICTSA for review. A list of members must be supplied.
- 2.09 "Associate Club" membership does not apply to Commercial Grounds or Trade type groups.
- 2.10 It is the duty of Club Secretaries to make sure that all entries to competitions and practice are paid up members of the ICTSA on the day of the shoot. Clubs will be responsible for the full cost of membership if a person is found to be an unpaid member.
- 2.11 Clubs are fully entitled to refuse entry to an ICTSA member where it has been judged by the club that such a member has behaved in an inappropriate or objectionable manner at their facility. The ICTSA will monitor the implementation of this provision in case of abuse.
- 2.12 Day insurance is for the sole purpose of introducing newcomers to the sport. There is no cost for day insurance and clubs may not levy an additional charge in respect of insurance.
- 2.13 An individual may only avail of day insurance on three occasions in any given year and affords insurance cover only, it does not confer any other membership benefits, e.g. eligibility to win prizes or trophies.
- 2.14 Lapsed ICTSA members are not entitled to avail of day insurance.
- 2.15 All day insurances must complete a day insurance form which should be returned to the Statistical Officer at [statistical@icpsa.ie](mailto:statistical@icpsa.ie)
- 2.16 Clubs can administer and run shoots as they wish so long as they comply with the rules and regulations for the disciplines.
- 2.17 All individual membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer within one week of receipt, otherwise membership will take effect from the date of receipt by the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer.
- 2.18 All Club membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer within one week of receipt, otherwise membership will take effect from the date of receipt by the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer.
- 2.19 Where a club chooses to have competitors retain and remove their waste, any participant who fails to comply with the clubs wishes can at the discretion of the club through the auspices of the ICTSA be suspended from attending the next event at that venue. Notification must be sent to the ICTSA detailing what took place before such a suspension can take place.
- 2.20 The ICTSA will not endorse, be associated with or responsible in any way for events unless all members of the ICTSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.
- 2.21 Coverage of club members by the Associations insurance policy (where applicable) commences upon receipt of a valid membership payment which is passed on to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer by the due date.
- 2.22 Canvassing will disqualify any application with regard to tenders for ICTSA/ICTSC events.
- 2.23 Host clubs must accept the Associations assistance where provided so as to ensure that the necessary standard of service regarding results would be available with regard to Home Countries International Tournaments.
- 2.24 Non DTL trap discipline shoots can be run on the same day as the Gold Cup.
- 2.25 A member of the ICTSA National Executive may inspect a clubs receipt/day insurance book during any event and may record the book as being inspected.
- 2.26 An ICTSA affiliated club may run events on behalf of other shooting organisations. Five (5) working days notice must be given in writing to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary for such an event and the club shall be deemed not to be a member of the ICTSA for the day of such an event. This suspension of membership will be extended to the days preceding and following such events where activities associated with the event take place e.g. setting of traps or clearing up of site etc.
- 2.27 Club members must discharge all debts due to the ICTSA for any preceding year before renewing their membership for the following year.
- 2.28 Any member or employee of a club/venue who might at some point come into contact or interact with a trap must receive some form of induction training from a suitably qualified person.
- 2.29 A register must be maintained by the club/venue detailing the names of those who receive induction training and the date this took place.
- 2.30 All repairs to traps must be carried out by technically qualified and competent personnel only.
- 2.31 Failure to comply with any of these rules could have insurance implications.
- 2.32 Affiliated clubs are covered by the ICTSA insurance policy (where applicable) where they operate in full compliance with the rules and Articles of Association of the ICTSA.

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- 2.33 Where an affiliated club/venue has multiple identities or multiple affiliations, the ICTSA insurance (where applicable) is in force only at ICTSA events held in full compliance with the rules and Articles of Association of the ICTSA.
- 2.34 Where an affiliated club operates at a venue shared with other non-affiliated clubs or where the venue itself is affiliated to another organisation, the ICTSA insurance (where applicable) is in force only at ICTSA events held in full compliance with the rules and Articles of Association of the ICTSA.
- 2.35 The ICTSA insurance is not a commercial policy. Affiliated clubs/venues operating commercially are recommended to have their own commercial insurance.
- 2.36 All Clubs are required to have in place at all ICTSA events a fully operational AED and competent trained persons on duty at each event.
- 2.37 All Clubs shall undertake a risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the services in the Club and/or at ICTSA hosted events.
- 2.38 All Clubs shall prepare and display a Child Safeguarding Statement.
- 2.39 All Clubs shall appoint a Club Childrens Officer and ensure they complete the necessary safeguarding training.
- 2.40 All Clubs shall appoint a Designated Liaison Person and ensure they complete the necessary safeguarding training.

### Grounds

- 3.01 Shooting grounds must have Ladies and Gents toilet facilities at all Registered Shoots.
- 3.02 It is the responsibility of each affiliated club to ensure that participants are current ICTSA members in order that their score can be recorded.
- 3.03 A new shooting ground must be inspected by an approved nominee of the National Executive prior to any registered competitions being granted to the grounds.
- 3.04 All grounds are required to have in place at all ICTSA events a fully operational AED and competent trained persons on duty at each event.
- 3.05 All grounds shall undertake a risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of the services at the ground and/or at ICTSA hosted events.
- 3.06 All grounds shall prepare and display a Child Safeguarding Statement.
- 3.07 All grounds shall appoint a Club Childrens Officer and ensure they complete the necessary safeguarding training.
- 3.08 All grounds shall appoint a Designated Liaison Person and ensure they complete the necessary safeguarding training.

### Registered Competitions

- 4.01 The ICTSA arranges for the hosting of registered competitions for its members as part of its selection criteria for each discipline. Priority shall be given at all times to ICTSA members only for any registered event by all Clubs and grounds. There is NO obligation on any Club or ground to allow any person other than a fully paid ICTSA member to enter any event, such persons to include but not limited to, non paid members, lapsed members, day insurance, guest member, a member of any other associations including those affiliated to the ICTSC and ICTSF.
- 4.02 Residents of the Republic of Ireland must be current paid-up members of the ICTSA or the UCPSA in order to enter any ICTSA event. Residents of any country other than Ireland, who enter any ICTSA event, must hold a valid Garda visitor's firearms certificate before that competition commences.
- 4.03 The maximum entry fees for registered 100 target competitions are as follows:
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|---------------|---------|---------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Down the Line | € 45.00 | Automatic Ball Trap | € 45.00 | FITASC Sporting *  | € 55.00 | National Skeet   | € 50.00 |
| Olympic Trap  | € 50.00 | Olympic Skeet       | € 50.00 | English Sporting * | € 50.00 | Universal Trench | € 50.00 |
| Sportrap *    | € 50.00 | Fitasc Compak *     | € 50.00 |                    |         |                  |         |
- ISSF Selection shoots 125 target plus Final € 60.00  
Referee Surcharge for all Sporting Disciplines (Marked \*) that are refereed €10 (In addition to the entry fee)

Included in the above fees is a Shooters Fund Levy of €6, which is paid by the shooter, and passed on by the Grounds to the ICTSA Shooters Fund, which goes to help fund Teams at International Events. Clubs must return levies to the ICTSA Treasurer using the appropriate form and scores to the ICTSA Statistical Officer under the existing rules.

ICTSA Junior members under 21 years of age can enter all registered 100 target competition in any discipline for €25. This includes a €3 contribution to the Shooters Fund.

Full levies are due on "Birds Only" entries also. For "Birds Only" entrants see 4.33 below.

- 4.04 Shoot registration Fee: A registration fee of €20 per day is due from all clubs holding registered shoots and this fee along with all shoot levies are to be returned to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer within the specified time and must be accompanied with the levies return form.

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- 4.05 Where less than 10 entries are received at a Registered shoot, no Registration fee shall be payable.
- 4.06 Where more than one Registered shoot is being held on the same day at the venue the combined entry must be less than 10 persons for this rule to apply.
- 4.07 With effect from 1st October 2006 any club failing to return scores, registration fees and levies to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer within seven days of a registered shoot will have the next scheduled registered shoot which occurs no sooner than 30 days after the event for which the returns were not made de-registered. Such de-registered shoots will not be re-registered and the process of de-registration of subsequent shoots will continue until the levies due are paid in full.
- 4.08 Where a club has a valid reason for the non-return of scores and levies within the allotted time, the de-registration rule may be waived at the discretion of the National Executive.
- 4.09 The ICTSA Honorary Treasurer alone shall collect all shoot levies and registration fees.
- 4.10 If a Club wishes to change the date or venue of a registered competition, one months notice should be given where possible to both the Association and to other appropriate clubs, who in turn will notify their members.
- 4.11 Where in the opinion of the ICTSA National Executive a Registered shoot is cancelled without sufficient notice to facilitate the arrangement of an alternative event or alternatively without good cause, the club/venue in question will be liable for a payment of the levies in full for an equivalent event run the previous year or the last similar event run by the club/venue as decided by the National Executive.
- 4.12 All Registered shoot cancellations must be made in writing to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary detailing at that time the reason for the cancellation and if no reason is put forward it will be concluded that no valid reason is being offered.
- 4.13 The club/venue in question will not be allocated any further Registered shoots until the cancellation levies are paid in full.
- 4.14 Where less than four weeks notice is given, a Championship event may not be brought forward and can only move back in date.
- 4.15 There may be one registered shoot per province per day in any one discipline.
- 4.16 The Statistical Officer may disregard a registered shoot if it is found to be out of regulation.
- 4.17 For final entry time at an event, please check with the host ground.
- 4.18 There should be prizes allocated for Ladies, Veterans, Super-Veterans and Juniors at all Irish Open and Irish Closed Championship competitions.
- 4.19 Day Insurance participants are not entitled to prizes or trophies in ICTSA registered Shoots
- 4.20 Lapsed ICTSA members on the day of a registered and non-registered shoot will not be entitled to participate or receive prizes or trophies.
- 4.21 ICTSA membership fees can be collected at any Registered or non-Registered Shoot. A membership form and official receipt must be issued and the money passed on in full to the ICTSA Honorary Treasurer within one week of receipt.
- 4.22 All ICTSA Perpetual Cups and Trophies must be returned to the host club in sufficient time as to allow presentation at the competition in question. Members returning Cups and Trophies should obtain a receipt.
- 4.23 The holder of a Perpetual Cup or Trophy is responsible for the safe keeping of same for the period during which they hold the award and will be liable for the loss or damage to the award. All clubs presenting Perpetual Cups or Trophies at shoots must complete the ICTSA Cup Tracker form and return same to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary within one week of the event.
- 4.24 All Perpetual Cups and Trophies presented/donated or sponsored to the ICTSA are accepted and competed for as part of the calendar of events on the basis that they become the property of the Association and its members.
- 4.25 The ICTSA will not award registered shoots to a club unless all members of the ICTSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.
- 4.26 There will always be a first prize in any lettered class.
- 4.27 Between five and seven entries will warrant two prizes in a class and eight entries plus will qualify for three prizes in a class.
- 4.28 All participants at Irish Open and Irish Close Championships are eligible for class prizes firstly and category prizes second. Category prizes may consist of badges or medals but not cash from the general prize fund.
- 4.29 The overall prize fund will be divided according to the number of prizes awarded.
- 4.30 Prize money will be apportioned on a point's basis with the High Gun being worth 6 points, first in class getting 3 points, second getting 2 and third getting 1 point. Therefore if a shoot has two classes with three prizes, one class with two prizes and one class with one prize, the total points shall be  $2 \times 6$  plus  $1 \times 5$  plus  $1 \times 3$  plus 6 points for High Gun giving 26 points in total. An example prize fund of €520 for such an event will be divided by 26 and will give a value of €20 per point resulting in the High Gun receiving  $\text{€}20 \times 6 = \text{€}120$ , 1st in class receiving €60, 2nd receiving €40 and 3rd receiving €20. In major shoots where prizes extend beyond three places, for example to 5th place, 1st will be worth 5 points, 2nd 4 points and so on with the High Gun receiving 15 points etc.
- 4.31 All clubs must display the prize fund and payout at each shoot.
- 4.32 Participants at registered shoots may not have their finishing position omitted from the results.

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- 4.33 Scores from all participants (including day insurance entries) at registered shoots must be returned by clubs to the Statistical Officer.
- 4.34 Omission or failure to return scores by any club or participant is not permitted.
- 4.35 Members may enter registered shoots on a "bird's only" basis and the entry fee shall be the standard amount less the portion allocated to the prize fund. For Clarification - Bird's Only - means not being part of the standard prize money. Bird's only competitor's scores will count for Team selection and classification purposes and must be returned to the Statistical Officers. Birds only entries may win any cup or Championship being contested at a Registered Event and are also entitled to any sponsored prizes. Where a bird's only contestant wins a prize under this rule, this must be notified in the event results.
- 4.36 Where an entrant fails to complete a registered shoot they may not count any score for Team selection purposes from a subsequent registered shoot on the same day.
- 4.37 Where an entrant fails to complete a registered shoot their score and the full levies must still be returned to the ICTSA
- 4.38 The minimum payback per entry at Registered shoots is €4.
- 4.39 For domestic and ICTSC competition purposes, a junior is someone who is under 21 on 1st January in the year of competition.
- 4.40 For domestic and ICTSC competition purposes, a veteran is someone who is 55 or over on 1st January in the year of competition.
- 4.41 For domestic and ICTSC competition purposes, a super veteran is someone who is 65 or over on 1st January in the year of competition.
- 4.42 All scores from Registered shoots must be returned by e-mail (using the ICTSA shoot programme) to the ICTSA Statistical Officer.
- 4.43 Prize money if not claimed within 12 months of an event will be retained by the venue.
- 4.44 The minimum size of a squad at a Registered Sporting shoot will be seven persons except for the last squad out on the course at a competition. No minimum will apply where a squad is accompanied by a referee.
- 4.45 The use of random squad draws at Registered ABT, Sporting and FITASC shoots is permitted once one weeks' notice is given to the ICTSA by the shoot organisers
- 4.46 The "Duly Notified" rule also applies to the workers on the back up squad where applicable. This means that a worker is deemed to be duly notified when their name is called out by a Referee, Scorer or other person authorised to do so (to include the members of the opposite squad and specifically shooter number 1). If a worker is absent after being called, the Referee or other person authorised to do so shall call the name on the card loudly three times equally spaced within one minute. If the worker is still not present they will be "Declared Absent" and they will be fined two targets (6 points in DTL) by the Jury.
- 4.47 Where an entrant fails to attend a pre-entry event without what is deemed sufficient notice or good cause by the ICTSA executive committee, the organisers may insist on payment of the entry fee in full
- 4.48 Entry to future events may be refused if the requested payment is not forthcoming from the competitor.
- 4.49 The Irish Open Sporting Cup if won by a non-ICTSA member will be presented to the winner for photograph purposes only and retained by the host club until the following years event.
- 4.50 ALL officials, including but not limited to referees, markers, buttoners, data inputters, admin staff, office staff, paid staff, volunteers operating directly, indirectly, contracted or sub-contracted at ANY ICTSA event must either be pre-approved by the National Executive of the ICTSA in writing, or be a currently paid-up member of ICTSA and ratified by the ICTSA board.

### Safety

- 5.01 The onus is on every member of the Association and not just members of the National Executive to promote safety within the sport.
- 5.02 All affiliated Clubs must appoint a Safety Officer.
- 5.03 All accidents and/or potential insurance claims MUST be reported in full to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary in writing within 48 hours.
- 5.04 The National Executive will report all accidents to the Association's Legal Officer and Insurance Broker.
- 5.05 The National Executive or members of the ICTSA may not accept liability for any occurrence.
- 5.06 It is mandatory for all Competitors and other persons in the vicinity of the shooting area to wear adequate eye and hearing protection.
- 5.07 Persons setting up clay traps and/or other equipment must comply with Health and Safety legislation. It is the duty of the Safety Officer to see that this rule is enforced.
- 5.08 All shooting grounds must have a safety statement in compliance with current legislation and best practice.

### Classification

- 6.01 Members will hold their classifications indefinitely until a new class is warranted under 6.09.
- 6.02 The Statistical Officer's books will close at the end of August each year and new classifications will be made available once the cut off points have been notified by the ICTSC
- 6.03 Members classifications run from 1st January to 31st December annually.

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- 6.04 Scores are only acceptable for ICTSA selection processes or classification purposes if the participant enters the event in question using their ICTSA membership number.
- 6.05 Where a Member holds more than one classification in a discipline as a result of membership of multiple Associations, they must enter all competitions in the highest class. The onus for compliance with this rule rests with the individual Member.
- 6.06 Where a member holds a higher class than that assigned by the ICTSA they must notify the ICTSA Honorary Secretary so that provision may be made in shoot programmes.
- 6.07 A Member must return three registered scores in any discipline except Sportrap or UT to receive an average and a class in that discipline for the following year. In Sportrap and UT one score shall be sufficient for a class. Where less than three registered scores are returned, no average will be awarded and any class previously assigned will be maintained.
- 6.08 In the case of new members or where an existing member does not hold a classification from the previous year, they may be classified on their scores over their first three shoots. In such a case, members are however liable to be reclassified up or down during the year should their scores warrant such a move.
- 6.09 Any person whose membership is lapsed for three years or more will be classified in accordance with rule 6.09 upon rejoining the Association.

### International Team

- 7.01 A member can only be selected as an International Team member if he/she is deserving of this honour, and that it is for the good of the sport and the reputation of the country.
- 7.02 To be eligible for membership of an International Team, the following criteria must be complied with:
  - (a) Membership fees must be paid up.
  - (b) The member must be born in Ireland or have a valid Irish Passport, or have at least one parent or grandparent who was born in Ireland, or have been 2 years resident in Ireland and where necessary have an ISSF number.
  - (c) A member who has competed for another country must allow 2 years to elapse from the time he/she has competed for another country before they can be considered for membership of an Irish International team at an ICTSC/ICTSF event and also must have the consent of both countries. The changeover must be approved in advance by the International Clay Target Shooting Council. The onus for applications for a change of country in compliance with the rules and in sufficient time rests with the shooter.
  - (d) A member must have competed in at least two major competitions in Ireland.
- 7.03 Notification of team selection shall be made on the ICTSA website by posting the discipline leaderboards.
- 7.04 Members shall complete the relevant acceptance form for each team and return within the required period.
- 7.05 If a member does not notify the ICTSA Honorary Secretary or the Team Manager of their acceptance or refusal of their nomination within any specified time, it will be presumed that they do not wish to be part of the Team.
- 7.06 The payment of entry fees, practice fees, accommodation and other costs are the responsibility of each Team Member and members are advised to ensure that they and their property are adequately insured.
- 7.07 A Team member is subject to the direction of the Team Manager.
- 7.08 Where there is a Ladies' Team participating in an International event, a Lady Member may not compete with the Senior Team.
- 7.09 If a Team member fails to compete (without good reason) in the International event he/she has been selected to compete in, the National Executive may ban him/her from International events in all disciplines for a minimum of two years. A longer period of time may be specified.
- 7.10 Any Team Member who fails to complete shooting (without good reason) in an International event may be banned from competing in any other International events for a minimum period of two years.
- 7.11 All Ireland Team members must be present for the Team photographs, must attend the Home Countries International/Invitational Tournament Banquet and must comply with the stated dress code. Any Team member who fails to do so without justifiable reason will not be eligible for Ireland Team selection in the following year.
- 7.12 For scores obtained outside Ireland to count for classification or team selection, return his/her score, club address, high gun score, number of guns in the competition and his/her personal position in the competition to the Statistical Officer within 1 week of the event.
- 7.13 Ireland Teams will be selected annually according to the selection criteria ratified by the ICTSA National Executive.
- 7.14 No alterations/alternatives will be allowed with regard to compulsory shoots except in extenuating circumstances as decided by the National Executive.
- 7.15 Prospective Ireland Team members can declare as either a veteran, superveteran or a senior if qualified but once declared they may not change a declaration during the year. This option will not apply for FITASC Championships where the organisers automatically categorise entries. All age declarations must be submitted by 31 January each year. Age category declarations will apply to all domestic ICTSA competition events.
- 7.16 The wearing of the Ireland Team kit is compulsory at any event while representing Ireland by team members.

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- 7.17 Captaincy should be awarded on the basis of a potential candidate's previous length of service on the Team in conjunction with suitability and ability to satisfactorily fulfil the demands of the position and no recognition would be given to the provincial affiliation of the candidate. A Member may be Team Captain more than once and In the year following the year in which a Member is Captain they shall start at zero in terms of seniority.
- 7.18 For the DTL HCIT the lady, veteran, super-veteran and junior Captain's shall be the member who qualifies in first place on the Team in their respective category. Where a tie occurs, countback will be used.
- 7.19 Unused pennants will be returned to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary upon return by the Team Manager.
- 7.20 ICTSA pennants will be provided free of charge to Ireland Team Captains for distribution among other Team Captains at Home Countries International Tournaments.
- 7.21 ICTSA pennants will be provided free of charge to the managers of teams travelling to events where podium presentation of medals take place for exchange among other medal winners should the opportunity arise (e.g. ISSF events, World/European DTL etc.).
- 7.22 Ireland Team official dress shall be green blazer with ICTSA badge, white shirt/blouse, ICTSA tie, black trousers and black shoes. Lady Team members may wear a black skirt if they wish.
- 7.23 With effect from 1st January 2009 all ICTSA members who participate as part of an Ireland Team at any event may not represent any other country at any event at which an Ireland Team can normally participate.
- 7.24 All Ireland Team members who appear on the podium at European or World Championships must wear the full Team uniform including blazers. This will not apply to ISSF or ESC events where Team tracksuits is the dress code.
- 7.25 It is not permitted to display any logo, brand, or company name on any Team Ireland uniform or dress, except the manufacturers original logo as inserted at time of manufacture. This rule applies to shooting wear such as shooting vest, shirts and outerwear, as well as the formal uniform as outlined in 7.22 above

### Team Manager

- 8.01 The Team Manager acts with the authority and under the direction of the ICTSA National Executive.
- 8.02 The DTL Team Manager may not participate as part of the Team. Managers may be participants on other Ireland Teams.
- 8.03 The duties of a Team Manager include the organising of badges, team trophies, arrangements for Team photographs and the Organisation of the Team.
- 8.04 The Team Manager is responsible for the good order of the Team.

### Task Groups

- 9.01 Task Groups may be elected by members within a discipline or appointed by the ICTSA National Executive.
- 9.02 Task Groups are only advisory and must report to the ICTSA National Executive.
- 9.03 Task Groups have no executive powers other than those powers specifically allocated by the ICTSA National Executive.
- 9.04 The Chairman of a Task Group must be a member of the National Executive, or a Person appointed by the National Executive.

### Trade

- 10.01 Trade Membership affiliation to the ICTSA shall cost €375.

### General

- 11.01 The ICTSA Honorary Treasurer will keep the Associations flags for safe keeping and that these will only be released upon receipt of a refundable deposit of €200, repayable upon the safe return of the flags.
- 11.02 Any problems or queries on any subject with reference to ICTSA can be put in writing and sent to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary. Under no circumstances can a member of the ICTSA approach a member of the National Executive or the High Performance Director at a shoot unless the enquiry is about the competition in hand. The National Executive has authority to suspend a member if this rule is breached.
- 11.03 **Shooting Star Awards**
  - a) Each of the disciplines of DTL, ABT, OT, OSK, FSP, SP and NSK will have an individual award.
  - b) All Team members who participated at events on behalf of the Association as well as Ireland Team Managers will have a vote in their specific disciplines to nominate who they believe is the AIB Shooting Star in their discipline for that year.
  - c) Members who participated on more than one team in a discipline have only one vote but participants on Ireland teams in more than one discipline will have a vote in each discipline.
  - d) Each voting form must have the voter's details for verification purposes and details of their first and second preference for the award.
  - e) If a tie occurs for any award, the winner will be the candidate with the most second preferences.
  - f) Should a tie still exist, the HCIT Team Manager will have a casting vote.
  - g) If the Team Manager is one of the prospective candidates, the National Executive will make the final choice.
  - h) The awards will be perpetual and a replica will be given also.

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- i) Each award recipient shall be responsible for the safe return in good condition of the award to the ICTSA Honorary Secretary in sufficient time for presentation.
  - j) Only paid up members of the ICTSA may vote or receive an award.
  - k) A member may win an award in one category only in any one year.
- 11.04 Only domestic events run under the rules and regulations of the ICTSA or international events run under the ICTSC/ICTSF/ISSF/ESC/FITASC will be published in the ICTSA calendar of events
- 11.05 It is recommended that all ICTSA individual and club members should familiarise themselves with the current firearms legislation as applies to them and comply with the Acts at all times.
- 11.06 **Class Champion Awards will apply to the seven disciplines included in the Shooting Star Awards programme.**
- a) Within each discipline class, the ICTSA member with the highest aggregate score returned from any six ICTSA Registered shoots between 1st September in one year and 31st August the following year will be declared the Class Champion.
  - b) A member's class for the competition will be decided by the class they hold for a discipline in the year the award is made.
  - c) Where there is a tie, this will be settled by the 7th best score being added to the total and so on until a result is achieved.
  - d) A member may in any one year be a Class Champion in one discipline only. Where a member wins more than one title they will be awarded the title in the higher class. If both classes are equal, a lottery will decide the class won.
  - e) The awards will be presented annually.

### **National Shooting Ground**

- 12.01 The facilities of the National Shooting Ground shall only be available to fully paid ICTSA members.
- 12.02 A Guest member may have limited access to the National Shooting Ground facilities by invitation only by a fully paid ICTSA member, employee of the ICTSA or an officer/director of the executive committee.
- 12.03 Guest members will be required to pay full rates at the National Shooting Ground for practice and competition entries and any other levies or payments as deemed appropriate by the executive committee.
- 12.04 Guest members will be required to sign in each and every time and shall be bound at all times to the ICTSA Rules and Regulations and the direct instruction of its employees and directors.
- 12.05 The Executive Committee shall have power, on the application of any ICTSA member, to permit any club/association, who is not a member of the ICTSA, to use the facilities of the National Shooting Ground subject to any payment of any subscription or levy. This permission shall be subject to such conditions as the Executive Committee, at its discretion, may think fit to impose in each case, and may be withdrawn by the Executive Committee at any time without any reason being given.