

## **ICPSA Rules and Regulations**

The ICPSA rules and regulations are subject to change and any queries should be directed to the ICPSA General Secretary. These rules and regulations are in addition to the various discipline rules as defined by the ISSF, FITASC and ICTSF and the ICPSA Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### **Individual**

- 1.01 Membership fees are due on the 1st January of each year.
- 1.02 Scores will not be recorded or used for any purpose until membership fees are paid to the General Secretary or ICPSA Honorary Treasurer.
- 1.03 On receipt of membership fees by the General Secretary or ICPSA Honorary Treasurer a member is immediately fully covered by the Association's Insurance Policy.
- 1.04 The ICPSA National Executive may suspend a member for any period of time for the good of the sport.
- 1.05 The ICPSA National Executive or the ICPSA Chairman or the ICPSA Honorary Secretary may suspend Insurance cover from any member.
- 1.06 All ICPSA membership application forms should be sent to the General Secretary.
- 1.07 An individual member can be affiliated to a Provincial Association based on where he or she was born or where currently resident.
- 1.08 From 1st January 2006 all shooters will be responsible for collection and removal of their own waste.
- 1.09 Members who have received grant-aid must disclose the source and amount to the National Executive.
- 1.10 Individual affiliation to the ICPSA from 1st January 2008 shall cost €125 and Junior membership shall cost €50.
- 1.11 Coverage of individual members by the Associations insurance policy commences upon receipt of a valid membership payment.

### **Club**

- 2.01 All club and provincial association members must be members of the ICPSA.
- 2.02 Affiliation club fees and shoot registration fees (€20.00 per shoot) are due on the 1st January each year.
- 2.03 All shoot levies are to be returned to the ICPSA Honorary Treasurer within the specified time and should be accompanied with the levies return form.
- 2.04 With effect from 1st October 2006 any club failing to return scores and levies to the relevant Association Statistical Officer within seven days of a registered shoot will have the next scheduled registered shoot which occurs no sooner than 30 days after the event for which the returns were not made de-registered. Such de-registered shoots will not be re-registered and the process of de-registration of subsequent shoots will continue until the levies due are paid in full. Notice of such de-registered shoots will be posted in the Defaulters section and in the Association calendar.

- 2.05 Where a club has a valid reason for the non-return of scores and levies within the allotted time, the de-registration rule may be waived at the discretion of the National Executive.
- 2.06 The Association Treasurer alone shall collect all shoot levies and registration fees.
- 2.07 The ICPSA National Executive may suspend an Affiliated Club for any period of time for the good of the sport.
- 2.08 The ICPSA National Executive or the ICPSA Chairman or the ICPSA Honorary Secretary may suspend Insurance cover from any Affiliated Club, if a situation merits it.
- 2.09 If a Club wishes to change the date or venue of a registered competition, one months notice should be given where possible to both the Association and to other appropriate clubs, who in turn will notify their members.
- 2.10 Changing the date or venue of a registered competition requires the permission of the Provincial Association.
- 2.11 The Statistical Officer may disregard a registered shoot if it is found to be out of standard.
- 2.12 Copies of the ICPSA insurance policy will be made available on CD at the ICPSA AGM to those who seek it.
- 2.13 Club affiliation to the ICPSA from 1st January 2008 shall cost €375.
- 2.14 It is the duty of Club Secretaries to make sure that all entries to competitions and practice are paid up members of the ICPSA on the day of the shoot. Clubs will be responsible for the full cost of membership if a person is found to be an unpaid member.
- 2.15 Clubs are fully entitled to refuse entry to an ICPSA member where it has been judged by the club that such a members has behaved in an inappropriate or objectionable manner at their facility. The ICPSA will monitor the implementation of this provision in case of abuse.
- 2.16 Day insurance is for the sole purpose of introducing newcomers to the sport. The cost of day insurance is €5.00 and clubs may not levy an additional charge in respect of insurance.
- 2.17 An individual may only avail of day insurance on three occasions in any given year and affords insurance cover only, it does not confer any other membership benefits, e.g. eligibility to win prizes or trophies.
- 2.18 Lapsed ICPSA members are not entitled to avail of day insurance.
- 2.19 All day insurances must be receipted using official receipt books and monies collected in respect of day insurance together with the insured's details should be returned to the General Secretary at the same time as the results and levies from the shoot at which it was collected are returned to the Statistical Officer and ICPSA Treasurer.
- 2.20 The Irish Open Sporting Cup if won by a non-ICPSA member will be presented to the winner for photograph purposes only and retained by the host club until the following years event.
- 2.21 Clubs can administer and run shoots as they wish so long as they comply with the rules and regulations for the disciplines.
- 2.22 All individual membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the ICPSA.

- 2.23 All club membership fees collected by third parties must be passed on in full to the ICPSA.
- 2.24 A list of paid members will be posted on the ICPSA web site and updated on each Friday or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 2.25 Where a club chooses to have competitors retain and remove their waste, any participant who fails to comply with the clubs wishes can at the discretion of the club through the auspices of the ICPSA be suspended from attending the next event at that venue. Notification must be sent to the ICPSA detailing what took place before such a suspension can take place.
- 2.26 The ICPSA will not endorse, be associated with or responsible in any way for events unless all members of the ICPSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.
- 2.27 Coverage of club members by the Associations insurance policy commences upon receipt of a valid membership payment.
- 2.28 Canvassing will disqualify any application with regard to tenders for ICPSA/ICTSC events.
- 2.29 Host clubs must accept the Associations assistance where provided so as to ensure that the necessary standard of service regarding results would be available with regard to Home Countries International Tournaments.
- 2.30 Non DTL trap discipline shoots can be run on the same day as the Gold Cup.

### **Grounds**

- 3.01 Shooting grounds must have Ladies and Gents toilet facilities.
- 3.02 It is the responsibility of each affiliated club to participants are current ICPSA members in order that their score can be recorded.
- 3.03 A new shooting ground must be inspected by an approved nominee of the National Executive prior to any registered competitions being granted to the grounds.

### **Registered Competitions**

- 4.01 The maximum entry fees for registered competitions are as follows:
 

Down the Line €40.00	Automatic Ball Trap €40.00
Olympic Trap €45.00	Olympic Skeet €43.00
National Skeet €43.00	Sporting €45.00
FITASC Sporting €65.00	

Included in the above fees is a levy of €7 per entrant and clubs will be obliged to return levies to the ICPSA Treasurer and scores to the ICPSA Statistical Officer under the existing rules.
- 4.02 For final entry time at an event, please check with the host ground.
- 4.03 There should be prizes allocated for Ladies, Veterans, and Juniors at all championship competitions provided there is a minimum of four competitors in each class.
- 4.04 Day Insurance participants are not entitled to prizes or trophies in ICPSA registered Shoots
- 4.05 All lapsed ICPSA members on the day of registered shoot will not be entitled to prizes or trophies.

- 4.06 I.C.P.S.A. membership fees can be collected at any Registered Shoot. An official receipt must be issued.
- 4.07 All ICPSA Perpetual Cups and Trophies must be returned to the host club in sufficient time as to allow presentation at the competition in question. Members returning Cups and Trophies should obtain a receipt.
- 4.08 The holder of a Perpetual Cup or Trophy is responsible for the safe keeping of same for the period during which they hold the award and will be liable for the loss or damage to the award.
- 4.09 All Perpetual Cups and Trophies presented/donated or sponsored to the ICPSA are accepted and competed for as part of the calendar of events on the basis that they become the property of the Association and its members.
- 4.10 The ICPSA will not award registered shoots to a club unless all members of the ICPSA in good standing can participate, unless such an exclusion is justified to the satisfaction of the National Executive.

### **Safety**

- 5.01 The onus is on every member of the Association and not just members of the National Executive to promote safety within the sport.
- 5.02 All Affiliated Clubs must appoint a Safety Officer.
- 5.03 All accidents must be reported to the General Secretary in writing without delay.
- 5.04 The National Executive will report all accidents to the Association's Legal Officer and Insurance Broker.
- 5.05 The National Executive or members of the ICPSA may not accept liability for any occurrence.
- 5.06 It is mandatory for all Competitors and other persons in the vicinity of the shooting area to wear adequate eye and hearing protection.
- 5.07 Persons setting up clay traps and/or other equipment must comply with Health and Safety legislation. It is the duty of the Safety Officer to see that this rule is enforced.
- 5.08 All shooting grounds must have a safety statement.

### **Classification**

- 6.01 A Member cannot be demoted to the lowest class in any discipline, unless he/she is a Veteran.
- 6.02 Members will hold their classifications for a period of two years having been absent from competition.
- 6.03 Nominations for the post of Honorary Statistical officer must state which post is applied/nominated for.
- 6.04 The Statistical Officer's books will close at the end of August each year and new classifications will be made available once the cut off points have been notified by the ICTSF
- 6.05 Members classifications run from 1st January to 31st December annually.

### **International Team**

- 7.01 Declarations for Ireland Team Selection will be incorporated in the membership application form.

- 7.02 A member can only be selected as an International Team member if he/she is deserving of this honour, and that it is for the good of the sport and the reputation of the country.
- 7.03 To be eligible for membership of an International Team, the following criteria must be complied with:
- (a) Membership fees must be paid up at the stated time.
  - (b) The member must be born in Ireland, or have at least one parent who was born in Ireland, or have been 4 years resident in Ireland.
  - (c) A member who has competed for another country must allow 3 years to elapse from the time he/she has competed for another country, before they can be considered for membership of an Irish International team, and also must have the consent of both countries. The changeover must be approved in advance by the International Clay Target Shooting Federation.
  - (d) A member must have competed in at least two major competitions in Ireland.
- 7.04 When a Team is selected, the names and registration numbers of the Team Members must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary or his Deputy without delay. In turn it is the duty of the General Secretary to notify each team member of their selection.
- 7.05 When Members are notified of their selection to a Team, they must accept or refuse nomination without delay by notifying the General Secretary or the Team Manager.
- 7.06 If a member does not notify the General Secretary or the Team Manager of their acceptance or refusal of their nomination within any specified time, it will be presumed that they do not wish to be part of the Team.
- 7.07 The payment of entry fees, practice fees, accommodation, and other costs are the responsibility of each Team Member.
- 7.08 A Team member is subject to the direction of the Team Manager.
- 7.09 Where there is a Ladies' Team participating in an International event, a Lady Member may not compete with the Senior Team.
- 7.10 If a Team member fails to compete (without good reason) in the International event he/she has been selected to compete in, the National Executive may ban him/her from International events in all disciplines for a minimum of one year. A longer period of time may be specified.
- 7.11 Any Team Member who fails to complete shooting (without good reason) in an International event may be banned from competing in any other International events for a minimum period of two years.
- 7.12 All Ireland Team members must be present for the Team photographs, must attend the Home Countries International Tournament Banquet and must comply with the stated dress code. Any Team member who fails to do so without justifiable reason will not be eligible for Ireland Team selection in the following year.

- 7.13 For scores obtained outside Ireland to count for classification or team selection, members must notify the General Secretary in writing of his/her intention to attend the event and return his/her score, club address, high gun score, number of guns in the competition and his/her personal position in the competition to the Statistical Officer within 1 week of the event.
- 7.14 Ireland Teams will be selected annually according to the criteria ratified by the ICPSA National Executive.
- 7.15 From 2008 onwards no alterations/alternatives will be allowed with regard to compulsory shoots
- 7.16 Prospective Ireland Team members can declare as either a veteran or a senior if qualified but once declared they may not change a declaration during the year. This option will not apply for FITASC Championships where the organisers automatically categorise entries.
- 7.17 The wearing of the Ireland Team shooting vest will be compulsory from 2006.
- 7.18 Captaincy should be awarded on the basis of a potential candidate's previous length of service on the Team in conjunction with suitability and ability to satisfactorily fulfil the demands of the position and no recognition would be given to the provincial affiliation of the candidate.
- 7.19 All HCIT-Euro-World Team Managers are entitled to a portion of the shooters fund equal to that received by other Team members.
- 7.20 Unused pennants will be returned to the General Secretary upon return by the team manager.
- 7.21 ICPSA pennants will be provided free of charge to Ireland Team Captains for distribution among other Team Captains at Home Countries International Tournaments.
- 7.22 ICPSA pennants will be provided free of charge to the managers of teams travelling to events where podium presentation of medals take place for exchange among other medal winners should the opportunity arise (e.g. ISSF events, World/European DTL etc.).
- 7.23 Previous rule(s) whereby Ireland Team reserves get the same privileges as those who compete is rescinded w/e from 2008.

#### **Team Manager**

- 8.01 The Team Manager acts with the authority and under the direction of the ICPSA National Executive.
- 8.02 The DTL Team Manager may not participate as part of the Team. Managers may be participants on other Ireland Teams.
- 8.03 The duties of a Team Manager include the organising of badges, team trophies, arrangements for Team photographs and the Organisation of the Team.
- 8.04 The Team Manager is responsible for the good order of the Team.

#### **Task Groups**

- 9.01 Task Groups are appointed by the ICPSA National Executive.
- 9.02 Task Groups are only advisory and must report to the ICPSA National Executive.
- 9.03 Task Groups have no executive powers other than those powers specifically allocated by the ICPSA National Executive.

9.04 Discipline Task Groups will be initiated one month after the HCIT in that discipline.

**Trade**

10.01 Trade Membership affiliation to the ICPSA from 1st January 2008 shall cost €400.

**General**

11.01 The General Secretary will keep the Associations flags for safe keeping and that these will only be released upon receipt of a refundable deposit of €200, repayable upon the safe return of the flags.

11.02 Any problems or queries on any subject with reference to ICPSA can be put in writing and sent to the ICPSA General Secretary. Under no circumstances can a member of the ICPSA approach a member of the National Executive or the High Performance Director unless the enquiry is about the competition in hand. The National Executive has authority to suspend a member if this rule is breached.

- 11.03
- a) Each of the seven current disciplines promoted by the ICPSA will have an individual award.
  - b) All Team members who participated at events on behalf of the Association as well as Ireland Team Managers will have a vote in their specific disciplines to nominate who they believe is the AIB Shooting Star in their discipline for that year.
  - c) Members who participated on more than one team in a discipline have only one vote but participants on Ireland teams in more than one discipline will have a vote in each discipline.
  - d) Each voting form must have the voter's details for verification purposes and details of their first and second preference for the award.
  - e) If a tie occurs for any award, the winner will be the candidate with the most second preferences.
  - f) Should a tie still exist, the HCIT Team Manager will have a casting vote.
  - g) If the Team Manager is one of the prospective candidates, the National Executive will make the final choice.
  - h) The awards will be perpetual and a replica will be given also.
  - i) Each award recipient shall be responsible for the safe return in good conc