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RE: Equal Shot Numbers for Men and Women in ISSF Competitions

Dear Mrs. / Mr. President,
Dear Friends,

The ISSF Administrative Council recently approved the ISSF Rules changes to be followed in all 2018, 2019 and 2020 ISSF Championships. One of the most consequential changes is the one that achieves gender equality in all shooting events by providing equal numbers of shots in women's and men's events. The purpose of this circular to all ISSF Member Federations is to explain how this rule change will be implemented in 2018 ISSF Championships.

Gender Equality in All Shooting Events. Achieving gender equality has become one of the most important recent movements in Olympic sports. IOC Agenda 2020 established the goal of achieving gender equality in all Olympic sports. The Olympic Shooting Program for Tokyo 2020 has six men's events, six women's events and three mixed team events, plus an equal 50/50 distribution of Olympic participation quotas. The ISSF Administrative Council has now further confirmed the ISSF commitment to gender equality by requiring all ISSF men's and women's events to have equal numbers of shots or targets. This change provides that:

- Women's 10m Air Rifle and Air Pistol events will increase from 40 shots to 60 shots.
- Women's 50m and 300m Rifle 3 Positions events will increase from 3x20 shots to 3x40 shots (60 to 120 shots).
- Women's Trap and Skeet events will increase from 75 targets to 125 targets.
- The Women's Running Target event will increase from 40 shots to 60 shots.
- All Women's Junior events will have the same increases as women.
- The 25m Pistol Women (and Women Junior) event will continue as a 60 shot event (30 + 30 shots).

Communications with Coaches and Athletes. National Federations are urged to communicate this information regarding increased numbers of shots in women's events to their competition officials, coaches and athletes to ensure that all athletes are prepared for the increased numbers of shots when they enter competitions in the coming year.

2018 World Cup Program. The increased numbers of shots for women's events will be applied in all 2018 ISSF Championship, beginning with the 10m European Championship and the World Cup Guadalajara that will take place in March. All Women's Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events will have the increased numbers of shots.

2018 World Championship. The World Championship Program, which will be released in the next few weeks, will provide that all scheduled Women's events have increased numbers of shots.

Other ISSF Championships. All Continental Championships scheduled to take place in the next three years will also follow the new Women's events program.

Youth Olympic Games (YOG). A somewhat different situation prevails with regard to the Youth Olympic Games that will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2018. Since YOG qualifying began in 2017 with Women Youth firing 40-shot Air Rifle and Air Pistol events, YOG qualifying competitions in 2018 will also have 40-shot events for Women Youth. The YOG competitions in Buenos Aires will, however, follow the new rules and have 60-shot events for Women Youth. Women Youth may obtain MQS in YOG qualifying competitions where 40-shot events are used or in ISSF Championships including Junior World Cups where 10m Women's events have 60-shot courses of fire. To ensure compatibility, all 40-shot MQS will be converted to 60-shot equivalent scores.

National Federation Youth Programs. The ISSF received some comments regarding whether younger juniors can successfully complete the longer courses of fire. The ISSF believes that this should not be a problem as they already shoot more shots in training than in competitions. However, we wish to emphasize that National Federations are free to adapt these new rules to the specific needs of their junior programs.

If anyone has questions about these important changes in the ISSF Rules, please contact the ISSF Headquarters.

Also enclosed to this circular please find the Press Release, which will be published soon on the ISSF website for your information.

As always, we extend our best personal greetings to you and your officials, coaches and athletes as they prepare for shooting competitions in the coming year.

With best regards,
Sincerely,



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