

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

All information is available on the following websites:

www.issf-sports.org

www.aze-shooting.com

All Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials can be done directly online:

http://entry.issf-sports.info

# 1. Invitation

The Invitation is attached to this General Information.

# 2. Dates and Schedule

Official Arrival 6 JUN 2017 Official / Pre-Event Training 7 JUN 2017 Technical Meeting 7 JUN 2017

Competitions 8 JUN – 13 JUN 2017

Official Departure 14 JUN 2017

The Preliminary Competition Schedule of the ISSF World Cup is attached to this General Information. The Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule) will be distributed after the Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day).

The latest Schedule updates will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

# 3. Rules and Regulations

The ISSF World Cup will be conducted according to the ISSF Rules and Regulations "Edition 2017 – Effective 1 January 2017". Detailed information is available on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

ISSF Juries (Jury of Appeal, Competition Jury, RTS Jury and Equipment Control Jury) will be designated by the ISSF to supervise the ISSF World Cup. Qualified Range Officers / Referees holding applicable ISSF licenses will conduct the competitions.

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### Rifle / Pistol Equipment

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory, however, athletes are responsible for competing with legal equipment and clothing. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-competition testing and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

# **Rifle Clothing**

All rifle athletes must have ISSF seals with serial numbers on their jackets and trousers. Any rifle jackets or trousers that do not have ISSF seals must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the athlete's first competition. Jackets and trousers that were previously inspected and have an ISSF seal continue to be valid except that athletes with more than one jacket or trousers must report to Equipment Control before their first competition to confirm which jacket and which trousers they will use. All other seal numbers for that athlete will be cancelled. Athletes that wish to replace a registered jacket or trousers with a new clothing item must bring that item to Equipment Control for inspection and a new seal. Previous seals will then be cancelled. Rifle athletes can have only one active jacket and trousers at any time.

#### **Rifle Clothing Post-Competition Testing**

If one panel of a rifle jacket or trousers tests 2.9 or lower, the stiffness device must be recalibrated and the panel must be retested. If it fails again, but all other panels pass, the athlete will not be disqualified, but a written warning must be given to the athlete and the ISSF seal must be cut off. The athlete can continue using this clothing for that day in that event. If two or more panels fail, the athlete must be disqualified.

#### Air or CO<sub>2</sub> Cylinders

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO2 cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control.

# 4. Participation

ISSF Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per World Cup event and up to two (2) additional athletes to shoot "out-of-competition" (called MQS Extra in the ISSF Online Registration Service).

The additional "out-of-competition" athletes will be listed separately according to their results, but without ranking – these results cannot be recognized as World Records.

#### **Mixed Team Events**

New mixed team events will be included in the Competition Schedule as "test events". These events are: 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team and 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team. There will be no official ISSF World Cup medals, no additional entry fees will be charged and no doping controls will be conducted. Commemorative medals for the three (3) winning teams in each event will be awarded.

ISSF Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per mixed team event, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman, which are entered for the ISSF World Cup in the individual events including the "out-of-competition" athletes (see also: "Final Entries" below).

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The maximum number of starts per event is the number of athlete entries that can be accepted for each ISSF World Cup event. Range capacity is determined by the available shooting time and the number of available firing points.

If the maximum number of starts is reached during the Final Entry process, a "waiting list" for that event(s) will be established. If cancellations are subsequently received, entries from the waiting list will be entered on a first come, first served basis. ISSF Headquarters and the Organizing Committee will cooperate to determine if additional entries from the waiting list can be accommodated.

Events Men	Max. Number of Starts	Events Women	Max. Number of Starts
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	110	50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	110
50m Rifle Prone Men	110		
10m Air Rifle Men	115	10m Air Rifle Women	115
50m Pistol Men	110	25m Pistol Women	120
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	70		
10m Air Pistol Men	115	10m Air Pistol Women	115

#### **ISSF ID Number**

All athletes must sign an "Athlete's Declaration" and have an official ISSF ID number issued before participation in the ISSF World Cup.

Athletes without ISSF ID number will not be allowed to participate. ISSF ID numbers can be obtained from the ISSF Headquarters by using the official application form.

Athletes, born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003, can achieve Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires (ARG) in the 10m Air Rifle Men/Women and 10m Air Pistol Men/Women events. All results of these athletes, even entered in the World Cup event or entered as additional "out-of-competition", will be recognized as MQS for the 2018 YOG.

Results obtained during this ISSF World Cup will NOT be recognized as MQS for 2020 Olympic Games Tokyo (JPN).

Athlete biographies will be distributed and photos will be taken.

# 5. Entry Process

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1 - 9) and return them by the established deadlines

Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials must be returned to the ISSF Headquarters. All other Registration Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee (see also: "Summary of Deadlines").

#### **Preliminary Entries**

ISSF Member Federations entering the ISSF World Cup must submit the Preliminary Entries not later than **6 MAR 2017**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <a href="http://entry.issf-sports.info">http://entry.issf-sports.info</a>, or exceptionally complete the Preliminary Entry Form (Annex 1) and return it by email or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

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#### **Final Entries**

ISSF Member Federations must forward their Final Entries directly to the ISSF HQ. The Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day) is **7 MAY 2017**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <a href="http://entry.issf-sports.info">http://entry.issf-sports.info</a>, or exceptionally complete the Final Entry Forms (Annex 3) and return them by email or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

Final Entries for the mixed team events (special registration form will be available) must be submitted to the Organizing Committee upon arrival during the Registration Process, but not later than 15:00h on the day before the event is scheduled. There is no Online Registration for the mixed team events.

#### **Late Entries**

If maximum number of athlete entries has not been reached, late Entries will only be accepted until the Late Entry Deadline (3 days before the Official Arrival day) which is **2 JUN 2017**.

**Important note:** Until the 3 days Late Entry Deadline, the following changes in the Final Entries are possible without restriction and additional fees:

- a) Change of names / athletes within an event
- b) Change of Status (World Cup athlete ↔ "out-of-competition" athlete) within an event.

Any additional entries received after the Late Entry Deadline, from **3 JUN 2017** onwards, may not participate.

# **Entry Confirmation upon arrival**

All Team Leaders of ISSF Member Federation Delegations must report to the OC Entries Official and confirm their Final Entries. The confirmation must be completed before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training.

### **Entry Changes after the Late Entry Deadline**

From 3 JUN 2017 onwards, only the following changes in the Final Entries are permitted:

- a) Replacement of a registered athlete by another already registered athlete in another event can be made only before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training for that event.
- b) Change of Status in an event: an "out-of-competition" athlete can replace a withdrawn "World Cup" athlete. The withdrawn "World Cup" athlete may not shoot "out-of-competition". The exchange of athletes within an event is not permitted.

### Cancellation

Any ISSF Member Federation that reduces the number of athletes listed in their Final Entries after the Final Entry Deadline (7 MAY 2017) must pay applicable entry fees and hotel room cancellation costs according to the number of athletes and entries on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid, no member of that federation may participate.

#### **Entry Fees**

The entry fees include all charges for registration, local transportation between shooting range and official hotels and doping control.

Fee		Description
EUR	170.00	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR	50.00	Final Entry Fee per official
EUR	50.00	Additional Late Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR	170.00	Cancellation Fee per athlete / per event

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# **Payment of Entry Fees**

All Entry Fees payments must be done only to the Organizing Committee, preferably in cash.

Upon request federations may receive invoice according which they will be able to make bank transfer. We kindly ask federations (which will prefer to send money through bank transfer) to make all payments not later than **20 MAY 2017**. All amounts must be paid in EUR and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Take care that all necessary data is transferred, so that the Organizing Committee can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her to the Entry Confirmation.

All payments which will be done upon arrival to the Organizing Committee must be paid only in cash in EUR (no travel checks or credit cards will be accepted).

#### **Accreditation Process**

All persons involved in the ISSF World Cup (Athletes, Team Officials, ISSF Officials, OC Officials, Media Persons) must have accreditations that clearly identify the accreditation holder (with photograph, family name and first name, nation and function) in order to use the local transportation and to enter controlled areas on the shooting range.

Accreditations (for persons registered before the Late Entry Deadline and with photograph in the ISSF database) will be prepared by the ISSF Headquarters and Organizing Committee. All other accreditations will be prepared by the Accreditation Office of the ISSF World Cup. Accreditations and BIB Numbers will be distributed by the Organizing Committee after payment of the

# 6. Shooting Range

The ISSF World Cup will take place at the Gabala Shooting Club in Gabala city. The range is situated at a 5 minute driving distance from the city center, 25 km from the Gabala International Airport (GBB) and 220 km from Baku "Heydar Aliyev" International Airport (GYD).

Address:

entry fees.

Gabala Shooting Club Bum settlement, AZ 3600 Gabala City, Azerbaijan Republic

The shooting range is equipped as follows:

Range Description

50m range 60 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

25m range 40 firing points (8 groups); electronic targets, SIUS AG

10m hall 60 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG Finals hall 10 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

The firing direction of the 50m range is north.

The firing direction of the 25m range is north – north-east.

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# 7. Immigration and Customs Requirements

#### Visa

We strongly advise all federations to verify well in advance whether they need a visa for entry into Azerbaijan. All federations which require entry VISAS to Azerbaijan Republic can obtain it from the Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan Republic abroad before arrival to Azerbaijan. Participants who will issue visas through Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan Republic abroad and need visa support letter are kindly requested to complete appropriate Visa Support Form (Annex 7) and return it to the Organizing Committee not later than 7 MAY 2017.

All participants can also apply themselves for E-visa through Electronic Visa Portal – <a href="www.evisa.gov.az">www.evisa.gov.az</a> The advantages of the E-visa are:

- Foreigners or stateless persons can apply for the single entry visa valid for 30 days directly through the portal without visa support letter from Organizing Committee;
- You can get E-Visa in 3 steps (apply, make payment and download electron visa form) by means
  of the portal;
- E-Visa is sent to an applicant in PDF format by e-mail. Applicant just need to print and present it before getting into the plane and upon arrival in Azerbaijan;
- E-Visa fee is USD 23.00. This fee is for visa review and isn't refunded.

Note: Organizing Committee does not carry any responsibility for delay and rejection of the Visa or E-Visa with regard to the work/decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### **Gun License**

All athletes must declare all the firearms and ammunition to be brought into Azerbaijan and return to the Organizing Committee the Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) no later than 7 MAY 2017. Assistance of customs formalities will be provided by the Organizing Committee upon arrival. The custom authorities will allow all participating athletes to import with them all the necessary ammunition that will be used for the competition

## 8. Accommodation

#### **Official Hotels**

List of official hotels can be found below. Any of the participants who are interested to book accommodation in the official hotels, are kindly requested to complete appropriate Final Hotel Reservation Form (Annex 5) and return it to the Organizing Committee no later than 7 MAY 2017.

The reservation will be managed on a "first come – first serve" basis.

The Organizing Committee will send a confirmation invoice to each federation with the name of the hotel they will stay at. All payments must be done directly to the hotel and upon request federations may receive standard invoice from the hotel according which they will be able to make bank transfer. We kindly ask federations (which will prefer to send money through bank transfer) to make all payments not later than 21 MAY 2017. All amounts must be paid in EUR and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Take care that all necessary data is transferred, so that hotels can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her.

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In case of cancellation after 21 MAY 2017 and/or a no-show hotels and the Organizing Committee will charge a cancellation fee of 100% of the costs for all nights and rooms you have booked.

All prices are per room / per night including breakfast, taxes and commission of Gabala Shooting Club.

Payment must be done directly to the hotel.

QAFQAZ SPORT HOTEL *****		
Distance to the shooting range – 4 km / 5 min		
SINGLE ROOM	EUR <b>82.00</b>	
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>96.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR 111.00	
JUNIOR SUITE	EUR <b>129.00</b>	
COTTAGE - 1 bedroom (2 persons)	EUR <b>137.00</b>	
COTTAGE - 2 bedroom (4 persons)	EUR <b>188.00</b>	
COTTAGE - 3 bedroom (6 persons)	EUR <b>240.00</b>	

QAFQAZ RESORT HOTEL *****		
Distance to the shooting range – 10 km / 10 min		
SINGLE ROOM	EUR <b>82.00</b>	
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>96.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR 111.00	
JUNIOR SUITE	EUR <b>126.00</b>	
COTTAGE - 2 bedroom (4 persons)	EUR <b>236.00</b>	
COTTAGE - 3 bedroom (6 persons)	EUR <b>280.00</b>	

GABALA SHOOTING CLUB GUEST HOUSE		
Distance to the shooting range – Hotel is on the shooting range		
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>80.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR 100.00	
QUADRPLE ROOM	EUR <b>120.00</b>	

QAFQAZ KARVANSARAY HOTEL ****		
Distance to the shooting range – 3 km / 4 min		
SINGLE ROOM EUR <b>70.00</b>		
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>85.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR <b>100.00</b>	

QAFQAZ CITY HOTEL ***		
Distance to the shooting range – 5 km / 6 min		
SINGLE ROOM	EUR <b>48.00</b>	
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>59.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	FUR <b>70.00</b>	

QAFQAZ YEDDI GOZEL HOTEL ***		
Distance to the shooting range – 13 km / 15 min		
SINGLE ROOM	EUR <b>59.00</b>	
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	EUR <b>74.00</b>	
TRIPLE ROOM	EUR <b>85.00</b>	

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### **Food Service at the Shooting Range**

There is restaurant on the shooting range which will offers regional cuisine and beverages during competition.

# 9. Travel and Transportation

The official arrival and departure airports are:

GABALA (GBB) International Airport - at the moment Gabala (GBB) have direct flight connection with

- **Baku** (each Friday and Sunday) For detailed information please visit website of Azerbaijan Airlines. <a href="https://www.azal.az">www.azal.az</a>
- **Istanbul** (three times per week) For detailed information please visit website of Pegasus Airlines. www.flypgs.com
- Moscow (three times per week).

**BAKU (GYD) International Airports** - The distance between Baku (GYD) airport and Gabala is 220 km one way and it takes about 3.5 hours of driving.

Baku (GYD) airport has direct flight connections with most countries all over the world either through Azerbaijan Airlines or through other airlines like Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, British Airways, Air France, Czech Airlines and many others which hold regular flights to and from Azerbaijan.

The transfer between airport and hotel will be organized on request. Please inform the Organizing Committee about your travel details latest till **7 MAY 2017** (Annex 4).

Round trip transportation **Gabala** Airport – Hotel – **Gabala** Airport will be arranged by OC free of charge.

The transfer from Baku airport and back must be paid by the delegations.

#### Transportation Fee BAKU airport – GABALA:

1 - 3	people	EUR	100.00 one way
4 - 5	people	EUR	150.00 one way
6 - 10	people	EUR	200.00 one way
11 - 35	people	EUR	350.00 one way

All prices are valid for people arriving the same time at the same terminal.

#### **Local Transportation – Shuttle Service**

Local transportation between the official hotels and the shooting range will be arranged during official training and competition days free of charge.

The delegations will find the schedules for local transportation in their pigeon holes and the hotel lobbies.

# 10. Competition Related Procedures at the Shooting Range

### **Technical Meeting**

The Technical Meeting will take place on 7 JUN 2017, at 12:45h, at the Finals Hall.

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Each participating ISSF Member Federation should have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule), draw procedures and other important issues related to the ISSF World Cup.

# **Storage of Firearms and Ammunition**

According to the Azerbaijan law all firearms and ammunitions will be stored at the shooting range and athletes are not allowed to take any firearms and ammunition out of the range.

#### Ammunition

Limited number of the well known ammunition brands will be available for sale at the shooting range.

## **Doping Control Tests**

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules and the ISSF Test Distribution Plan under the supervision of the ISSF Technical Delegate.

# 11. Ceremonies

# **Opening and Closing Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony will take place on 7 JUN 2017, at the Gabala Shooting Club. The time of the Ceremony will be announced at a later stage.

There will be no Closing Ceremony.

### **Victory Ceremony**

The Victory Ceremonies will take place at the shooting range immediately after the end of each Final (see also: Final Competition Schedule).

During the ceremonies the athletes are required to present themselves in their official national uniform or national tracksuits (tops and bottoms).

# Flags and Anthems

All participating teams are required to bring with them their national flag (minimum size: 1m x 1.5m approximately) and one (1) national anthem on standard CD or USB.

# 12. Weather Information

During the period of June the weather in Gabala is normally pleasant. The average temperature is about  $25 - 30^{\circ}$ C during the day and  $18 - 23^{\circ}$ C during the night.

# 13. Media Relations

All Media representatives must register for the ISSF World Cup by using the Media Accreditation Form (Annex 9). On site, media facilities will be available for accredited media personnel. Local and national media will cover the ISSF World Cup.

All Finals will be covered by ISSF TV and will be displayed on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

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#### **Industry Service** 14.

Limited industry services / exhibitions will be present during the ISSF World Cup.

#### **15. Annexes**

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#### **Summary of Deadlines** 16.

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