



## INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

*Sport Director*

Dear Colleagues,

You will all be aware that the new 2026 ISSF Rules and Regulations were published and came into effect as of 1st January 2026. We have our first major ISSF events fast approaching, with the Shotgun World Cup in Tangier, very shortly followed by the Rifle and Pistol World Cup in Granada. These are the first major ISSF events where the new 2026 rules and finals formats will be applied in earnest, and we wish to repeat and reinforce previous communications regarding two key areas of innovation. These being the introduction and use of Live Aiming in Rifle and Pistol finals, to better facilitate Sport Presentation, and the application of the new rifle clothing rules. We would be grateful if you would assist us by ensuring that this letter reaches those in your organizations responsible and affected by such matters, especially those athletes and coaches likely to be deployed at ISSF events in 2026.

**Live Aiming.** Following analysis and discussion with Industry and TV providers, the ISSF Technical Committee have taken the decision that Live Aiming for the foreseeable future will be restricted to use only in 10m Air Rifle Event Finals. This is to ensure and guarantee Live Aiming technology and delivery in these discipline events, before then advancing its roll out for use in 50m Rifle and 10m Pistol events. This Live Aiming requirement in 10m Air Rifle events is mandatory for all athletes reaching a 10m Rifle Final at officially recognized ISSF events. This requirement will continue for the remainder of the LA 2028 Olympic qualification cycle. The SCATT MX-W2 sensor will be the one used in all Finals.

To ease understanding and help navigate the introduction of this innovation, please note the following;

- The mounting for the SCATT MX-W2 sensor (sensor itself comes from ISSF) must be provided by the athletes and must be installed/fixed in advance before Reporting to the Final.
- Athletes who possess or use live aiming during training are not required to remove or reposition their personal mounting bracket, if fitted, during Elimination and Qualification stages at an ISSF event. However, the actual personal Scatt sensors themselves must be removed because their use is not allowed during these stages of competition.
- Individual mounting brackets which have been fitted by athletes in a suitable position on the rifle, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and will have been proven to operate correctly, can remain fixed and can be utilized in a Final if the athlete so qualifies.
- Personal athlete sensors themselves will not be used in Finals, sensors for the Finals will be provided by the TV and graphics provider and fitted to existing mounting brackets by Technical Officials during the Final Reporting time.

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**Rifle Clothing.** As previously well publicized, the new rifle stiffness tolerances and testing procedures for jackets and trousers will be strictly enforced starting at the 2026 Granada World Cup, and then at all subsequent ISSF Calendar events and championships. Although a sympathetic approach will be adopted to the manner in which these new rules are applied, the technical requirements of the new tolerances and the equipment control protocols and rules will be strictly enforced. Measures are in hand to ensure sufficient and calibrated measuring devices and qualified officials are on hand to facilitate these new testing criteria and procedures.

We hope that this short summary of measures to be taken in these two key areas will help athletes and teams as they adapt to change. All of which is very necessary if we wish to maintain and improve upon our Sports standing in the Olympic arena. We wish you the very best in your preparations for the forthcoming 2026 season.

Yours sincerely,

Munich, 16 February 2026

  
Peter Underhill  
