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To those  
ISSF Member Federations  
with athletes qualified for the  
ISSF World Cup Final Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2017  
in New Delhi, IND!

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Dear Friends:

We are sending this letter to ISSF Member Federations with athletes who will participate in the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi, India on 23-30 October 2017. There have been some recent changes in the provisional rules that will be used to conduct the three Mixed Gender Team events at the WCF and we want to advise you and your athletes and coaches regarding these changes.

The ISSF has followed a long, careful and thorough process in developing Mixed Team Rules to govern the three new Shooting events that are on the Tokyo 2020 program. This process involved many Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun technical experts, athletes and coaches, the ISSF Section and Technical Committees and the ISSF Executive Committee. Tests beginning in 2016 evaluated both elimination and semifinal-medal match formats. Some recent tests focused on the semifinal-medal match format, but the semifinals, in particular, were not working well and received many complaints. Many ISSF leaders also noted how, after four years of experience with semifinals and medal matches in Shotgun and 25m Pistol Women Finals, we changed all ISSF individual Finals to elimination formats starting this year. We also asked the ISSF Technical Committee, which met on 25-26 September 2017, to discuss the rules for these new events and give us their recommendations.

After considering a wide range of inputs, we concluded that Mixed Team events with elimination formats very similar to our current individual Finals are best for our sport. Based on Technical Committee recommendations, we have now updated the **ISSF Provisional Rules for the 10m Air Rifle and Air Pistol Mixed Team Events** as well as **Provisional Rules for the Trap Mixed Team Event**. These updated rules provide for using continuous elimination formats for all three events. The Rifle and Pistol Mixed Team events will advance the top five teams from the Qualification and have Finals where each team member shoots three 5-shot series and nine single shots that conclude after both team members have fired 24 shots. During the single shots, the lowest ranking teams will be eliminated until the gold and silver medal winning teams are decided. An important requirement in Rifle-Pistol Finals is that team members must alternate firing shots; team member communications will be especially critical during these Finals.

The Trap Mixed Team event will advance six teams to the Final. Each team must designate the athlete who shoots first. Team members will alternate shooting five-shots according to normal Trap procedure. This will lead to eliminations starting after teams have fired at 25 targets and continuing until the gold and silver medal winning teams are decided after teams have fired at 50 targets.

Provisional Rules for these Mixed Team events are posted on the ISSF website at [http://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules/amendments\\_interpretation.ashx](http://www.issf-sports.org/theissf/rules/amendments_interpretation.ashx) → General. **We urge all member federations that will have teams participating in ISSF World Cup Final Mixed Team events to be sure the coaches and athletes who will represent your federation obtain these new rules and use them to prepare.**

After we evaluate the Mixed Team events in New Delhi and hear your comments, the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council will make final decisions regarding 2018-2020 Mixed Team Rules. These Rules will govern the 2020 Olympic qualifying process that begins with the 2018 World Shooting Championship in Changwon, Korea. We can inform you already that the first medals in Changwon will be presented for the three Mixed Team events and that 2020 Olympic quotas will be awarded in those events.

Please contact ISSF Headquarters if you have any questions regarding the Mixed Team Rules that will be used during the ISSF World Cup Final. Please accept our best wishes for your athletes and coaches as they prepare for the ISSF World Cup Final and we wish all participants great success.

With best regards,  
Sincerely,



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