



Technical Regulations Shooting

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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting) are official continental championship events organised, sanctioned and governed by the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

EDSO holds the exclusive authority over the sporting, technical and regulatory framework of the EDC Shooting.

The Organising Committee (LOC) acts under EDSO authority and is responsible for the local implementation of these Technical Regulations.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

Shooting is classified as:

- Deaflympic sport, and
- recognised European championship sport within the EDSO competition system.

The Deaflympic status of Shooting does not automatically imply qualification relevance for ICSD events. Any such relevance must be explicitly stated in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

1.3 Event Level

These Technical Regulations apply exclusively to the European Deaf Championships (EDC) in Shooting.

1.4 Sport Classification

Shooting is classified as:

- an individual sport,
- with additional mixed and team competitions where applicable

Shooting combines individual competitions with additional mixed and team events where applicable.

The applicable formats shall be defined in the Event Programme.

1.5 Competition Categories

The following categories shall be organised:

- Men
- Women
- Mixed

The final list of categories shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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1.6 Qualification Competitions

Participation in EDC Shooting is generally open.

If the number of entries exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification competitions.

The applicable system shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDC Shooting serves primarily as a continental championship event.

Where applicable, it may also serve as:

- a reference competition for international selection, and/or
- an input for ranking systems.

Any qualification or selection relevance for ICSD events (e.g. World Deaf Championships, Deaflympics) must be explicitly stated in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

No automatic advancement shall apply unless explicitly stated.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results achieved at the EDC Shooting may be:

- included in EDSO ranking systems, and
- used for seeding, group allocation, draw procedures or qualification purposes.

Where applicable, EDC Shooting results may also be recognised for ICSD-related ranking, seeding or qualification systems.

The applicable systems, point allocations and methodologies shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin or in the relevant EDSO or ICSD regulations.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting) is subject to official invitation and nomination under the authority of EDSO.

EDSO, through its appointed Sport Director or Technical Director, shall formally invite all National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing to participate.

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The invitation shall include the official Technical Regulations, entry forms and all sport-related instructions.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) may issue additional informational bulletins regarding accommodation, transport, training facilities and venue logistics, but shall not have authority over the technical or sporting regulations.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,
- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.
Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

The EDC Shooting is an adult-level competition.

There are no age restrictions for shooting competitors.

If minimum age limits are introduced, they shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

All athletes who are under the age of eighteen (18) must provide written consent from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,

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- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the present Technical Regulations,
- and all applicable event-specific provisions

are eligible to participate.

2.3 Number of Teams

Not applicable.

Shooting is primarily an individual sport with additional mixed and team events.

Where team and mixed events are included in the Event Programme, the composition and maximum number of teams shall be defined in accordance with the specific event rules and the Event Programme.

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation in the EDC Shooting is generally open.

If the number of entries exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification competitions.

The applicable system shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

There is no overall limit on the total number of athletes per National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF).

2.5.2 Team Officials and Coaches

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit team officials, including coaches, team leaders, medical staff (e.g. physiotherapists, doctors) and other delegation members, in accordance with EDSO regulations and the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Accreditation of team officials does not imply unrestricted access to the field of play or Restricted Zones.

During competition, only a limited number of accredited coaches and authorised team officials may be present in the competition area or Restricted Zone, as defined by the Technical Committee and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

This limitation applies:

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- per event or event session,
- per relay or competition phase,
- and per active competition period.

Coaches and authorised officials may rotate between sessions, provided that the maximum number of persons allowed in the competition area is not exceeded.

All team officials must comply with the applicable EDSO, ICSD and ISSF Rules and Regulations.

In accordance with ISSF Rules, coaches and officials are not permitted to interfere with the competition process and must respect all restrictions regarding communication, positioning and conduct during competition.

Where necessary for communication and accessibility, one (1) accredited interpreter may be present in the Technical Area or Restricted Zone as an exception.

The presence of the interpreter is subject to:

- communication needs between athletes, officials and referees,
- operational feasibility,
- venue capacity,
- and confirmation at the Technical Meeting.

The interpreter shall not interfere with the competition process or officiating.

2.6 Number of Athletes per Discipline / Event

Each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may enter athletes in the disciplines and events listed in Article 5.1.

Unless otherwise specified, the following maximum entry limits shall apply:

Individual Events

Men: maximum of three (3) athletes per discipline/event

Women: maximum of three (3) athletes per discipline/event

Mixed Team Events

Maximum of two (2) mixed teams per event

Each mixed team shall consist of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete

Team Events

Maximum of one (1) team per gender and discipline

Each team shall consist of three (3) athletes

The following disciplines/events may be organised, subject to confirmation in the Event Programme and Addendum:

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Rifle

10m Air Rifle

- Men
- Women
- Mixed Team
- Team

50m Rifle Prone

- Men
- Women
- Team

50m Rifle 3 Positions

- Men
- Women
- Team

Pistol

10m Air Pistol

- Men
- Women
- Mixed Team
- Team

25m Pistol

- Men
- Women

25m Standard Pistol

- Men
- Women

25m Centre Fire Pistol

- Men

No additional athletes may be entered solely for participation in team events.

The final list of events conducted at the championship shall be confirmed after the Final Entry phase (Form 2) and may be further adjusted through the Addendum in accordance with Article 12.

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2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

No reserve or substitute athletes are permitted in Shooting competitions.

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

No minimum performance standards are required for participation, unless otherwise defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only entries submitted by an authorised representative of each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) shall be accepted.

All entries must be submitted in accordance with the procedures, deadlines and formal requirements defined in these Technical Regulations and in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.10 Non-Starting Athletes (DNS / No-Show)

A fine of EUR 30 shall be imposed on each non-starting athlete.

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits a medical certificate or a doctor's declaration stating that he/she is not allowed to start.

3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for the European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting) shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be submitted to the EDSO Shooting Director, with the EDSO Representative in copy. Where necessary, the EDSO Sports Coordinator may also be included in copy.

Entries shall be submitted using the official EDSO entry forms.

Where applicable, the EDSO Competition Online Platform (COP) may be used as an alternative submission method, subject to approval by EDSO.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) has no authority over the technical eligibility, acceptance or rejection of entries and may only provide logistical and informational support.

3.2 Entry Phases

Entries for EDC Shooting follow a multi-phase system.

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Due to the short-notice organisation of this event, the standard preliminary phase (Form 1) is waived.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary Entry (Form 1)

Form 1 serves as a non-binding declaration of intent to participate and is normally used for early planning, capacity estimation and long-term scheduling.

For the present edition of the EDC Shooting, the standard deadline for Form 1 does not apply due to the short-notice organisation of the event.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit their binding Final Entry, indicating:

- the intention to participate,
- the number of athletes per discipline per gender,
- the disciplines/events entered,
- the number of mixed teams per event (where applicable).

The following limits shall apply:

- A maximum of four (4) athletes per discipline per gender.
- A maximum of two (2) mixed teams per event per NDSF.

Deadline: **18 March 2026**

This phase determines the official list of participating NDSFs.

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of athletes per discipline.

A maximum of four (4) athletes per discipline per gender may be entered.

This list represents the pre-selection pool for the final entries (Form 4).

This list serves for:

- eligibility checks,
- accreditation preparation,
- medical and anti-doping planning,
- logistical arrangements.

Deadline: **21 June 2026**

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes per discipline.

A maximum of three (3) athletes per discipline per gender may be entered.

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Only athletes included in Form 3 are eligible to be selected for Form 4.

Deadline: **21 August 2026**

No changes or additional entries will be accepted after this deadline.

Only athletes listed on the Final Name List are eligible to compete.

3.3 Entry Limits

All entries must comply with the limits defined in Articles 2.5 and 2.6.

Entries exceeding these limits shall not be accepted.

These limits refer exclusively to athletes and do not include coaches, team officials, interpreters or support staff.

No fixed maximum number is imposed on the total number of non-athlete delegation members per NDSF.

However, the number of coaches and officials allowed in the field of play, competition area or restricted zones shall be limited and regulated in accordance with the sport-specific competition rules.

All additional delegation members may only access spectator areas or non-restricted zones.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

No reserve athletes are permitted in Shooting competitions.

3.5 Late Entries & Changes

Late entries, changes and additions after the applicable deadlines are not permitted.

Exceptions may only be granted:

- for medical reasons, or
- in cases of force majeure,

and require written approval from EDSO.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

A fine shall be imposed in accordance with Article 2.10 for any non-starting athlete (DNS), unless a valid medical certificate is provided.

Additional sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

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3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams and/or Athletes

These limits shall be applied in conjunction with the maximum numbers defined in Articles 2.5 and 2.6.

The maximum number of athletes admitted to the EDC Shooting shall be determined by:

- venue capacity,
- time schedule,
- safety considerations,
- and operational constraints.

If the number of entries exceeds capacity, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- ranking-based selection, or
- qualification mechanisms.

The applicable system shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the EDC is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDC events.

3.8.1 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

3.8.2 Passport Control & Accreditation Procedure

- Passport control of all athletes will be carried out upon arrival, before accreditation.
- Each team must present valid passports for all its members. National ID cards will not be accepted.

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- After verification, accreditation will be issued.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

The European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting) shall be conducted in accordance with:

- the ISSF Rules and Regulations in their valid version,
- the applicable ICSD Regulations,
- the EDSO Statutes and General Regulations,
- the EDSO Master Technical Regulations,
- the present Technical Regulations,
- and the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

In accordance with the EDSO regulatory hierarchy, ICSD Regulations and Statutes shall prevail over EDSO regulations, and higher-level EDSO regulations shall prevail over sport-specific regulations and Event-Specific Technical Bulletins.

In case of conflict in technical competition matters, the English version of the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations shall prevail, unless a Deaf-specific adaptation or an EDSO provision explicitly applies.

Any matter not expressly covered by the above rules shall be decided by EDSO in accordance with the applicable regulatory hierarchy, sporting fairness, integrity and equal treatment.

For the EDC Shooting Championships 2026, the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations shall refer in particular to:

- ISSF Rule Book 2026 – Edition 2025 (First Print 12/2025), effective from 1 January 2026,
- including all officially published ISSF amendments, interpretations and updates applicable during the event period.

Reference:

<https://backoffice.issf-sports.org/getfile.aspx?mod=docf&pane=1&inst=455&file=ISSF-Rule-Book-2026-Edition-2025-First-Print-12-2025-Effective-1-January-2026.pdf>

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

All competitions shall apply Deaf-specific adaptations where required.

These shall include, where applicable:

- visual start signals,
- visual communication systems,
- visual warnings and announcements,

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- adapted referee and range-official communication procedures,
- hearing-device control before entry into the Restricted Zone.

Acoustic-only signals shall not be used as the sole means of communication.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone, in accordance with ICSD regulations.

Any further sport-specific Deaf adaptations shall be confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

4.3 Competition Format

4.3.1 General Competition System

The competition format for EDC Shooting shall be based on the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations for the confirmed events in the Event Programme.

The competition may include:

- qualification rounds,
- finals,
- mixed-team events,
- and team events, where confirmed for the specific edition of the championship.

The final list of events shall be defined in Article 5 and, where necessary, further specified in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and Addendum.

4.3.2 Qualification and Finals

Individual competitions shall be conducted with qualification rounds and, where applicable, finals.

A minimum of eight (8) athletes in the qualification round is required for a final to be held.

For mixed-team events, the applicable ISSF format shall apply. Where applicable, the final stage shall include the four (4) qualified teams.

4.3.3 Scoring

Scoring shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

For 10m Air Rifle events, qualification shall be scored in decimal values.

For 10m Air Pistol events, qualification shall be scored in full ring (integer) values.

Rifle and Pistol Finals shall be scored in decimal values, where applicable under ISSF rules.

4.3.4 Draw and Squadding

Draws, squadding, relay allocation and firing-point assignments shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations under the supervision of the Technical Committee.

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The applicable draw procedures and schedule shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or at the Technical Meeting.

4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

All competition and training facilities, shooting ranges, targets, timing systems and technical installations must comply with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

For 10m events, an indoor 10m shooting range shall be used, in accordance with ISSF standards.

The field of play, including the shooting range, preparation areas, call room and Restricted Zones, shall be organised and controlled in accordance with ISSF Rules and EDSO requirements.

4.4.1 Competition Equipment

All rifles, pistols, ammunition, clothing and accessories used in competition must comply with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that their equipment meets all ISSF requirements.

Any equipment that does not comply with the applicable rules may be rejected and shall not be used in competition.

4.4.2 Competition Clothing

Athletes must appear on the field of play dressed in a manner appropriate to a public sporting event and in full compliance with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

All competition clothing, including shooting jackets, trousers, shoes and accessories, must conform to the specifications defined by ISSF.

Clothing made of camouflage material is strictly prohibited.

Athletes must wear clothing that clearly identifies their country, in accordance with ISSF and ICSD provisions.

In team and mixed events, athletes representing the same National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) should wear uniform clothing to ensure clear visual identification.

The use of any clothing or equipment providing unfair advantage or not complying with ISSF standards is prohibited and may result in rejection by the Equipment Control.

Any specific clothing requirements or additional provisions shall be confirmed at the Technical Meeting and/or in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

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Equipment control shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Equipment control may take place before, during and after the competition.

Athletes are responsible for presenting their equipment for inspection when requested.

Any equipment that does not comply with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations may be rejected and shall not be used in competition.

Failure to comply with equipment control procedures or ISSF requirements may result in sanctions in accordance with ISSF and EDSO regulations.

4.6 Technical Information – Venue

The shooting competitions of the European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting) shall take place at:

Sports Center “Sajmište”
Novosadskog sajma 60
21000 Novi Sad / Serbia

The venue, including the number of firing points, range configuration, scoring systems and technical equipment, shall comply with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Further technical details regarding the venue and competition setup shall be provided in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or Addendum.

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

Only disciplines and events explicitly listed in these Technical Regulations shall be contested at the European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting).

For the present edition of the EDC Shooting, the following events are scheduled:

Rifle:

10m Air Rifle:

- Men
- Women
- Mixed Team

50m Rifle Prone:

- Men
- Women

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50m Rifle 3 Positions:

- Men
- Women

Pistol:

10m Air Pistol:

- Men
- Women
- Mixed Team

25m Pistol:

- Men
- Women

25m Standard Pistol:

- Men
- Women

25m Centre Fire Pistol:

- Men

Team Events:

Team competitions may be conducted in each individual discipline, subject to the following conditions:

- a minimum of three (3) athletes per nation are entered in the respective discipline, and
- at least four (4) nations are participating.

Team results shall be calculated based on the combined results of the athletes in accordance with ISSF rules.

The actual implementation and conduct of each discipline/event remains subject to:

- the number of final entries received,
- minimum participation requirements,
- operational and venue capacity,
- ISSF technical requirements,
- and final confirmation by EDSO following the Final Entry phase (Form 2).

EDSO reserves the right to:

- cancel, merge or modify disciplines/events,
- combine categories where appropriate,
- or adjust the competition programme where necessary.

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Any cancelled, modified or confirmed disciplines/events shall be officially published in the Addendum and/or Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final list of events and disciplines shall be confirmed after completion of the Final Entry phase (Form 2).

EDSO reserves the right to cancel or merge events if the number of entries is insufficient to ensure a fair and meaningful competition.

Any such decisions shall be communicated to all National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) without delay and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or Addendum.

5.3 Timetable

The competition timetable shall be established after completion of the Final Entry phase (Form 2), based on the confirmed number of athletes and events.

The official timetable, including training sessions, qualification rounds and finals, shall be prepared by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in cooperation with EDSO.

The timetable shall be communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) without delay and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or Addendum.

EDSO reserves the right to adjust the timetable where necessary for operational, technical or safety reasons.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the competition in order to ensure the proper organisation, coordination and conduct of the European Deaf Shooting Championships (EDC Shooting).

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for the clarification of technical, procedural

6.1 General Provisions

The Technical Meeting shall serve to:

- confirm entries and athlete eligibility,
- present and confirm the final event programme and timetable,
- clarify applicable rules and procedures,
- provide technical and organisational information,
- address questions from participating delegations,
- and adopt binding technical decisions where necessary.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

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The date, time and location of the Technical Meeting shall be determined by EDSO in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

This information shall be published in advance in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

6.3 Attendance

Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Shooting Director or by a person designated by EDSO.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

- room arrangements,
- provision of interpretation where required,
- distribution of relevant documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English.

International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating delegations,
- confirmation of athlete eligibility,
- confirmation of the final event programme and timetable,
- explanation of the competition format and schedule,
- explanation of applicable ISSF Rules and Deaf-specific adaptations,
- draw, squadding and relay procedures,
- training arrangements,
- equipment control procedures,
- protest procedures,
- restricted zone and field of play regulations,
- safety instructions,
- and any other relevant technical matters.

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6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding.

Participating delegations are responsible for informing their athletes and team officials accordingly.

The absence of a delegation at the Technical Meeting does not exempt it from compliance with the decisions taken.

7. TRAINING, WARM-UP & FIELD OF PLAY REGULATIONS

Training and warm-up activities shall be organised to ensure fair and adequate preparation conditions for all athletes.

7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions may be organised prior to the competition, where applicable.

Training shall be conducted on the official shooting range under competition conditions as far as possible.

All training sessions shall be organised and supervised by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and conducted in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations.

7.2 Training Schedule

The training schedule shall be established after completion of the Final Entry phase (Form 2), based on the confirmed number of athletes and events.

The schedule shall be prepared by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) in cooperation with EDSO.

The training schedule shall be communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) without delay and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and/or Addendum.

EDSO reserves the right to adjust the training schedule where necessary for operational or technical reasons.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Warm-up and preparation areas shall be designated where applicable.

Where provided, such areas may include dry firing zones or preparation areas in accordance with ISSF safety regulations.

Athletes shall use only the designated areas and must comply with all instructions from officials and range personnel.

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7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes all competition and operational areas within the shooting venue that form part of the Field of Play (FOP) and the overall competition environment.

The Restricted Zone includes in particular:

- the shooting range and firing points,
- the preparation and equipment control areas,
- the athlete seating and waiting areas within the range,
- designated warm-up and dry firing areas,
- the Call Room / Call Area,
- and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

The Restricted Zone extends to all clearly marked boundaries separating competition areas from spectator and public zones.

Within the Restricted Zone, the use of any hearing aids, amplification systems, cochlear implants, or external cochlear implant components is strictly prohibited.

All applicable ICSD Audiogram Regulations and EDSO provisions shall apply.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices (Audiogram Regulations)

In accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, athletes participating in EDC Shooting are strictly prohibited from using any hearing aids, cochlear implants or related assistive hearing devices within the Restricted Zone.

For EDC Shooting, the Restricted Zone applies from the moment athletes enter the Call Room, preparation areas or shooting range, and remains in effect throughout the entire preparation, warm-up and competition period.

7.4.2 Authority

Authority within the Restricted Zone lies with the Range Jury, Chief Range Officer, Referees and other competition officials appointed by the Technical Committee.

The Referee and/or Range Jury shall have final authority regarding the interpretation and enforcement of Restricted Zone regulations.

7.4.3 Violation and Penalty

Any violation of the Restricted Zone regulations, including the use of prohibited hearing devices, may result in immediate disqualification from the respective event.

Further handling of the violation, including additional sanctions, shall be governed by the ICSD Audiogram Regulations, Section 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

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Check-in and Call Room procedures shall be applied in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations in order to ensure the orderly conduct of the competition.

8.1 Procedures

All athletes must report to the designated Call Room or check-in area prior to their scheduled start time.

Athletes shall be checked for:

- identity and accreditation,
- competition equipment where applicable,
- compliance with clothing regulations,
- and adherence to Restricted Zone regulations.

After successful check-in, athletes shall proceed to the firing points in accordance with the instructions of the officials.

Compliance with Restricted Zone regulations shall be verified during the check-in process.

8.2 Timing

The exact timing of the check-in procedure shall be communicated at the Technical Meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, athletes must report to the Call Room within the time limits defined by the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Late arrival or failure to report within the prescribed time limits may result in DNS (Did Not Start) for the respective event.

Any deviations from these timings shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall apply in accordance with Chapter 3 (Entries & Registration) and Chapter 2 (Participants & Eligibility).

In Shooting competitions, no substitutions or reserve athletes are permitted after the final name list deadline, except in cases of force majeure or medical emergency.

Any such exception requires:

- submission of official medical documentation,
- and approval by the Technical Committee.

Failure of an athlete to appear at the designated check-in time without valid justification may result in a DNS.

8.4 Shooting-Specific Provisions

For Shooting, the following sport-specific procedures shall apply:

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- Firing point assignments, relays and squadding shall be communicated prior to the start of the competition.
- Athletes must be present in the shooting area before the start of preparation and sighting time.
- Preparation and sighting time, as well as competition procedures, shall be conducted in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations.
- Athletes must remain available for official announcements and instructions at all times.

Any athlete who is not present at the assigned firing point when their relay or squad is called may be declared DNS.

Details regarding firing point allocation, relay structure, preparation time and competition procedures shall be defined in the official competition schedule and/or the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

All athletes shall comply with the procedures as published.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

All protests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits in accordance with the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations.

For EDC Shooting, the following procedures apply:

9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

All sport-related protests shall be resolved in accordance with:

- the applicable ISSF Rules and Regulations,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the ICSD Regulations,
- and these Technical Regulations.

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the Referee, Range Jury or EDSO Shooting Director,
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100.

All protests must be submitted within the time limits defined by ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Protests arising during the competition must be raised immediately in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations.

For protests submitted after the official publication of results, a time limit of ten (10) minutes shall apply.

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Failure to comply with these requirements and time limits shall result in the protest being declared invalid.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

The EDSO Shooting Director, in coordination with the Referee and/or Range Jury, shall determine whether a protest is:

- sport-related (technical, rules, scoring or competition matters), or
- eligibility-related (participation, compliance with ICSD or EDSO requirements).

Sport-related protests shall be handled and decided in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations by the Referee and/or Range Jury.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for decision in accordance with EDSO and ICSD Regulations.

Where necessary, EDSO may establish an ad hoc Protest Committee to support the decision-making process.

All decisions shall be communicated to the respective National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) without delay.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

A protest deposit of EUR 100 must accompany each official protest. The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld. If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained by EDSO.

9.2 Disciplinary Bodies

For EDC Shooting, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

EDSO Shooting Director (Chair)	Andreas Mühlbauer- Füll
EDSO Representative	Anton Petric
ISSF Chief Jury / Referee	TBA
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

Officials assigned to the competition shall be appropriately qualified in accordance with ISSF requirements.

The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

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9.2.2 Protest Committee

A Shooting Protest Committee shall be established.

It shall normally consist of:

EDSO Representative (Chair – no Voting Rights)	Anton Petric
EDSO Shooting Director	Andreas Mühlbauer-Füll
ISSF Chief Jury / Referee	TBA

The Protest Committee shall adjudicate all sport-related protests.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

9.3.1 Procedure for Reviewing a Protest

The Protest Committee shall meet at a location and time determined by the Chair of the committee.

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply:

- The EDSO Representative shall chair the meeting.
- The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) shall arrange the meeting room and interpretation.
- The SLO shall notify all committee members of the time and location.
- The EDSO Shooting Director shall liaise with the relevant competition officials.
- The SLO shall inform the hosting Deaf Sport Federation.
- The EDSO Shooting Director shall inform the EDSO Executive Board of the protest and the decision.

9.3.2 Decision Authority

All sport-related protest decisions taken by the Protest Committee are binding for the competition.

EDSO retains final authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

9.3.3 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not covered by these regulations, the Protest Committee shall decide.

If the Protest Committee is not available, the EDSO Shooting Director shall make a provisional decision, subject to later confirmation.

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

Award ceremonies for the European Deaf Shooting Championships shall take place at the official competition venue:

- Sports Center “Sajmište”, Novi Sad, Serbia.

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The exact timing and detailed procedure of the ceremonies shall be determined by the Organising Committee (LOC) and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Award ceremonies shall normally be conducted after the conclusion of the respective event or session, unless otherwise announced.

All ceremonies shall be conducted in an accessible manner, ensuring visual communication and, where required, International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation.

10.2 Medals

Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be awarded for each official event.

Medal allocation shall be based on the final official results determined in accordance with ISSF Rules and Regulations.

Only events officially confirmed by EDSO and meeting the minimum participation requirements shall be eligible for medal awards.

Any specific conditions shall be defined in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies or cups shall be awarded unless explicitly announced otherwise.

Additional special awards (e.g. best performance, special achievements) may be introduced at the discretion of the Organising Committee and/or EDSO.

Such awards shall have no effect on official rankings or medal standings.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

In accordance with EDSO practice, certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule or cancel the European Deaf Shooting Championships or parts thereof in case of:

- safety concerns,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational constraints,

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- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such modifications shall be communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations without delay.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

Not applicable.

(Shooting is an established and recognised EDSO and Deaflympic sport.)

11.3 Authority

These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All matters relating to the interpretation, enforcement, and application of these regulations fall under the jurisdiction of EDSO.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this Shooting Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

The provisions defined in this Addendum take precedence over the corresponding articles in Chapters 1–11 for the respective event.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- or newly introduced provisions,

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

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Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these Shooting Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- or applicable ICSD Regulations.

12.1. Disciplines / Events Offered (reference 5.1.)

12.1.1 Cancellation of Events

Based on the number of entries and in accordance with EDSO requirements regarding minimum participation, the following events shall not be conducted:

- 10m Air Pistol Mixed
- 10m Air Rifle Team (Men and Women)
- 10m Air Pistol Team (Men and Women)
- 25m Pistol (Men and Women)
- 25m Standard Pistol (Men and Women)
- 25m Centre Fire Pistol (Men)
- 50m Rifle Prone (Men and Women)
- 50m Rifle 3 Positions (Men and Women)

These events are cancelled due to insufficient number of entries and/or not meeting the minimum number of participating countries.

EDSO reserves the right to cancel or merge events if participation requirements are not fulfilled.

12.2. Timetable (reference 5.3.)

The official competition schedule for the European Deaf Shooting Championships shall be as follows:

The official competition timetable:

Date	Time	Activity
20.09.2026	10:00 – 16:00	Accreditation + Weapons & Equipment Control
	11:00 – 17:00	Unofficial Training
21.09.2026	10:00 – 13:00	Weapons & Equipment Control
	14:30 – 15:00	Pre-Event Training 10m Air Rifle Men + Women
22.09.2026	9:00 – 10:15	10 m Air Rifle Men + Women
	11:30	Finals 10m Air Rifle Men (Reporting 11:00)
	13:00	Finals 10m Air Rifle Women (Reporting 12:30)
	14:30 - 15:00	Pre-Event Training 10m Air Pistol Men + Women
23.09.2026	9:00 – 10:15	10m Air Pistol Men + Women
	11:30	Finals 10m Air Pistol Men (Reporting 11:00)
	13:00	Finals 10m Air Pistol Women (Reporting 12:30)
	14:30 - 15:00	Pre-Event Training 10m Air Rifle Mixed
24.09.2026	10:15 – 10:55	10m Air Rifle Mixed

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12:00	10m Finals Air Rifle Mixed (Reporting 11:30)
14:00	Closing Ceremony

12.3 Date, Time and Location (reference 6.2.)

For the EDC Shooting Championships 2026, the following Technical Meetings are scheduled:

Date - Time		Location
20 Sep 2026 17:30 – 18:30	First Technical Meeting	Hotel “Novi Sad”, Novi Sad Serbia
23 Sep 2026, 16:00 – 17:00	Second Technical Meeting	Hotel “Novi Sad”, Novi Sad Serbia

Any changes shall be communicated without delay to all participating NDSFs.

12.4 Training Schedule (reference 7.2.)

Training sessions shall be organised as follows:

- Unofficial Training: 20 September 2026
- Pre-Event Training sessions shall take place prior to each competition event