



CAT

Confederación Americana de Tiro
Shooting Confederation of the Americas

**CONSTITUCION
Y
REGLAMENTOS GENERALES**

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERACION AMERICANA DE TIRO

The Confederacion Americana de Tiro was founded in 1973 in Mexico 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 (ODEPA/PASO) 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 on 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 that are conducted according to the regulations of the ISSF and CAT.
- 1.4. To organize the Shooting Championship of the Americas every fourth year, beginning in 1973, to be governed 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 persons who work for the development of the shooting sport.
- 1.7. To coordinate CAT activities with ISSF activities and promote the dissemination of the official ISSF magazine to keep Confederation Member Federations and their members better informed of worldwide shooting sports activities.

2. Headquarters

- 2.1. 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 have paid an 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 constitution 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 sponsor shooting events governed by the ISSF.
- 3.5. Annual membership fees are due on January 1st and shall be paid not later than 30 days after this date.
 - 3.5.1. When there are two CAT Member Federations in one country, the membership fee will be divided by two.
 - 3.5.2. A member without sufficient financial resources may apply to the Executive Committee for a membership fee reduction.
 - 3.5.3. A member may be excluded from the CAT for not paying membership fees for two consecutive years.
- 3.6. A member may be suspended or expelled for an action contrary to the CAT Constitution or General Regulations.
 - 3.6.1. The Executive Committee may suspend a member if the Committee determines that CAT can better fulfill its purposes by suspending the member.
 - 3.6.2. The General Assembly may expel a member if the Assembly determines that the member has acted contrary to the CAT Constitution or General Regulations.
- 3.7. The Assembly may grant to 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 Confederation conducts its work through.
 - 4.1. The General Assembly.
 - 4.2. The Executive Committee.
 - 4.3. Officers.
 - 4.4. The Technical Directorate.
 - 4.5. Commissions.
5. The General Assembly
 - 5.1.1. The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of the Confederation.
 - 5.1.2. The General Assembly is formed with delegates representing CAT Member Federations.
 - 5.1.3. The Ordinary General Assembly meets every two years at the time and place decided at the last General Assembly, and will be organized on occasion of the celebration of a major continental or regional sports event.
 - 5.1.4. 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 ten 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.
 - 5.1.5. Each Member Federation may have one or two delegates and two votes in the General Assembly. When there are two CAT Member Federations in one country, each federation may have only one delegate and one vote in the General Assembly.

- 5.1.6. A quorum for the General Assembly is one-third of the Member Federations.
- 5.1.7. If one Member Federation cannot attend a General Assembly, it may be represented through the delegate(s) of another Member Federation, if it gives a written proxy to that federation. This representation may only be accepted with respect of a country or of one Federation, in case there are two in one country.
- 5.1.8. The General Assembly may only deal with items included on the agenda.
- 5.1.9. Any Member Federation that wishes to include any item on the agenda must submit its proposal to the CAT Secretary General at least three months before the date of the General Assembly.
- 5.2.0. The calling notice for the ordinary General Assembly, together with the agenda, will be sent to Member Federations sixty days in advance of the Assembly.
- 5.2.1. The General Assembly is chaired by the President, or in his absence, by one of the Vice Presidents, previously appointed by the President.
- 5.2.2. The vote for any item will be open, except for the election of Executive Committee members, which will be conducted by secret ballot, except in cases where there is only one candidate, the candidate may be elected unanimously by applause.
- 5.2.3. 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.
- 5.2.4. The Functions of the General Assembly
 - 5.2.4.1. Elect the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Secretary of Finance and Administration, 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, except Honorary Members who are elected for life.
 - 5.2.4.2. Elect temporary commissions and an auditor, as required
 - 5.2.4.3. Examine and approve the report of the President and any other reports, as required
 - 5.2.4.4. Adopt General Regulations to govern the selection of host countries for Continental Championships and the organization of these competitions.
 - 5.2.4.5. Appoint the host country to organize the Shooting Championship of the Americas that will be held within the next four years.
 - 5.2.4.6. Study and decide proposals submitted by members.
 - 5.2.4.7. Approve applications for membership provisionally admitted by the Executive Committee.
 - 5.2.4.8. Suspend any Member Federations for an action contrary to the CAT Constitution or General Regulations.
 - 5.2.4.9. Determine annual membership fees.
 - 5.2.4.10. Consider and approve all amendments to the Constitution.
 - 5.2.4.11. Dissolve the Confederation.

6. The Executive Committee

- 6.1. The Executive Committee is responsible for directing the administrative and financial affairs of the Confederation. The

Executive Committee includes the following persons:

- 6.1.1. The President.
- 6.1.2. Three Vice presidents.
- 6.1.3. The Secretary General.
- 6.1.4. The Technical Director.
- 6.1.5. The Finance and Administration Secretary.
- 6.1.6. Six members.
- 6.2. The functions of the Executive Committee are:
 - 6.2.1. To carry out the decisions of the General Assembly.
 - 6.2.2. To organize the internal work of the Confederation.
 - 6.2.3. To appoint the members of the permanent shooting commissions.
 - 6.2.4. To examine proposals submitted by Member Federations and to make recommendations concerning those proposals to the General Assembly
 - 6.2.5. To consider any item of interest to Member Federations or to the Confederation that does not require a decision by the General Assembly.
 - 6.2.6. To admit new Member Federations in a provisional status prior to presenting them to the General Assembly for final approval
 - 6.2.7. To decide the location of the headquarters of the Confederation.
7. The Officers
 - 7.1. The functions of the President are:
 - 7.1.1. 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.
 - 7.1.2. To convene and preside over the General Assembly.
 - 7.1.3. To preside at meetings of the Executive Committee
 - 7.1.4. To supervise the execution of the decisions of the General Assembly.
 - 7.1.5. To supervise the activities of the organizations and functions of CAT to ensure that the CAT Constitution and other regulations are followed.
 - 7.1.6. To ensure that the responsibilities of CAT Member Federations to the ISSF, continental confederations, organizing committees and national or international sport organizations are fulfilled.
 - 7.1.7. To represent CAT in legal matters.
 - 7.1.8. To act on behalf of, or represent CAT on other occasions, as required
 - 7.1.9. 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.
 - 7.2. The functions of the Vice Presidents are:
 - 7.2.1. To support and assist the President in conducting the affairs of CAT.
 - 7.2.2. To act as a representative of the President when requested to do so by the President.
 - 7.2.3. To convene and preside over CAT meetings in the absence of the President and on his request.
 - 7.2.4. To carry out tasks assigned by the Executive Committee or on request from the President.
 - 7.2.5. 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.
 - 7.2.6. To act on behalf of the President, in his absence and on his request.

- 7.3. The functions of the Secretary General are:
 - 7.3.1. To maintain CAT membership records and the official records of all meetings of CAT governing bodies.
 - 7.3.2. To handle correspondence concerning the meetings of CAT governing bodies and decisions made by those bodies.
 - 7.3.3. To communicate with Member Federations regarding matters of interest to them.
 - 7.3.4. To prepare reports concerning the activities of the Secretary General.
- 7.4. The functions of the Secretary of Finance and Administration are:
 - 7.4.1. To establish and supervise the conduct of CAT administrative procedures.
 - 7.4.2. To receive, provide custody of and disburse CAT funds according to policies established by the General Assembly.
 - 7.4.3. To maintain financial records and present reports to the General Assembly and Executive Committee regarding the receipt and disbursement of CAT funds.
 - 7.4.4. To provide complete, truthful and current information to CAT auditors.
8. The Technical Directorate
 - 8.1. The Technical Directorate includes the Technical Director elected by the General Assembly; five permanent shooting commissions, consisting of six members each or, in the case of the Judges Commission, three members, designated by the Executive Committee.
 - 8.2. The functions of the Technical Directorate are:
 - 8.2.1. To maintain communication and collaboration with the ISSF and its Technical and Section Committees on matters pertaining to the governance of shooting competitions.
 - 8.2.2. To study the development of the shooting sport and each of its disciplines in the American Continent.
 - 8.2.3. 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.
 - 8.2.4. To examine proposals submitted by the Permanent Shooting Commissions.
 - 8.2.5. To make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning any addition or modification to ISSF regulations or rules that should be considered by the ISSF.
 - 8.2.6. To promote, while working in close collaboration with the ISSF Judges Committee and CAT members, the organization of courses for judges and to support the applications for ISSF judges licenses from individuals in the American Continent whose work in training courses and competitions confirms their qualifications for ISSF licenses.
 - 8.3. Permanent Shooting Commissions will be established as follows:
 - 8.3.1. Rifle, including air, smallbore and big bore rifle events.
 - 8.3.2. Moving Target, including air and smallbore rifle events.
 - 8.3.3. Pistol, including air, smallbore and big bore pistol events.
 - 8.3.4. Shotgun, including all clay target events.
 - 8.3.5. Judges.

9. The functions of the Permanent Shooting Commissions and their members are:
 - 9.1 To assist, support and advise the Technical Directorate and the Executive Committee in any assigned matter.
 - 9.2. To act as advisors in matters within their field of interest and to be responsible for carrying out the technical activities assigned to them by the Constitution, General Regulations or the Executive Committee.
 - 9.3. All members of the Permanent Shooting Committees must act and vote as independent members and not as representatives of their national federations.
 - 9.4. Each Committee must designate a secretary who will prepare the minutes of their meetings.
10. 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.
- 11 The official languages of the Confederation are Spanish, English, Portuguese and French. In interpreting the Constitution and General Regulations, the Spanish language version will prevail.
12. The dissolution of the Confederation requires a proposal for dissolution supported by fifty per cent 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.
- 12.1. In case of dissolution, any remaining funds or debts shall be divided among CAT Member Federations.

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 July 22, 1999, in Winnipeg, Canada, and was put in force as of that same day.

GENERAL REGULATIONS
OF THE
SHOOTING CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS (CAT)

- 1.- Every year, the Confederation will establish the program of competitions in the Americas, with interamerican-type competitions organized by the affiliated associations or federations, who shall inform in writing the Executive Committee, concerning the country, place and date as well as the events 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 interamerican competition shall be supervised by the Confederation, and must follow, as closely as possible, the guidelines of the International Shooting Sport Federation (IISF) its Constitution and General Regulations, as well as the Olympic Charter and the International Olympic Committee Anti Doping Code. The competitions should be organized in collaboration with an ISSF representative, preferably a person who has already been assigned for the Americas.
- 3.- In every interamerican invitational competition, the association or federation of the host country shall communicate the Confederation concerning the disciplines included in the competition with the number of participants to be registered by discipline.
- 4.- The official languages that the Confederation shall recognize in its competitions are Spanish, English and Portuguese.
- 5.- The Confederation shall promote the organization of junior programs in order to support the development of a new generation of shooters, The Confederation shall also promote the inclusion of women events in these programs. An individual can participate in the junior category during the calendar year of his/her twentieth birthday.
- 6.- The Confederation has the sole right to recognize records in the Americas is its sole right. To recognize such records, it is required:
 - 6.1 That the records be established within competitions in the Americas and organized by associations or federations affiliated with CAT.
 - 6.2 That not less than five countries compete in the discipline in which the record is established in these competitions.
 - 6.3 That the competitions be authorized and supervised by CAT
 - 6.4 That the facilities where the competitions are held be inspected and previously approved by the CAT Technical Directorate and that they comply with the minimal conditions required by the ISSF Regulations.
 - 6.5 That ISSF regulations be strictly followed, in the organization of the competition.

- 6.6 That the scores be certified by at least by two officers of the Confederation, one of whom shall be a part of the technical direction.
- 6.7 The expenses of the designated persons to this effect shall be covered by the Organizing Committee of the competition.
- 7.- For recognition of team records, it is required that teams be composed of three athletes by team.
- 8.- Women and junior teams shall consist of two competitors.
- 9- The program of the "CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS" shall be the following:
 - 9.1 It will include the following events:
 - 9.1.1 PISTOL
 - 9.1.1.1 Free Pistol 50 m.
 - 9.1.1.2 Air Pistol 10 m. Men
 - 9.1.1.3 Air Pistol 10 m. Women
 - 9.1.1.4 Rapid Fire Pistol 25 m.
 - 9.1.1.5 Central Fire pistol 25 m.
 - 9.1.1.6 Standard Pistol 25 m.
 - 9.1.1.7 Sport pistol 25 m.
 - 9.1.2 RIFLE
 - 9.1.2.1. Air Rifle 10 m. Men
 - 9.1.2.2. Air Rifle 10 m. Women
 - 9.1.2.3. Smallbore Free Rifle, 50m. prone Men
 - 9.1.2.4. Smallbore Free Rifle, 50m. three positions Men
 - 9.1.2.5. Smallbore Standard Rifle, 50m. prone Women
 - 9.1.2.6. Smallbore Standard Rifle, 50m. three positions Women
 - 9.1.2.7. Free rifle 300 m., three positions (optional)
 - 9.1.2.8. Big Bore Standard Rifle, 300m. (optional)
 - 9.1.2.9. Moving Target Shooting 10m.
 - 9.1.3. SHOTGUN
 - 9.1.3.1. Skeet, Men
 - 9.1.3.2. Skeet, women
 - 9.1.3.3. Trap, Men
 - 9.1.3.4. Trap, Women
 - 9.1.3.5. Double Trap, Men
 - 9.1.3.6. Double Trap, Women
 - 9.2 The program of the "SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS" can be modified according to majority decision by the General Assembly, which may adjust the competitions to the capacity of the facilities of the host country. In the "SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS" it is important, however, to make all the necessary efforts to hold the total number of events included in the program.
 - 9.3 Affiliated Associations or Federations may register up to three shooters per event, who can form a team in any of the events on the program.
 - 9.3.1. Of these three shooters, the two shooters with the best scores shall be ranked for individual medal awards.
 - 9.3.2. For women, teams shall consist of two shooters .

- 11.2. Pistol Jury , 25m.
- 11.3. Shotgun Jury
- 11.4. Moving Target Jury
- 11.5.1 Qualification Jury

- 12. The persons forming part of these juries shall be divided into the necessary sections for the best performance of their duties.
- 12.1 Jury of Appeal. It will be composed by five members and will always be chaired by a representative designated by the ISSF. The Jury shall include the ISSF Technical Director or his/her representative, the Technical Director of the Confederation, a member of the CAT Executive Committee and a representative of the host country.
- 13. In case of disagreement with the decision of a judge or of a Jury, a protest shall be submitted in written form to the Jury of Appeal, not later than four hours after the decision of the judge or the Jury, accompanied by \$8.00 (eight dollars, U S. Cy.) or its equivalent in the host country's currency. In case the protest is correct, this sum will be reimbursed to the team captain or the delegate who formulated the protest, or if it is denied it will be given to the Organizing Committee. In very special cases, the Jury of Appeal may postpone its decision until 24 hours after the event is finished. In the case the award ceremony must be postponed too.
- 14. The opening ceremony of the Championships can be celebrated one day before or on the first day of competitions, and the closing ceremony, on the last day. The opening and closing ceremony programs must be submitted to the CAT Executive Committee, for consideration.
- 15. **Medal award Ceremonies:** In the "SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS", the Organizing Committee shall award as follows.
 - 15.1 Gold (or Gold-Plated), silver and bronze medals, for the first, second and third places of each individual event.
 - 15.2 Gold (or Gold-Plated), silver and bronze medals, different in design from the previous ones, to each member of the team who win the first, second and third places in each event.
 - 15.3 Diplomas to each shooter placed in first place to tenth place in each event. Medals or participation diplomas, emblems or similar mementos, to each competitor, judge, captain, delegate, trainer and gunsmith.
 - 15.4 The Awards Ceremony can be held either once, before the Closing Ceremony, as part of the ceremony, or daily, after the end of each event. The Ceremony program must be submitted daily to the President of the Confederation for consideration.
 - 15.4.1 Protocol. The national flags of the three winners, 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.

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16. Records. The recognition of world records in these Championships is solely the right of the ISSF and they shall be established according to the conditions established in ISSF regulations.
17. Participating shooters in each event shall compete under the same conditions and during the same length of time. In case the number of competitors is very large, regulations established by the International Shooting Sport Federation ISSF will be followed.
18. All those cases and situations not foreseen in these regulations, will be dealt with and resolved by applying or interpreting the rules established by the International Shooting Sport Federation for the organization of World Championships.

The General Regulations of the Shooting Confederation of the Americas (CAT) have been presented and unanimously approved by the affiliated federations present at the Ordinary General Assembly, celebrated in the City of Winnipeg, Canada, on July 22, 1999 and became effective immediately after its approval.