

Shooting Confederation of the Americas

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERACION AMERICANA DE TIRO

The Confederacion Americana de Tiro was founded April 4, 1973 in México City. The short form title of the Confederation is “CAT”. The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) recognizes the Confederation as the continental confederation for the sport of shooting for all countries of the American Continent. The Pan American Sports Organization (PANAM SPORTS) recognizes the Confederation as the continental sports federation responsible for the technical control of shooting in the Pan American Games.

1. Purposes
 - 1.1 To promote the development of all disciplines of the shooting sports in all countries in the Americas, without discrimination of ethnic, political, racial or religious grounds.

- 1.2 To develop friendly relations among the athletes, trainers, judges and officials of the shooting federations of the American continent through sporting activities and competitions.
- 1.3 To encourage and sponsor the organization of competitions and regional championships conducted according to the regulations of the ISSF and CAT.
- 1.4 To organize the Shooting Championship of the Americas every fourth year, to be conducted according to the regulations of the ISSF and CAT.
- 1.5 To provide technical control of the shooting events in the Pan American Games.
- 1.6 To create and present awards of distinction to athletes and those who work for the development of the shooting sport.
- 1.7 To coordinate CAT activities with ISSF activities and promote the dissemination of ISSF information, to keep Confederation Member Federations and their members updated of worldwide shooting sports activities.

2. Headquarters

Confederation headquarters shall be in the country of the President or in a location decided by the Executive Committee.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The members of the confederation are the national Shooting federations of the American Continent that are ISSF Member Federations, are recognized by CAT and are current with their annual CAT membership fee.

- 3.2 A National Shooting Federation must submit an application for membership that includes information about how and when it was founded, a copy of its constitutions and statutes and a certification that it is recognized by its National Olympic Committee.
- 3.3 When there are two National Shooting Federations in one country with each federation representing different disciplines, each federation will be accepted as a CAT member if both federations are ISSF members.
- 3.4 Members cannot belong to or participate in competitions of confederations or federations other than the ISSF, that patronize shooting events governed by the ISSF.
- 3.5 Annual membership fees are due on January 1st and shall be paid not later than 60 days after this date.
- 3.6 When there are two CAT Member Federations in one country, the membership fee will be divided by two.
- 3.7 A member without sufficient financial resources may apply to the executive committee for a membership fee reduction.
- 3.8 A member will be excluded from the CAT for not paying membership fees for two consecutive years.
- 3.9 A Member Federation may be suspended or expelled by the General Assembly if determines an action contrary to the CAT Constitution, CAT General Regulations or the ISSF Official Statutes Rules and Regulations.

- 3.10 The Executive Committee may suspend a member if the Committee determines that CAT can better fulfill its purposes by suspending the member.
- 3.11 The General Assembly may grant an honorary membership to an individual. This is the highest honor the CAT may award. The honor must be proposed by a member and approved by the General Assembly.

4. Organization and Administration

The American Shooting Confederation (CAT) conducts its work through:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee
- Officers
- The Technical Directorate
- Commissions

4.1 The General Assembly

- 4.1.1 The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the confederation.
- 4.1.2 The General Assembly is formed with delegates representing CAT Member Federations.
- 4.1.3 The Ordinary General Assembly meets every two years at the time and place decided at the last General Assembly and/or will be organized on occasion of the celebration of a major continental or regional sports event as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 4.1.4 An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at another time and place

by the call of the President and with the approval of the Executive Committee, or by the written request of at least half plus one of CAT Member Federations. A written request for an Extraordinary General Assembly must provide a valid reason for convening the assembly and the agenda for the meeting.

- 4.1.5 Each Member Federation may have one or two delegates and two votes in the General Assembly. When there are two CAT Member Federations representing different shooting disciplines in one country, each federation may have only one delegate and one vote in the General Assembly.
- 4.1.6 A quorum for the General Assembly is half plus one of the Member Federations.
- 4.1.7 If one Member Federation cannot attend a general assembly, it may be represented through the delegate(s) of another Member Federation by providing a written proxy to that federation signed by the President or Secretary General of the federation issuing the proxy. A Member Federation may act as a proxy from only one other Member Federation.
- 4.1.8 The General Assembly may only deal with items included on the agenda.
- 4.1.9 Any Member Federation that wishes to include any item on the agenda including nominations for elected positions must be submitted to the CAT Secretary General at

least 90 days before the date of the General Assembly.

- 4.1.10 The Secretary General will issue the meeting place, date, time and agenda to all member federations 60 days prior to any duly called meeting of the General Assembly or Executive Committee.
- 4.1.11 The General Assembly is chaired by the President, or in his absence, by a Vice President, previously appointed by the President.
- 4.1.12 The vote for any item will be open, except for the election of Executive Committee members, which will be conducted by secret ballot. However, in cases where there is only one candidate, the candidate may be elected unanimously by applause.
- 4.1.13 There will be one election for each of the positions on the Executive Committee. The person with the most votes will be elected. Any tie will be decided by the vote of the President.
- 4.1.14 All CAT elected positions are for a four-year term. Incumbents may run for and be elected for a maximum of two additional terms in the same position. Therefore the maximum term a person can serve in any one position is 12 years.
- 4.1.15 The functions of the General Assembly:
 - 4.1.15.1 Elect the President, First, Second and Third Vice President, Secretary General, Technical Director, members of the Executive Committee and honorary

members. All are elected for terms of four years and may be candidates for re-election for another two terms, except honorary members who are elected for life.

- 4.1.15.2 Elect temporary commissions and an auditor as may be required.
- 4.1.15.3 Examine and approve the report of the President and any other reports, as required.
- 4.1.15.4 Adopt general regulations to govern the selection of host countries for continental championships and the organization of these competitions.
- 4.1.15.5 Appoint the host country to organize the Shooting Championship of the Americas that will be held within the next four years.
- 4.1.15.6 Study and decide proposals submitted by members.
- 4.1.15.7 Approve applications for membership provisionally admitted by the Executive Committee.
- 4.1.15.8 Suspend any member federations for an action contrary to the CAT Constitution or General Regulations.
- 4.1.15.9 Determine annual membership fees.
- 4.1.15.10 Consider and approve all amendments to the Constitution.
- 4.1.15.11 Dissolve the Confederation.

4.2 The Executive Committee

- 4.2.1 The Executive Committee is responsible for

directing the administrative and financial affairs of the Confederation.

4.2.2 The Executive Committee includes the following persons:

4.2.2.1 The President.

4.2.2.2 The First, Second and Third Vice Presidents.

4.2.2.3 The Secretary General.

4.2.2.4 The Technical Director.

4.2.2.5 Five members.

4.2.2.6 An Athlete Representative.

4.2.3 The functions of the Executive Committee are:

4.2.3.1 To carry out the decisions of the General Assembly.

4.2.3.2 To organize the internal work of the CAT Confederation.

4.2.3.3 To examine proposals submitted by Member Federations and to make recommendations concerning those proposals to the General Assembly.

4.2.3.4 To consider any item of interest to Member Federations or to the Confederation that does not require a decision by the General Assembly.

4.2.3.5 To admit new Member Federations in a provisional status prior to presenting them to the General Assembly for final approval.

4.2.3.6 To decide the location of the headquarters of the CAT confederation.

4.2.3.7 To maintain Confederation continuity, it is highly desired that the Executive Committee will meet annually at a place and date determined by the President.

4.3 The Officers

4.3.1 The functions of the President are:

4.3.1.1 To Provide CAT with successful leadership and direction assuring the balanced promotion of all shooting sports disciplines and interests within the shooting sport, while observing the traditions of the sport and its requirements for development.

4.3.1.2 To convene and preside over the General Assembly.

4.3.1.3 To preside at meetings of the Executive Committee.

4.3.1.4 To supervise the execution of the decisions of the General Assembly.

4.3.1.5 To supervise the activities of the organizations and functions of CAT to ensure that the CAT Constitution and other regulations are followed.

4.3.1.6 To ensure that the responsibilities of CAT Member Federations to the ISSF, continental confederations, organizing committees and national or international sport organizations are fulfilled.

4.3.1.7 To represent CAT in legal matters.

4.3.1.8 To act on behalf of, or represent CAT on other occasions, as required.

4.3.1.9 To act in urgent cases in matters not

included in the CAT Constitution or regulations. Such actions, however, require subsequent approval by the Executive Committee.

4.3.2 The functions of the First Vice President are:

4.3.2.1 To convene and preside over CAT meetings in the absence of the President upon his request.

4.3.2.2 In case of a President's resignation, replace him until the end of the term.

4.3.3 The functions of the Vice Presidents are:

4.3.3.1 To support and assist the President in conducting the affairs of CAT.

4.3.3.2 To act as a representative of the President when requested to do so by the President.

4.3.3.3 To carry out tasks assigned by the Executive Committee or on request from the President.

4.3.3.4 To perform special responsibilities or to assist and supervise the conduct of specific CAT activities on a permanent basis on request from the President or the Executive Committee.

4.3.4 The functions of the Secretary General are:

4.3.4.1 To maintain CAT membership records and the official records of all meetings of CAT governing bodies.

4.3.4.2 To handle correspondence concerning the meetings of CAT governing bodies and decisions made by those bodies.

- 4.3.4.3 To communicate with Member Federations regarding matters of interest to them.
- 4.3.4.4 To prepare reports concerning the activities of CAT.
- 4.3.4.5 To establish and supervise the conduct of CAT administrative procedures.
- 4.3.4.6 To receive, provide custody of and disburse CAT funds according to policies established by the General Assembly.
- 4.3.4.7 To maintain financial records and present reports to the General Assembly and Executive Committee regarding the receipt and disbursement of CAT funds.
- 4.3.4.8 To provide complete, truthful and current information to CAT auditors.
- 4.3.4.9 To solicit nominations for all elected positions a minimum of 90 days before the scheduled General Assembly in the designated year of elections.
- 4.3.4.10 To solicit applications to host the Championship of the Americas 90 days before the General Assembly held at the quadrennial CAT Championships. To solicit applications for other CAT related shooting championships and selection competitions for the Americas such as the Youth Olympic Games.
- 4.3.4.11 To solicit agenda topics from Member Federations with response due 90 days prior to any General or Extraordinary General Assembly.

4.4 The Technical Directorate

- 4.4.1 The Technical Directorate consists of:
 - 4.4.1.1 The Technical Director elected by the General Assembly.
 - 4.4.1.2 Five persons appointed by the Executive Committee representing expertise in (1) Rifle, (2) Pistol, (3) Shotgun, (4) Judges, (5) an Athletes Representative.
- 4.4.2 The functions of the Technical Directorate are:
 - 4.4.2.1 To maintain communication and collaboration with the ISSF and its Technical and Section Committees on matters pertaining to the governance of shooting competitions.
 - 4.4.2.2 To study the development of the shooting sport and each of its disciplines in the American Continent.
 - 4.4.2.3 In response to a request from a Member Federation, to offer technical advice for the organization of a shooting event or to resolve a question or dispute concerning the interpretation of ISSF regulations in competitions organized at the local, regional, national or international level within the American Continent.
 - 4.4.2.4 To examine technical proposals submitted by the Member Federations and competition Organizing Committees.
 - 4.4.2.5 To make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning any addition or modification to ISSF regulations or rules that should be considered by the ISSF as

well as recommendation for changes to the CAT Constitution and General Regulations.

4.4.2.6 To promote the organization of judge's courses and to support the applications for ISSF judge's and referee licenses from individuals via Member Federations in the American Continent whose work in training courses and competitions confirm their qualifications for ISSF licenses.

5. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any CAT Member Federation. Proposals must be sent to the Secretary General and to all CAT Member Federations at least three months prior to the General Assembly. Amendments require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of a General Assembly where there is a legal quorum.
6. The official languages of the Confederation are Spanish and English. In interpreting the Constitution and General Regulations the Spanish language version will prevail.
7. The dissolution of the Confederation requires a proposal for dissolution supported by 51% of the Member Federations, and shall be approved by the General Assembly by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates present in the Assembly. The proposal must be submitted to the Executive Committee six months prior to the date of the General Assembly. In case of dissolution, any remaining funds or debts shall be divided among CAT Member Federations.
8. The Constitution of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas (CAT) was studied and unanimously approved by all the federations present at the ordinary General Assembly on November 2nd 2018 at Guadalajara, Mexico and was put in force on that same day.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE CONFEDERACION AMERICANA DE TIRO (CAT)

1. Every year the Confederacion Americana De Tiro (Confederation) will establish the program of competitions hosted by and involving CAT Member Federations. Member Federations desiring to host competitions must inform the President in writing concerning the country, place, dates and the events to be conducted on the program. The affiliated federations must submit this information before the end of November of the previous year. Competitions not included in the annual program prepared by the Confederation, will be included if they apply to the Executive Committee in due time.
2. Every inter-American competition shall be supervised by the Confederation, and must follow, as closely as possible, the guidelines of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) its Constitution and Statutes Rules and Regulations, CAT Regulations as well as the Olympic Charter and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The competition should be organized in collaboration with a Technical Delegate representing the ISSF and CAT.
3. For every CAT invitational competition, the association or federation of the host country shall communicate to the Member Federations concerning the disciplines and events included in the competition with the number of participants to be registered by event. Can also request to the CAT Executive Committee, approve the participation of guest federations from associated NOCs at ODECABE, ODESUR or

PANAM SPORTS, non affiliated to the ISSF or CAT to promote the development of the shooting sport in this countries. However if invited, those guest federations can't dispute Panam or Olympic quotas.

4. The official languages that the Confederation shall recognize in its competitions are Spanish and English.
5. The Confederation shall promote the organization of junior programs in an effort to support the development of a new generation of shooters. The Confederation shall also promote the inclusion and expansion of women events in these programs.
6. An individual can participate in the junior category during the calendar year of his/her twentieth birthday.
7. The Confederation has the sole right to recognize records in the American Shooting Confederation. To recognize such records, it is required:
 - 7.1 That the records be established within competitions in the Americas and organized by Member Federations affiliated with CAT.
 - 7.2 That not less than five countries compete in the discipline in which the record is established in these competitions.
 - 7.3 That the competitions be authorized and supervised by CAT.
 - 7.4 That the facilities where the competitions are held be inspected and previously approved by the appointed CAT Technical Delegate and that they comply with the minimal conditions required by the ISSF Regulations.
 - 7.5 That ISSF regulations be strictly followed, in the organization of the competition.

- 7.6 That the scores be certified by the Technical Delegate and the Chairman of the RTS Jury.
 - 7.7 For recognition of team records, it is required that teams be composed of three athletes per team except for mixed team events where two athletes compose the team.
8. The program of events for inter-American competitions organized under the auspices of the Confederation shall include the following events:
- 8.1 Pistol
 - 8.1.1 10m Air Pistol Men
 - 8.1.2 10m Air Pistol Women
 - 8.1.3 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men
 - 8.1.4 25m Pistol Women
 - 8.1.5 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team
 - 8.1.6 50m Pistol Men (optional)
 - 8.1.7 25m Central Fire Pistol Men (optional)
 - 8.1.8 25m Standard Pistol Men (optional)
 - 8.2 Rifle
 - 8.2.1 10m Air Rifle Men
 - 8.2.2 10m Air Rifle Women
 - 8.2.3 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men
 - 8.2.4 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women
 - 8.2.5 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
 - 8.2.6 50m Rifle Prone Women (optional)
 - 8.2.7 50m Rifle Prone Men (optional)
 - 8.3 Shotgun
 - 8.3.1 Skeet Men

- 8.3.2 Skeet Women
- 8.3.3 Trap Men
- 8.3.4 Trap Women
- 8.3.5 Trap Mixed Team
- 8.3.6 Double Trap Men (optional)
- 8.3.7 Double Trap Women (optional)
- 8.4 Moving Target Shooting Events (optional)
- 9. Inter-American Confederation Competitions
 - 9.1 CAT sanctioned competitions can be modified according to majority decision by the General Assembly, which may adjust the Shooting Championships of the Americas (CAT Championships) and other sanctioned events. It is important, however, to make all the necessary efforts to hold the total number of events included in the program.
 - 9.2 Member Federations may register up to three shooters per event to compete in competition for medals and two additional athletes to compete for score only. When Olympic qualifying is in effect the two additional athletes may achieve Olympic Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) standards. The three competition entries can form a team in any of the events on the program. Member federations may enter two mixed teams per event, according with the ISSF Rules.
 - 9.3 The team inscription must be registered 48 hours in advance of the competition start time but the team members can be changed up to one hour before qualification start time.
 - 9.4 Inscription fees may not exceed the current fees

established by the ISSF.

- 9.5 ISSF Statutes Rules and Regulations must be used.
- 9.6 Organizing committees must invite the Technical Delegate at least 90 days before the start of the competition to verify that the venue complies with the ISSF Statutes Rules and Regulations.
- 9.7 Each member federation interested in organizing an inter-American authorized competition must follow strictly the ISSF Statutes Rules and Regulations as well as the Guidelines for Organizing Championship Events. Any variations must be approved by the Technical Delegate or Technical Directorate 90 days prior to the official championship arrival date.
- 9.8 Participating athletes in each event shall compete under the same conditions and during the same length of time. In case the number of very large competitions, regulations established by the International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF will be followed.

10. The Shooting Championships of the Americas

- 10.1 If there is not a CAT Championship hosting proposal submitted that meets the established conditions, the hosting award decision will be postponed to a later date and awarded by the Executive Committee.
- 10.2 The official program and preliminary schedule of the CAT Championships must be sent it to all member federations and associations, at least six months before the official arrival day of the championship.
- 10.3 In accordance with ISSF Statutes Rules and

Regulations, individual and team inscriptions, for each event must be made with the Organizing Committee (OC) or ISSF Entry System at least 30 days prior the start of the official arrival day. Payments of entry fees and hotel deposits must be accomplished as approved by the Technical Delegate.

- 10.4 After the championship start date, no change of entry names will be accepted.
- 10.5 Team entries (3 members per team or two members for mixed teams), as described previously can be entered and made only by the chief of the delegation, team leader or a team captain.
- 10.6 The member federation and Organizing Committee hosting the Championship of the Americas may include junior events and any additional ISSF recognized event with the approval of the Technical Delegate.
- 10.7 Athletes competing in the CAT Championships must be citizens of their country having acquired the citizenship at least two (2) years before the competition and comply with all eligibility requirements established by the ISSF and the IOC.
- 10.8 The CAT Championship must be conducted in no more than 10 days. It is preferred that at least three (3) days of practice are offered before the start of the competition.
- 10.9 The Americas Shooting Confederation will provide the listing of recommended judges to the ISSF for their approval. All jury members must have a current ISSF “A” or “B” judge’s license to serve at a CAT Championship. The host federation may

provide one member to each jury. The minimum juries must be arranged as follows:

- 10.9.1 Rifle Jury three persons
 - 10.9.2 Pistol Jury three persons
 - 10.9.3 Shotgun Jury four persons
 - 10.9.4 Results Timing and Scoring Jury (RTS) three persons
 - 10.9.5 Equipment Control Jury three persons
 - 10.9.6 Jury of Appeal three persons consisting of two ISSF licensed judges and a licensed judge from one of the competition juries appointed by the Technical Delegate.
11. The optional opening ceremony of the Championships can be celebrated one day before or on the first day of competitions with the approval and supervision of the Technical Delegate.
12. Victory ceremonies to award medals are required as follows:
- 12.1 Gold (or Gold – Plated), silver and bronze medals, for the first, second and third places of each individual event.
 - 12.2 Gold (or Gold-Plated), silver and bronze medals to each member of the team who win the first, second and third places in each event.
 - 12.3 Diplomas to each shooter placed in first place to tenth place in each event.
 - 12.4 The Victory Ceremony can be held either once at the end of the day's events or following each event.
 - 12.5 The national flags of the three medalists (individuals or teams), shall be raised during the award ceremony and the national anthem of the country of the first-place winner will be

simultaneously played.

12.6 The recognition of world records for these Championships solely the right of the ISSF and they shall be established according with ISSF regulations. The recognition of American Shooting Confederation (CAT) records shall be issued by the Confederation.

13. Doping Control Program

Anti-Doping policy and procedure will be that of the current ISSF Anti-Doping Regulations and will follow current anti-doping protocol. The Technical Delegate will coordinate with the host Organizing Committee to ensure all doping protocol and ISSF requirements are met. A licensed Doping Control Officer (DCO) appointed by the host National Doping Agency will be responsible for conducting all tests, sending samples to an accredited WADA laboratory and completing documentation required by WADA and the ISSF. Expenses associated with the Championship Doping Control Program are the responsibility of the Organizing Committee. As a minimum, the CAT Championship will make the following doping controls:

13.1 One random medalist per Olympic event will be tested.

13.2 All Olympic quota winners will be tested.

13.3 Athletes establishing or equaling a world record will be tested including one member from a world record team.

14. Code of Ethics

The ISSF Code of Ethics will apply to all activities and competitions of the Confederation of the Americas. Accusations of ethics violations may be submitted by any member federation or person (athlete, coach, jury member,

officer, administrator) being a member of or responsible to a member federation. Such accusations may be submitted in writing to the President, a Vice President, Secretary General or to the Executive Committee. Submissions should be adequately detailed to facilitate an investigation.

15. ISSF Statutes Rules and Regulations will be applicable for all cases and situations not foreseen in these regulations.
16. The General Regulations of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas (CAT) have been presented and unanimously approved by the Member Federations present at the Ordinary General Assembly, celebrated in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico on November 2nd 2018 and became effective immediately after its approval.

Guadalajara, México, November 2, 2018.

