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GENERAL INFORMATION

All information is available on the following websites:

www.issf-sports.org

All Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials can be done directly online:

<http://entry.issf-sports.info>

If any entries cannot be done online, please send the form directly to:

marco.mori@issf-sports.org

1. Invitation

The Invitation is attached to this General Information.

2. Dates and Schedule

Official Arrival	14 AUG 2023
Opening Ceremony	15 AUG 2023
Pre-Event Training	16 AUG 2023
Technical Meeting	15 AUG 2023
Competitions	17 – 31 AUG 2023
Official Departure	1 SEP 2023

The Preliminary Competition Schedule of the ISSF World Championship is attached to this General Information. The Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule) will be distributed after the Official Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival Day). The latest Schedule updates will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

3. Rules and Regulations

The ISSF World Championship will be conducted according to the actual ISSF Rules and Regulations – Detailed information is available on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

ISSF Juries (Competition Jury, RTS Jury, Shotgun and Equipment Control Jury) will be designated by the ISSF to supervise the ISSF WC. Qualified Range Officials holding applicable ISSF licenses will conduct the competitions.

Rifle / Pistol Equipment

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory, however, athletes are responsible for competing with legal Control for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-

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competition testing and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

Rifle Clothing

All rifle athletes must have ISSF seals with serial numbers on their jackets and trousers. Any rifle jackets or trousers that do not have ISSF seals must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the athlete's first competition. Jackets and trousers that were previously inspected and have an ISSF seal continue to be valid except that athletes with more than one jacket or trousers must report to Equipment Control before their first competition to confirm which jacket and which trousers they will use. All other seal numbers for that athlete will be cancelled. Athletes that wish to replace registered jacket or trousers with a new clothing item must bring that item to Equipment Control for inspection and a new seal. Previous seals will then be cancelled. Rifle athletes can have only one active jacket and trousers at any time.

Rifle Clothing Post-Competition Testing

If one panel of a rifle jacket or trousers tests 2.9 or lower, the stiffness device must be recalibrated and the panel must be retested. If it fails again, but all other panels pass, the athlete will not be disqualified, but a written warning must be given to the athlete and the ISSF seal must be cut off. The athlete can continue using this clothing for that day in that event. If two or more panels fail, the athlete must be disqualified.

Air or CO₂ Cylinders

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO₂ cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control."

Shotgun Equipment

All skeet athletes must have ISSF seals with serial on their marker tapes. Any shooting vests that do not have ISSF seals on the marker tapes must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the competition.

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory; however, athletes are responsible for competing with legal equipment and clothing. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control or the Shotgun Jury for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random testing during the competition. Athletes found to be in violation of the rules for guns or skeet marker tapes will be disqualified.

Cartridge Controls

During Qualification, athletes whose cartridges are to be tested are selected by a computer draw. Between 10% and 18% of the athletes participating in an event will be selected for cartridge **testing**. Two (2) plus four (4) cartridges will be selected from each athlete and placed in separate labeled envelopes. The two (2) cartridges must be tested, first. If both cartridges weigh 24.50 g and below, no further action will be taken. If one (1) or both cartridges weigh more than 24.50, then the four (4) cartridges in the second envelope must be tested. If the average of the six (6) cartridges weighs more than 24.50 g, then the athlete must be disqualified (DSQ).

During Final, all six (6) finalists must be tested using the same procedure. The Finalists or their Coaches/Officials must bring, as early as possible, but not later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the Final (Reporting Time), all the cartridges that will be used during the Finals and place them in separate Cartridge Control Boxes on the Finals field of play. The Finalists must report at least 15



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minutes before the start of the Final. The Equipment Control Jury will take the necessary samples from the boxes. The boxes must be left under the supervision of a Shotgun Jury Member. Once ammunition is placed in the box, only the Equipment Control Jury or the Finalist can remove ammunition from the box. If additional cartridges are brought to a Finalist during Finals, samples from those cartridges must also be selected for testing. All cartridge controls must be completed before the start of the Presentation of the Finalists. Any disqualified (DSQ) athlete will not be allowed to participate in the Finals (There will be no elimination for 6th place; the first elimination will be for 5th place).

4. Participation

Individual / Team Events

ISSF Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event who may participate as one (1) team in team events.

Mixed Team Events

ISSF Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per mixed team event, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman.

Maximum Entry

The maximum number of starts per event is the number of athlete entries that can be accepted for each ISSF World Championship event. Range capacity is determined by the available shooting time and the number of available firing points / ranges. If the maximum number of starts is reached during the Final Entry process, a "waiting list" for that event(s) will be established. If cancellations are subsequently received, entries from the waiting list will be entered on a first come, first served basis. ISSF Headquarters and the Organizing Committee will cooperate to determine if additional entries from the waiting list can be accommodated.

Events Men	Max. Number of Starts	Events Women	Max. Number of Starts
10m Air Rifle Men	150	10m Air Rifle Women	150
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	150	50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	150
50m Rifle Prone Men	150	50m Rifle Prone Women	150
300m Rifle 3 Positions Men	38	300m Rifle 3 Positions Women	38
300m Rifle Prone Men	38	300m Rifle Prone Women	38
10m Air Pistol Men	150	10m Air Pistol Women	150
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	60	25m Pistol Women	90
Trap Men	144	Trap Women	72
Skeet Men	144	Skeet Women	72
10m Running Target Men	50	10m Running Target Women	50
10m Running Target Men Mix	50	10m Running Target Women Mix	50

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Open Individual Events	Max. Number of Starts
300m Standard Rifle M&W	38
25m Standard Pistol M&W	70
25m Center Fire Pistol M&W	70
50m Pistol M&W	70
Double Trap M & W	90
50m Running Target M&W	50
50m Running Target M&W	50

Mixed Team Events	Max. Number of Teams
10m Air Rifle Mixed Team	75
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team	75
Trap Mixed Team	54
Skeet Mixed Team	54

ISSF ID Number

All athletes must sign an "Athlete's Declaration" and have an official ISSF ID number issued before participation in the ISSF World Championship. Athletes without ISSF ID number will not be allowed to participate. ISSF ID numbers can be obtained from the ISSF Headquarters by using the official application form.

Athlete biographies will be distributed and photos will be taken.

5. Entry Process

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1 – 9) and return them by the established deadlines. Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials must be returned to the ISSF Headquarters. All other Registration Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee (see also: "Summary of Deadlines").

Preliminary Entries

ISSF Member Federations entering the ISSF World Championship must submit the Preliminary Entries not later than **15 JUN 2023**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <http://entry.issf-sports.info>, or exceptionally complete the Preliminary Entry Form (Annex 1) and return it by email to marco.mori@issf-sports.org, or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

Final Entries

ISSF Member Federations must forward their Final Entries directly to the ISSF HQ. The Official Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival Day) is **15 JUL 2023**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <http://entry.issf-sports.info>, or exceptionally complete the Final Entry Forms (Annex 3) and return them by email to marco.mori@issf-sports.org, or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

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Late Entries

If maximum number of athlete entries have not been reached, late Entries will only be accepted until the Final Entry Deadline (3 days before the Official Arrival Day) which is **11 AUG 2023**.

Important note: Until the 3 days Late Entry Deadline, the following changes in the Final Entries are possible without restriction and additional fee:

- a) Change of names / athletes within an event
 - b) Change of Status (World Championship athlete ↔ "out-of-competition" athlete) within an event.
- Any additional entries received after the Final Entry Deadline, from **11 AUG 2023** onwards, may not participate

Entry Changes after the Final Entry Deadline

From **11 AUG 2023** onwards, only the following changes in the Final Entries are permitted:

- a) Replacement of a registered athlete by another already registered athlete in another event can be made only before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training for that event.

Entry Confirmation upon arrival

All Team Leaders of ISSF Member Federation Delegations must report to the OC Entries Official and confirm their Final Entries. The confirmation must be completed before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training.

Cancellation

Any ISSF Member Federation reduces the number of entered athletes and / or officials after the Official Entry Deadline (**15 JUL 2023**) is obligated to pay all applicable fees including entry fees and hotel room cancellation costs according to the number of athletes and entries on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid, no member of that federation may participate.

Entry Fee

The entry fees include all charges for registration, local transportation between shooting range and official hotels and doping control.

Fee	Description
EUR 170.00	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 170.00	Final Entry Fee per Mixed Team / per event
EUR 170.00	Final Entry Fee per Team / per event
EUR 50.00	Final Entry Fee per official
EUR 50.00	Additional Late Entry Fee per athlete / per Mixed Team / per event
EUR 170.00	Cancellation Fee per athlete / per Mixed Team / per event

Payment of Entry Fees

All Entry Fees payments must be done only to the Organizing Committee.

Upon request federations may receive invoice according which they will be able to make bank transfer. We kindly ask federations (which will prefer to send money through bank transfer) to make all payments not later than **5 AUG 2023**. All amounts must be paid in EUR and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Take care that all necessary data is transferred, so that the Organizing Committee can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her to the Entry Confirmation.

All payments which will be done upon arrival to the Organizing Committee must be paid only in cash in EUR (no travel checks or credit cards will be accepted).

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Accreditation Process

All persons involved in the ISSF World Championship (Athletes, Team Officials, ISSF Officials, OC Officials, Media Persons) must have accreditations that clearly identify the accreditation holder (with photograph, family name and first name, nation and function) in order to use the local transportation and to enter controlled areas on the shooting range.

Accreditations (for persons registered before the Final Entry Deadline and with photograph in the ISSF database) will be prepared by the ISSF Headquarters and Organizing Committee. All other accreditations will be prepared by the Accreditation Office of the ISSF World Championship. Accreditations and BIB Numbers will be distributed by the Organizing Committee after payment of the entry fees.

6. Shooting Range

The ISSF World Championship will take place at the Baku Olympic Shooting Range.

The Range is situated at a 15 minutes driving distance from the city centre and 30 km from the Baku "Heydar Aliyev" International Airport (GYD).

Address:

Baku Olympic Shooting Range
Sumqayit highway 3D
AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan

Rifle/Pistol

The shooting range is equipped as follows:

Range	Description
50m range	80 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG
25m range	50 firing points (10 groups); electronic targets, SIUS AG
10m hall	80 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG
Finals hall	10 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

The firing direction of the 50m and 25m range is north.

Shotgun

The shooting range has 5 combined ranges for Trap/Skeet.

The shooting range is equipped with Matarelli machines and Elettronica Progetti acoustic release system. The Skeet ranges operate with acoustic release system as well.

All ranges are equipped with Elettronica Progetti electronic scoreboards.

The firing direction of the shooting range is north.

The targets used for the ISSF World Championship are Eco-Friendly standard orange for the Qualification and flash orange for the Finals.

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7. Immigration and Customs Requirements

VISA

We strongly advise all federations to verify well in advance whether they need a visa for entry into Azerbaijan Republic. Detailed and last updated information regarding visas and formalities for entry into Azerbaijan Republic can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan - www.mfa.gov.az and on "E-Visa" system website - www.evisa.gov.az

Electronic Visa Portal is the simplest way to get Azerbaijan visa

Citizens of the countries, the list of which has been approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and to stateless persons permanently residing in those countries can obtain an Electronic Visa via www.evisa.gov.az website, without any invitation letter from Organizing Committee. The standard E-Visa is issued within 3 working days and the urgent E-Visa is issued within 3 hours regardless of holidays and non-working days.

Citizens of the following countries are eligible to get E-Visa (updated 19.05.2023):

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vietnam.

Citizens of the following countries have right to visa-free entry into Azerbaijan:

Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Qatar

Changes to above lists could be done at any time, so we kindly ask you to double check it on www.mfa.gov.az website before you fly to Azerbaijan.

If country of your citizenship does not occur in any of the above lists, then you are kindly requested to complete appropriate Visa Support Form (Annex 7) and return it to the Organizing Committee together with passport copies not later than **15 JUL 2023**.

Important Note: Organizing Committee have no influence to State Migration Service or Ministry of Foreign Affairs and arriving to Azerbaijan without visa may cause deportation.

Gun License

All athletes must declare all the firearms (including 4.5 / .177 caliber) and ammunition to be brought into Azerbaijan and return to the Organizing Committee the Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) no later than **15 JUL 2023**.

Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) will be accepted only in EXCEL format. No Handwriting or Fax Transmission will be accepted.

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The charge for gun permit is **30.00 EUR** per federation.

Assistance of customs formalities will be provided by the Organizing Committee upon arrival. The custom authorities will allow all participating athletes to import with them all the necessary ammunition that will be used for the competition.

8. Accommodation

Official Hotels

List of official hotels are found below. Any federation who are interested in booking accommodation in the official hotels, are kindly requested to complete appropriate Final Hotel Reservation Form (Annex 5) and return it to the Organizing Committee no later than **1 JUL 2023**. Final Hotel Reservation Form (Annex 5) will be accepted only in **EXCEL** format and the reservation will be managed on a "first come – first serve" basis. Organizing Committee and our partner company **GDX Hospitality** will send a confirmation to each delegation with the name and address of the hotel you will stay at. Each federation will receive from GDX Hospitality company invoice and agreement, according which you will be able to make bank transfer. **All payments for the hotel reservation must be done only to the GDX Hospitality**. We kindly ask federations to make all payments not later than **5 AUG 2023**. Payment within the stated deadline is absolutely required, otherwise we cannot guarantee accommodation in the official hotels! All amounts must be paid in USD and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her.

In case of cancellation after **1 AUG 2023** and/or a no-show Hotels will charge a cancellation fee of 100% of the costs for all nights and rooms you have booked.

LIST OF THE OFFICIAL HOTELS

All prices are per room / per night including breakfast and all taxes

JW MARRIOTT ABSHERON *****	
Distance to shooting range – 15 km / 30 min	
SINGLE ROOM	200 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	220 USD

FAIRMONT *****	
Distance to shooting range – 12 km / 20 min	
SINGLE ROOM	190 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	205 USD

HYATT REGENCY *****	
Distance to shooting range – 5 km / 15 min	
SINGLE ROOM	135 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	150 USD

HOLIDAY INN ****	
Distance to shooting range – 15 km / 30 min	
SINGLE ROOM	130 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	145 USD

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WINTER PARK ****	
Distance to shooting range – 10 km / 20 min	
SINGLE ROOM	130 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	145 USD

PARK INN BY RADISSON ****	
Distance to shooting range – 15 km / 30 min	
SINGLE ROOM	130 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	145 USD

MOGAN ****	
Distance to shooting range – 8 km / 20 min	
SINGLE ROOM	95 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	110 USD

BADAMDAR ****	
Distance to shooting range – 8 km / 12 min	
SINGLE ROOM	85 USD
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	100 USD

Food Service at the Shooting Range

There is restaurant on the shooting range which will offers regional cuisine and beverages during competition.

9. Travel and Transportation

Travel – Arrival

The official arrival and departure airport is **Baku (GYD) International Airport**.

Baku (GYD) International Airport has direct flight connections with most countries all over the world either through Azerbaijan Airlines or through other airlines like Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, Etihad, FlyDubai and many others which hold regular flights to and from Azerbaijan.

Airport pick up – Transportation to the Official Hotels (and return for departure)

Round trip transportation Airport – Hotel – Airport will be arranged by the Organizing Committee free of charge starting from 12AM on 13 AUG 2023 (one day before Official Arrival Day). Delegations that arrive earlier or leave after the Official Departure Day (1 SEP 2023) must make their own arrangements.

If you have any questions or will need help with arranging additional transport out of the official days, you can contact our transport manager by e-mail: transport@aze-shooting.com

Local Transportation – Shuttle Service

The Organizing Committee will provide participants with free **Hotel / Shooting Range / Hotel** round trip transportation from 14 to 31 JUL 2023. The delegations will find the schedules for local transportation on our website and in the lobbies of each official hotel.

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10. Competition Related Procedures at the Shooting Range

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on 15 AUG 2023, at 12:00h, at the Finals Hall.

Each participating ISSF Member Federation should have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule), draw procedures and other important issues related to the ISSF World Championship.

Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

According to the Azerbaijan law all firearms and ammunition will be stored at the shooting range and athletes are not allowed to take any firearms and ammunition out of the range.

Doping Control Tests

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules and the ISSF Test Distribution Plan under the supervision of the ISSF Technical Delegate.

11. Ceremonies

Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place at the Cristal Hall on 15 AUG 2023.

It will be a big opening ceremony with artistic and entertainment programs. The ceremony will be held in the center of Baku, in the well-known concert and sports complex "Crystal Hall", which is located on the seaside boulevard near the flag square and can accommodate more than 10,000 spectators. We kindly ask all participating countries to have their delegates attended the opening ceremony in as many numbers as possible. Organizing Committee, in turn, will do everything possible to make this evening unforgettable for all participants.

There will be no Closing Ceremony.

Victory Ceremony

The Victory Ceremonies will take place at the shooting range immediately after the end of each Finals (see also: Final Competition Schedule).

During the ceremonies the athletes are required to present themselves in their official national uniform or national tracksuits (tops and bottoms).

Flags and Anthems

All participating teams are required to bring with them their national flag (minimum size: 1m x 1.5m approximately) and one (1) national anthem on standard CD or USB.

12. Weather Information

During the period of August, the weather in Baku is normally pleasant. The average temperature is about 30 – 35°C during the day and 23 – 27°C during the night.

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13. Media Relations

All Media representatives must register for the ISSF World Championship by using the Media Accreditation Form (Annex 9). On site, media facilities will be available for accredited media personnel. Local and national media will cover the ISSF World Championship. All Finals will be covered by TV and will be displayed on the ISSF website www.issf-sports.org.

14. Industry Service

Limited industry services / exhibitions will be present during the ISSF World Championship.

15. Annexes

All necessary Registration Forms are attached to this General Information.

16. Summary of Deadlines

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17. Communication security

Please use only official channels to communicate with us.

All legitimate Azerbaijan Shooting Federation and Organizing Committee emails will be sent by email addresses with the ending: @aze-shooting.org or @aze-shooting.com

All legitimate Baku Shooting Center emails will be sent by email addresses with the ending: @shooting.az

All legitimate emails of our accommodation partner GDX Hospitality will be sent by email addresses with the ending: @gdxhospitality.com

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