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1. Preamble

We, the founders and participants of the sport of Practical Shooting, in order to establish our sport on solid foundations, to promote its growth, safeguard its principles and regulate its conduct world-wide, and in order to cultivate the safe and efficient use of firearms by persons of good character, do ordain and establish this Constitution for our international governing body.

2. Name

The international governing body shall be known as the International Practical Shooting Confederation, hereinafter referred to as the IPSC or as the Confederation.

3. Principles/Objects

The IPSC is established to promote, maintain, improve and advance practical shooting, to safeguard its principles and to regulate its conduct world-wide in order to cultivate the safe and efficient use of firearms by persons of good character and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to achieve such objects by adhering to the following principles, which are established to define the nature of practical marksmanship and are embodied in the following words:- **Diligentia-Vis-Celeritas** , namely, Accuracy, Power and Speed. They are accepted by all members of the International Practical Shooting Confederation as conditions of membership.

1. Practical competition is open to all reputable persons without regard to occupation, it may specifically not be limited to public servants.
2. Accuracy, power and speed are the equivalent elements of practical shooting and practical competition must be conducted in such a way as to evaluate these elements equally.
3. Firearm types are not separated, all compete together without handicap. This does not apply to the power of the firearms as power is an element to be recognised and rewarded.
4. Practical shooting competition is a test of expertise in the use of practical firearms and equipment. Any item of equipment, or modification to equipment, which sacrifices practical functionality for a competitive advantage contravenes the principles of the sport.
5. Practical competition is conducted using practical targets, which reflect the general size and shape of such objects as the firearm used may reasonably be called upon to hit in their primary intended use.
6. The challenge presented in practical competition must be realistic. Courses of Fire must follow a practical rationale, and simulate sensible hypothetical situations in which firearms might reasonably be used.
7. Practical competition is diverse. Within the limits of realism, problems are constantly changed, never permitting unrealistic specialisation of either technique

or equipment. Courses of Fire may be repeated, but no course may be repeated enough to allow its use as a definitive measure of practical shooting skill.

8. Practical competition is free-style. In essence, the competitive problem is posed in general and the participant is permitted the freedom to solve it in the manner he considers best within the limitations of the competitive situation as provided.

4. Structure

4.1 The IPSC is a non-political Confederation of non-political participating Regions, whose borders normally, but need not necessarily, correspond to national borders. For these purposes, Confederation is defined as being a league or agreement between two or more independent Regions whereby they unite for their mutual welfare, and the furtherance of their common aims. Which, however, retain their sovereign powers for domestic purposes and some other purposes.

4.2 The Executive Council, subject to ratification by the Assembly at the next meeting thereof, shall be entitled to accept as a participating Region any body which, in the view of the Executive Council and the Assembly, is representative of the sport of practical shooting within that region.

4.3 Regions shall not form part of the governments whose boundaries they share, nor shall the ruling body of such Region (hereinafter referred to as the Regional Directorate) be part of, associated with or responsible to any political party. No Region shall be deemed responsible for or tainted by the policy of any government or political party unless the Regional Directorate shall expressly associate itself with such policy.

4.4 The IPSC is non-racial and non-religious and shall under no circumstances either favour or discriminate on such grounds.

4.5 The IPSC, as an autonomous body, may not become dependent, economically or otherwise, on sources liable to influence its policies without the agreement of the Assembly.

4.6 It shall be the responsibility of each Regional Directorate:

(1) To provide the Executive Council with whatever information it may require regarding the organisation, structure, sub-divisions, membership, officers, policies, programmes, activities and regulations, or any other matter whatsoever related to the administration or conduct of the Region.

(2) To provide the Executive Council with a copy of the Constitution, Rules or Bye-laws, together with such amendments as may from time to time be made thereto, and with two copies of each issue of their official journal or publication through which the Region communicates with its membership.

(3) To provide the Executive Council on request with a copy of the balance sheet and statement of accounts of the Region,

(4) to maintain at all times current tables of organisation and lists of members and affiliates.

(5) To conduct a competitive programme under IPSC Rules sufficient to designate in each year a Champion.

(6) To select by fair and equitable means National Teams to represent the Region at World and International Championships. National Teams shall each consist of 4 members.

(7) To administer the sport vigorously and equitably and in respect of the Principles of the sport, to create an efficient and democratically based internal sub-structure and to make Practical Shooting a respected sport within the Region.

(8) To democratically elect one of its members to be its Director (hereinafter referred to as the Regional Director) who shall also be its voting member at the Assembly. Should the Regional Director be unable to attend, the Regional Directorate shall appoint an alternative.

4.7 All Regions have an obligation to respect and comply with the Constitution and the term "Region" shall include only those Regions that are in good standing and in full compliance with the requirements of this Constitution.

4.8 The respecting of and compliance with the Constitution are necessary pre-conditions for the use of the IPSC logo, Shield and name.

4.9 It is recognised that circumstances may arise which force a Regional Directorate to take action which may be in violation of the Constitution. Such action would fall into one of two categories:

(1) Action taken in order to comply with the laws or with legal precedent pertaining in that Region; or

(2) Action taken on a voluntary basis for any other reason.

(3) In respect of action falling within (1) above, no Region shall be subject to censure or suspension. The Region shall inform the Executive Council of the action taken and the reasons therefor;

(4) In respect of action falling within (2) above, the onus shall be on the Region to demonstrate to the Executive Council that the action taken was reasonable in all the circumstances;

(5) In respect of action falling within (1) or (2) above, the Executive Council will advise all other Regions of any restriction that may be placed on competitors whilst in that Region.

4.10 Save for matters falling within Section 4.9 and subject to Section 5.9 if a Region chooses not to comply with the Constitution, the Executive Council shall notify all other Regions and the matter shall be raised at the next Assembly when a decision as to what action to take, if any, will be made.

4.11 Subject to the other terms of the Constitution, any Region taking action in violation of the Constitution shall advise the Executive Council of the action taken and the reasons why it felt such action necessary. The Region may request dispensation from the Executive Council to continue to operate as a Region in good standing in spite of the constitutional violation.

Should the Executive Council not see fit to endorse the action taken, the Region shall be entitled to circulate the facts of the matter directly to the other Regions and seek their support for its action.

Regardless of the position taken by the Executive Council, the action of the Region shall be put to a vote at the next Assembly.

If the Assembly elects to endorse the action taken, either indefinitely or for a specific period of time, such endorsement will result in the Region being considered in full compliance with the Constitution, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.

If the Assembly elects not to endorse the Region's action, the Region shall be placed under suspension, and entitled to none of the usual rights or privileges of membership while the suspension remains in effect.

In the event that a Region is placed under suspension, all Regions shall be formally notified of the suspension, and the offending Region shall be advised of what action must be taken for the suspension to be lifted.

The foregoing is not intended as an intrusion into the sovereignty of the individual Region, but instead as a means of ensuring that all member Regions remain committed to the principles of the Confederation.

5. Membership and Affiliation

5.1 IPSC shall not accept individual memberships, but individuals who are members of an IPSC-affiliated body or members of the Executive Council are deemed to be members of IPSC.

5.2 Bodies wishing to affiliate to IPSC shall make application to the Executive Council and shall provide whatever information it may require. On notification of acceptance, they shall forward to the Executive Council a banker's order for the appropriate and currently prevailing affiliation fee.

5.3 Before accepting an application for affiliation the Executive Council shall satisfy itself that the applicant body:

(1) is democratically constituted,

(2) is responsible to its membership,

(3) is representative of the Practical shooters within the Region concerned,

(4) will respect the Principles of Practical Shooting and apply them in its championship programme.

5.4 Acceptance shall be by a majority vote of Executive Council, subject to ratification by a majority at the next ensuing Assembly.

5.5 In the event of duplicate, multiple or conflicting applications from a given Region, the Executive Council shall accept the applicant best fulfilling the aforementioned criteria.

5.6 In the event that the Executive Council cannot satisfy itself that an applicant, or any applicant, adequately fulfills or is likely adequately to fulfill the aforementioned criteria, it shall refuse acceptance, subject to ratification by a majority at the next ensuing Assembly.

5.7 In the event of a further application for affiliation from a Region in which there is already a recognised affiliated Regional Directorate, the Executive Council shall seek to inform itself regarding the extent to which each organisation meets the criteria previously enumerated and may at the next ensuing Assembly, recommend a transfer of affiliation. The Executive Council shall not, itself, effect a transfer of affiliation. The Assembly may effect a transfer of affiliation by a majority of three-fourths of the votes cast.

5.8 A Regional Directorate may disaffiliate from the Confederation at any time by giving the Executive Council written notice of its decision to do so, whereupon Executive Council shall declare the Region vacant and may consider new applications for affiliation.

5.9 The Executive Council may, by unanimous vote, suspend the affiliation of any Regional Directorate for failure to respect the Principles of Practical Shooting, or for defalcation or mismanagement of the affairs of its Region, or for misrepresentation of or failure to represent the interests of Practical Shooters residing therein. Such suspension must be ratified by a majority of votes cast at the next ensuing Assembly. The Assembly

may, on recommendation of Executive Council and by a majority of three-fourths of the votes cast, expel a Regional Directorate for the reasons aforementioned, whereupon the Region shall be declared vacant.

5.10 A body may be provisionally accepted for affiliation by the Assembly but such body shall have no voting rights. Before final acceptance, such body must be in full compliance with the terms of the Constitution. Further, such body shall endeavour to have a representative present at the Assembly that will grant final acceptance. Such representative shall answer such questions as the Assembly shall consider appropriate in deciding whether to grant final acceptance.

6. Officers and Executive Council

6.1 The officers of the Confederation shall be the President, General Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Directors together with the President and Vice President of the International Range Officers Association (hereinafter referred to as IROA).

6.2 The Assembly may confer such honorary titles as it, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate by a two-thirds majority vote. Such honorary titles are intended to specifically recognise those persons who have provided extraordinary service to the IPSC. Such titles are for the purposes of recognition only and no duties or powers are ascribed thereto.

6.3 The President shall be elected by a majority vote of the Assembly for a term of two years and shall be chairman of the Executive Council and of the Assembly, and ex-officio a member of all committees of the Confederation. If the President is, for any reason, unable to carry out his duties as Chairman of the Executive Council or the Assembly, he may delegate such duties to another member of the Executive Council or delegate present at the Assembly, subject to a majority vote of the Executive Council or the Assembly as appropriate. The President shall have the power to resume as Chairman of the Executive Council or the Assembly at any time.

The President's term shall commence on the first of January immediately following his election and shall cease two years later on the thirty-first of December.

Notwithstanding the above but subject to Section 6.11, after the 1st January, 1998 an election of the President shall only take place at an Assembly held in conjunction with a Handgun World Championship. The President's term shall commence on the first of January immediately following the election and shall cease on the thirty-first of December immediately following the next Assembly held in conjunction with a Handgun World Championship.

6.4 The President shall appoint a General Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer, normally from the same Region as he, and together with the President and Vice President of IROA they shall constitute the Executive Council of the Confederation.

6.5 The President shall appoint the President and Vice-President of I.R.O.A. who shall sit on the Executive Council with voting rights.

6.6 In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Executive Council shall have a second and casting vote.

6.7 Executive Council may, by unanimous vote, co-opt members to itself.

6.8 The President shall fill vacancies occurring on the Executive Council.

6.9 A vacancy in the office of President will be filled by the General Secretary, who will then, as President, appoint a new General Secretary.

6.10 Any officer of the Confederation may be dismissed, for cause, by majority vote of Executive Council. Officers against whom a motion of dismissal is brought shall be invited to be present and to answer allegations against them, but shall be required to withdraw before the vote is taken. A motion for dismissal of the President shall be made to the General Secretary, who shall preside at that meeting of the Executive Council. The dismissal of the President shall be subject to ratification by Assembly which shall be called by the Executive Council within sixty days of the date of dismissal.

6.11 The Assembly, by majority vote, may require the retirement of the President or any other member of the Executive Council, who shall not subsequently be re-appointed. In the event of the retirement of the President, the Assembly shall proceed immediately to elect a new President to fill the unexpired term. The new President so elected may appoint a new Executive Council.

A new President elected under the provisions of this section shall commence his term of office immediately upon his election, notwithstanding Section 6.3.

6.12 The Executive Council has an obligation to respect and comply with the Constitution. If the Executive Council is or appears to be in breach of this obligation, any Region may at any time advise the President of its concern and, if not satisfied with the President's response, can notify all Regions of its concern.

6.13 Save where it is acting in accordance with the Constitution, the Executive Council has no right to interfere within any Region.

7. Officers Duties

7.1 The President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, is responsible for the conduct and management of the Confederation's affairs and is its chief executive officer. The President and Executive Council shall be directly responsible to the Assembly.

7.2 The President may establish and dissolve the committees of the Confederation, which will work within the terms of reference that he establishes for them. He shall nominate members thereto and may remove members therefrom.

Furthermore the President may appoint one or more individuals to perform certain tasks and may confer the honorary title(s) of *X Vice President* upon the individual concerned (where *X* reflects the task allocated e.g. Constitution, Course Design, etc.). The President may rescind the appointment(s) and title(s) at any time.

Individuals appointed under the foregoing do not form part of the Executive Council unless co-opted under Section 6.7.

7.3 The General Secretary will assume the duties of the President in the event of the latter's disability, and is ex-officio a member of all committees of the Confederation. He will additionally perform such other duties as the President may request.

7.4 The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Confederation and shall additionally perform such other duties as the President may request.

7.5 The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received, disbursed and invested by the Confederation. He will advise the Executive Council on financial matters and shall present a statement of accounts to each meeting of the Assembly, and to the Executive Council whenever the President may so request. The Treasurer together with the President shall be directly responsible to the Assembly for the proper conduct of the financial affairs of the Confederation.

7.6 The President and the Executive Council upon leaving office must leave in the treasury a sum at least equal to the unpaid bills for obligations for which that administration is responsible.

7.7 The outgoing President and the Executive Council will as quickly as possible surrender and transfer all documents, accounts, money and all other property and assets of the IPSC whatsoever to the newly elected President and Executive Council.

7.8 The Regional Directorate shall be responsible for the proper and effective administration of its Region and the Regional Director will be the representative of the Confederation within the Region as he is that of the Region within the Confederation. The Regional Directorate will particularly be responsible for executing the duties enumerated in Section 4.6.

8. Assembly

8.1 The Assembly is the supreme policy-making body of the Confederation and is composed of the delegates of each Regional Directorate. The Executive Council shall be present at the meetings of the Assembly but shall have no voting rights save any member

of the Executive Council who is also a delegate of a Regional Directorate. The President may not be a delegate of a Regional Directorate.

8.2 Each Region will have one vote in the Assembly, providing the Region has satisfied its financial obligations to IPSC and is in compliance with the terms of the Constitution by the thirty-first of July immediately preceding the Assembly. The President shall not have a vote except in the case of a tie.

8.3 The Assembly shall meet annually on such date and at such place as may be agreed by the Assembly or, in the absence of such agreement on a date and at such a place to be specified by the President in a notice convening the meeting, such notice to be circulated by the President to each Regional Directorate not less than ninety days prior to the date so specified. In any event, the Assembly shall meet within fourteen months of the previous meeting.

Meetings of the Assembly in years in which a President is to be elected shall be held before the thirtieth of November.

8.4 Notwithstanding any other term of the Constitution, a majority of all Regional Directorates may call an Assembly at any time.

8.5 The notice convening the meeting shall include a provisional agenda. All Regional Directors shall notify the President within thirty days of receipt of the notice of any matters which they wish to be included. The President shall forward the final agenda to all Regional Directorates at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

8.6 Motions may be put to the Assembly only on items included on the agenda, save that this restriction shall not exclude a motion to establish the feeling of the Assembly concerning any matter raised under Any Other Business, nor shall it exclude motions relating to the election, discipline or retirement of officers. Motions may only be put to the Assembly if the Region proposing such motion has satisfied its financial obligations to IPSC and is in compliance with the terms of the Constitution at the commencement of the Assembly.

8.7 Meetings of the Assembly in Handgun World Championship years shall be held in conjunction with the Championships.

8.8 Meetings of the Assembly shall be chaired by the President, or in his absence the General Secretary, or in his absence the Secretary, or in the absence of all of the three abovementioned, the meeting shall elect a chairman and secretary from among those present.

8.9 The business of a meeting of the Assembly will include:

(1) the minutes of the previous meeting,

(2) the President's report,

(3) the Treasurer's report, and presentation of the previous year's accounts,

(4) the President of IROA's report,

(5) such other business as the agenda may prescribe,

(6) the election of the President, if appropriate,

(7) the fixing of the date and place of the next meeting,

(8) the appointment of an auditor,

(9) any other business.

Meetings of the Assembly shall be run according to the Parliamentary Procedures as adopted from time to time by the Assembly. The current Parliamentary Procedures are set out in the Schedule hereto.

8.10 The Assembly having adopted or rejected any matter, such adoption or rejection shall not be varied or rescinded by the Assembly for a period of two years unless by a two-thirds majority vote.

8.11 A quorum in the Assembly shall consist of those Regional Directorate delegates present, save that the Assembly may adopt no binding resolution unless delegates be present from at least ten Regions and from three continents.

8.12 Prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Assembly, the Secretary shall compile and present to the Executive Council and the Assembly a list of those delegates present and entitled to vote on behalf of their Regions, and of proxies held with details thereof.

8.13 Any Region unable for any reason to send a delegate to the Assembly may vote by proxy providing that prior to the commencement of the meeting, the President shall receive from the Regional Directorate concerned, a proxy document identifying the proxy holder and the specific issues on which proxy is granted. A general proxy shall not be allowed. Further, any Region attending the Assembly but unable for any reason to remain until its conclusion, may vote in its absence by proxy. For this purpose, the President shall receive from the Regional Directorate delegates attending, a proxy document identifying the proxy holder and the specific issues on which proxy is granted. A general proxy shall not be allowed.

8.14 Prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Assembly, the President shall appoint two tellers, not being members of the Executive Council or voting delegates and not, if feasible, being residents of the Region in which the Presidency is for the time being domiciled, who shall be responsible for the counting of all votes.

8.15 Votes in the Assembly shall be by show of hands or by ballot if requested by any delegate present, save that votes for the election of the President or for the retirement of any officer of the Confederation shall be by ballot.

8.16 Nominations for the office of President must be received by the Secretary not less than sixty days prior to meetings of the Assembly, whereupon he shall immediately acknowledge receipt to the Regional Directorate initiating the candidacy. Thirty days prior to the meeting, the Secretary shall circulate to each Regional Directorate a list of candidates, and the list will on that date be closed. The list shall carry first the name of the incumbent President, if standing for re-election, and thereafter the name of each other candidate in alphabetical order.

8.17 In the event that no candidate should receive a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be struck from the list and a further ballot taken, and so forth until a candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast.

8.18 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.16 above, the Assembly may in accordance with Section 8.6 elect a member as President.

8.19 The President must resign from the position of Regional Director (if held) within ninety days of his election to the office of President.

8.20 Notwithstanding any other term of the Constitution, whenever a vote is called for on a motion to decide on the venue for a Level IV Continental competition, only those Regions which are:- (a) eligible to vote under Section 8.2, and (b) included in a current list of Regions assigned to the particular continent issued by the IPSC President, shall be eligible to vote.

9. Amendments to The Constitution

9.1 A motion to amend the Constitution must be notified to the President in writing not less than nine months prior to the meeting of a Handgun World Championship Assembly, whereupon not less than ninety days prior to the meeting of the Assembly, notification of all motions for amendment will be included in the provisional agenda for the Assembly and circulated to all Regional Directorates by the President. Proposed constitutional amendments at a non-Handgun World Championship Assembly would require nine months notice and a two-thirds majority vote in favor of discussing the amendments prior to the discussion and subsequent vote on the amendments taken place.

9.2 Motions for amendment of the Constitution must be carried by a majority of two-thirds in the Assembly, and such amendments shall come into effect on the first of January immediately following the Assembly.

9.3 In the event that any dispute arises as to the intent, meaning or interpretation of the Constitution, the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee shall be invited by the President to express an opinion, such opinion shall be subject to ratification at the next Assembly.

10. Finance and Administration

10.1 The property and funds of the Confederation shall be vested in the Assembly.

10.2 The financial year of the Confederation shall be the first of January to the thirty-first of December and the accounts of the Confederation will be balanced to that date.

10.3 Annually, within sixty days after the end of the financial year, the books and accounts will be audited by the auditor appointed by the Assembly.

10.4 All monies shall be paid into the Confederation's banking or investment accounts, and all authorised expenditure shall be met by drawing on those accounts.

10.5 All cheques and withdrawals from the accounts must bear the signatures of the Treasurer and one other nominated member of the Executive Council.

10.6 The Executive Council may hire or appoint such staff or additional staff as the sound administration of the Confederation may require, and may award such salary, honoraria or reimbursement of expenses as may seem to it appropriate, subject to instruction from the Assembly.

10.7 There shall be payable annually to the Confederation by each affiliate Region an affiliation fee consisting of a base fee and a capitation fee for each individual member in such amount and according to such criteria as may be specified and agreed by the Assembly. The base fee is to be paid by the thirty-first of January and the capitation fee by the thirtieth of June each year.

10.8 Any Region ninety days in arrears may be struck from the rolls of the Confederation, by the Assembly in accordance with Section 5.9, whereupon the Region shall be declared vacant.

10.9 The audited accounts of the Confederation shall be published and circulated to all Regional Directorates not less than thirty days prior to Assembly.

10.10 The Secretary shall take and keep minutes of all meetings of Assembly and shall circulate copies of such minutes to all Regional Directorates within ninety days of that Assembly. In pursuance of this obligation the Secretary shall have power to require the

hosting Regional Directorate of the Assembly to provide facilities for the taking and preparation of minutes and the circulation of those minutes to all Regional Directorate delegates at or immediately after the end of the Assembly.

10.11 The accounts of the Confederation shall be presented in the currency of the country in which the Executive Council may from time to time be domiciled and shall be converted into pounds sterling at the rate prevailing at the year end of the Confederation.

10.12 In order to develop, promote and manage the commercial interests of IPSC set out below, the Executive Council is authorized to set up a limited company known as International Practical Shooting Confederation Limited (IPSC Ltd) registered in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

All issued shares of IPSC Ltd must be owned by the Confederation and only Executive Council members may be directors.

The financial year of IPSC Ltd shall be the first of January to the thirty-first of December, and the accounts of the company will be balanced to that date.

Annually, within sixty days after the end of the financial year, the books and accounts will be audited by the IPSC auditor appointed by the Assembly.

The audited accounts of IPSC Ltd shall be annexed to the audited accounts of the Confederation when circulated to the Regional Directorates.

The commercial interests referred to above are:- Merchandise Sales, Royalties, Level IV and V Match Agreements, together with other fund raising activities excluding affiliation base and capitation fees.

11. Legislation

Assembly shall have power to legislate on any matter not provided for in the Constitution and to formulate and promulgate such bye-laws, rules and regulations as it may feel necessary or desirable.

12. Indemnity

By acceptance of membership in a body affiliated to the Confederation, and thereby of membership in the Confederation, each member is deemed fully and absolutely to indemnify the Confederation, Executive Council and the officers of the Confederation against any claims for injury or loss however caused to or by himself, his dependents, employees or servants at any competition or other event organised or sanctioned by the Confederation.

13. Rules

The International Practical Shooting Rules referred to in this Constitution and adopted by the Assembly shall be applied by the Confederation, its affiliates and members. The said Rules shall be capable of being amended by a majority vote at the Assembly, and such amendments shall come into effect on the first of January immediately following the Assembly. With effect from the first of January 1997, said Rules shall only be capable of being amended at an Assembly held in conjunction with a Handgun World Championship. Proposed rule amendments at a non-Handgun World Championship Assembly require a two-thirds majority vote in favor of discussing the amendments prior to the discussion and subsequent vote on the amendments taken place.

14. Dissolution

14.1 A motion to dissolve the Confederation shall be deemed to be a constitutional amendment and the provisions relating to the giving of notice of and the votes necessary for the adoption of any amendment to the constitution shall apply to any proposal to dissolve the Confederation.

14.2 In the event of the Assembly duly passing a motion to dissolve the Confederation the Assembly shall decide what is to become of the assets, after the payment of all liabilities, of the Confederation. The Assembly, failing which the Executive Council, shall appoint a liquidator who shall be charged with the settlement of all the debts and liabilities of the Confederation and who shall thereafter distribute the remaining assets of the Confederation in accordance with the instructions given by the Assembly.

14.3 In the event of the Assembly failing to decide what is to become of the remaining assets of the Confederation then the liquidator appointed by the Assembly shall arrange for such remaining assets to be handed over to such international body involved in shooting whose aims are, in the view of the liquidator, most closely allied to the aims of this Confederation.

15. Law and Jurisdiction

Any dispute arising from this Constitution which cannot be settled amicably under any other provision of this Constitution may be submitted for arbitration, by any party to the dispute, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts. The parties undertake to comply with the statute and regulations of the CAS, to accept in good faith the decision rendered without appeal, and in no way hinder its execution..

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1. Meetings

At all meetings, it is up to the presiding officer to use the rules of parliamentary procedure appropriately so that good order and reasonable decorum are maintained, the business of the meeting goes forward and the rights of all regions, both present and absent, are protected.

The presiding officer will:

1. Ensure that all Regions have received the definitive agenda thirty days prior to the meeting date and that all Regions have had their agenda items included, as required by the constitution.
2. Call the meeting to order at the set time and date.
3. Follow the agenda and clarify what is happening and what is being voted on at all times.
4. See that the debate is confined to the merits of the question, and that personal comments are avoided.

2. Order of Business

Business will be conducted in accordance with the current IPSC Constitution as adopted from time to time.

3. Motions

Business is conducted by acting on motions. A subject is introduced by a main motion. Once this motion has been seconded and stated by the presiding officer, nothing else should be taken up until it is disposed of. Once a motion has been stated, the mover may not withdraw it without the consent of the meeting. While a main motion is being considered, other parliamentary motions, which affect either the main motion or the general conduct of the meeting may be made.

Parliamentary motions are as follows:

1. **Motion to Amend**

   Debatable by members.

   Requires a two thirds vote.

   Used when the intention is to change, add, or omit words in the main motion.

2. **Motion to Refer**

   Debatable by members.

   Requires a majority vote.

   If a motion becomes too complicated through amendments or if more information is needed, a motion may be made to refer it to a committee for study or redrafting. This committee must report back or act as instructed.

3. **Motion to Table**

   Not debatable by members.

   Requires a majority vote.

   This motion postpones consideration of a motion on the floor in such a way that the motion can be taken up (discussed) again only if or when a majority votes to "take it from the table" i.e.: discuss it again.

4. **Motion to Call the Question**

Not debatable by members.

Requires a two thirds vote.

This motion is used to end debate that has become lengthy or repetitious. When it is seconded, the presiding officer immediately calls for a vote on closing debate. If this receives a two-thirds vote, the pending motion is voted on at once without further discussion.

5. **Motion to Limit Debate**

Not debatable by members.

Requires a two thirds vote.

The President, after a reasonable amount of debate may request a motion to limit debate. If passed, the President will appoint two tellers who shall track time. If after the time specified in the motion, a resolution has not been reached it will be deemed that a "motion to call the question" has successfully been presented. An immediate vote on the debated subject will then take place.

6. **Point of Order and Appeal**

A member who feels the rules are not being followed may call attention to the breach by calling a point of order. The presiding officer immediately rules on the point of order. A member dissatisfied with the ruling may appeal to the Assembly for a final decision. The appeal is debatable, and the presiding officer may enter the debate without giving up the chair. A majority of *no* votes is necessary to reverse the ruling: a tie vote sustains it.

7. **Questions and Inquiries**

Whenever necessary, advice may be asked as to correct procedures (parliamentary inquiry), facts may be requested (point of information), or a change may be sought for comfort or convenience (question of privilege). The presiding officer immediately responds to the question or refers it to the proper person.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Not debatable.

Requires a majority vote.

If the time set for adjournment has arrived and there is no further business the presiding officer may declare the meeting adjourned without waiting for a formal motion. A member may move to adjourn at any time except when a speaker has the floor or a vote is in process. If the motion carries, the meeting is immediately adjourned.