



General rules and instructions for organizing the Nordic Shooting Championships

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of these rules is to give guidance and instructions for organizing the Nordic Shooting Championships between the member federations of the Nordic Shooting Region (Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Great Britain, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden).

1.2 The Nordic Shooting championship is a junior competition.
This competition shall be a competition that stimulate youth in all aspect.

2. Ratification of and amendments to the rules

2.1. These rules were first ratified by the NSR General Assembly in Finland in 1975 and completed at the NSR meeting in Finland in 1987. They were amended at the NSR General Assembly in Sweden in 1989, at the NSR General Assembly in Norway in 1994, at the NSR General Assembly in Denmark in 1996, at the NSR General Assembly in Denmark in 2002 and NSR General Assembly in Denmark 2006. New updated rules were completed at an extra NSR meeting in Nov 2022.

2.2. English is the basic working language for the Nordic Shooting Region / Championships. In case of disagreements in the interpretation or use of these rules, the English language version shall prevail.

2.3. Amendments, additions, and deletions to these rules may only be made by a two-thirds majority of the General Assembly of the Nordic Shooting Region.

3. General

3.1 Nordic Shooting Championships is subject to ISSF Rules and regulations' General Technical Rules (chapter 6) and disciplines rules (chapters 7 – 10) if not other stated in this Nordic Rules.

3.2 Nordic Shooting Championships is subject to ISSF Anti-Doping Rules.

3.3. The entry fees should be kept as low as possible but should cover the expenses of the organizing federation. The other member federations should be notified of the cost of entry fees and other expenses as early as possible to enable them to decide on the strength of their teams. The entry fee shall under normal circumstance not exceed 100 euros in individual and mix team events. The entry fee in team competition shall not be higher that 50% of the entry fee in individual and mix team events.

3.4. The organizing federation should always endeavor to provide alternative accommodation at a reasonable cost in such places as school dormitories, army barrack etc.

3.5. If a festivity is organized in connection with the competition, it must be carried out in such a way that it appeals to the target group, i.e., younger people. Ideally, this celebration should be organized by a team of young people.

If one is arranged, its costs may be defrayed by collecting extra fees from the individual shooters and officials, but the cost of such may not be included in the competition entry fees.

3.6. The number of days for the championships must not exceed one training day and three competition days. A weekend must be included.

3.7. Facilities must always be provided for the Nordic Shooting Region General Assembly.

4. Nomination of the organizer of the Nordic Junior Shooting Championships

4.1 Nordic Shooting Championships will be arranged in all even years by the federation which is elected host of the championships by the General Assembly of the Nordic Shooting Region at least two years in advance.

4.2 The tentative order to organize the Nordic Shooting Championships is Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Sweden, Great Britain, Iceland, Faroe Island, Norway.

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5. Conditions

5.1. Only athletes from the member federations of the Nordic Shooting Region may compete for or receive the title "Nordic Champion" in the events included in the program of the Nordic Shooting Championships.

5.2. Only member federations of the Nordic Shooting Region may compete for the team championships.

5.3. All athletes nominated for participation in the Nordic Shooting Championships must have been citizens of the country which he/she represents for at least two years, and he/she must comply with the Eligibility Rules (Section 4.0) of the ISSF.

5.4. To award medals and the title "Nordic Champion" participation of not less than three federations is required.

5.5. The organizing federation may invite teams from non-member federations to participate in the Nordic Shooting Championships, provided that such invitations have been approved by and agreed by at least two-thirds majority of the Council at least six months before the competition.

5.6. Juniors are athletes who will be under the age of 21 on the day of the official arrival day of the Championship.

5.7. Mixed participation, except in teams and mixed team and open events, is not allowed due to the division of the event's junior male, junior female events.

5.7.1 However mixed participation is possible, if the organizer is uniting events due to the low number of athletes in some events (see Art. 8.3.2).

6. Information to member federations

6.1. A preliminary information bulletin (No.1) shall be sent to each member federation latest before the end of September the year before Nordic Shooting Championships to coordinate it with the international competition calendar (ISSF, ESC). The information should include at least the competition dates, the name of the host city and key transportation details.

6.2. A second information bulletin (No.2) shall be sent to each member federation at least five months before the championships. The information should include at least the competition dates, the name of the host city, location of ranges, type and cost of board and lodging available, transportation details, etc. With this information bulletin will be sent the preliminary entry form "A", with the decided list of events requesting the number of participants in each event. Non-refundable entry fees shall be paid together with the return of the form "A" not later than one month after receipt of the bulletin.

6.3. A further information bulletin (No.3) shall be sent to each member federation at least two months before the championships. This should include a detailed championships program. With this third bulletin will be sent the final registration forms "B", requesting the names of all shooters and officials. Entries exceeding the number paid for (see Art. 7.2) may be refused by the organizers, if they cannot be included without changing the detailed program. Possible extra entry fees must be paid in two weeks after the organizer's acceptance.

7. The events at the Nordic Shooting Championships

7.1 Compulsory events

Discipline	Junior men	Junior women	Juniors
10 m Rifle	X	X	
10 m Rifle Team			X
10 m Rifle Mixed Team			X
50 m Rifle 3-position	X	X	
10 m Pistol	X	X	
10 m Pistol Team			X
10 m Pistol Mixed Team			X
25 m Sport Pistol	X	X	
Trap	X	X	
Trap Team			X
Trap Mixed Team			X
Skeet	X	X	
Skeet Team			X
Skeet Mixed Team			X
Running target 10 m	X	X	
Running target 10 m Team			X
Running target 10 m Mix	X	X	
Running target 10 m Mix Team			X

7.2 Optional events

7.2.1 After request from the upcoming host country the council can decide if one or several optional events shall be added to the upcoming Nordic Championship program.

7.2.2 This shall be decided at the latest as bulletin 1 is distributed.

7.2.3 Optional events should be recognized by the ISSF, ESC or NSR.

7.3 Number of participants in events

7.3.1 The maximum number of athletes to participate from any federation will be stipulated by the organizing country.

7.3.2 The organizing country is allowed to unite events in the same discipline if the number of athletes in events is low according to preliminary and final entry after discussing with technical delegate (TD). (A recommendation is a minimum of five athletes/event)

8. Participation, number of entries and team size

8.1. All leaders, coaches, officials and athletes participating in the Nordic Shooting Championships must be well acquainted with and abide by the ISSF rules and regulations, and the General Technical and discipline rules and instructions for organizing the Nordic Shooting Championships.

8.2. Maximum amount of entries/nation for compulsory events

Rifle junior	3
Pistol junior	3
Trap junior	3
Skeet junior	3
Running target junior	3
Team	2
Mixed Team	3
Optional individual events	3
Optional open event	6 (three of each gender)
Optional Team event	2

8.3. Maximum number of entries for optional individual events is three, or six if it an open event.

8.4. Team size in team events is 3, and in mixed team 2 participants according to the ISSF, ESC rules. A team consisted of three predicated athletes in the same discipline regardless of gender. The team score is the tally of the three scores from the individual qualification.

8.5. The maximum number of accompanying leaders, coaches, and officials (*excluding jury members*) must not exceed 20 % of the total number of participants.

8.6. NSR shall work towards rejuvenate the coaches in the NSR countries. Each country must, if possible, strive to send young coaches to this competition. If young coaches are sent, it is a good idea to also send an experienced head coach.

(NSR shall work towards stimulating and organizing of educations for young coaches)

9. The shooting ranges

9.1. There is no specification for any minimum number of firing points at any of the ranges used. There must however, be adequate accommodation and technical equipment to enable all the shooting events included in the program to be efficiently carried out.

9.2. It is elidable that there are electronic targets on all rifle and pistol ranges.

9.3. If it is absolutely necessary, due to the force of circumstances, some of the events may be organized at a place other than, at which the main activities are held. All events should, however, take place at the same place whenever possible.

9.4. Technical Delegate(s), appointed by the Council, will examine, and confirm the acceptability of the ranges, schedule and other facilities and services to be used for the championship.

10. Range installations and facilities

10.1. Rest rooms or tents shall, if possible, be provided for the use of participating teams to change their clothes, store their equipment, shelter from the rain or sun, etc.

10.2. Equipment Control in accordance with the ISSF Rules must be organized, and the times and places for such control must be announced to the shooters and team officials.

10.3. A cafeteria or snack tent should be at or near to the ranges whenever possible.

10.4. A qualified medical officer shall be appointed and shall be available at short notice at the ranges during the competitions.

10.5. Adequate toilet facilities shall be provided at the ranges.

10.6. A suitable press room, reserved solely for the use of journalists and equipped with internet connections, shall be provided whenever possible.

10.7. Rooms for the use of the Nordic Shooting Region General Assembly and the Technical Meeting must be made available.

11. Juries

11.1. Juries shall be formed from all participant federations - as set out in the Guidelines - for Appeal, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Running Target and Results, Timing and Scoring (RTS), depending upon the Program of events and locations of the various ranges. Judges shall be appointed in advance by federations, in accordance with an agreed allocation between federations. The Juries will be published and confirmed at, or immediately before, the technical meeting of the championships concerned.

11.2. The chairman in each Jury should be an ISSF license holders, the rest of the jury members must hold their highest national license.

11.3. NSR shall work to rejuvenate the jury members in NSR countries. Each country must, if possible, strive to send young jury members to the Nordic championship. There they will work under supervision of an experienced chairman. (This can only be achieved if NSR stimulate and organize educations for young jury members)

11.4. Participating federations shall be bound to contribute a minimum of 4 Jury Members, at National Federation expense, to advise, supervise and assist where necessary, the organizing committee. In the event that any federation does not wish to fill its allocated jury positions, it should advise the organizing committee immediately after Bulletin 2 so that other federations may have opportunity to fill vacancies. Exceptions to the minimum number may be decided by the NSR Council.

11.5. Leaders, coaches, team officials and athlete must not be members of a Jury. Jury members must not advise or assist athletes beyond the scope of the ISSF Rules at any time during the competition [ISSF Rule 6.8.14]. However, they may assist their federational teams in practical administrative matters off the ranges.

12. Medals and awards

12.1. Nordic Shooting Region special medals will be awarded to the Champion (gilt), the athlete who places second (silver), and the athlete who places third (bronze) in each event in the program.

12.2. Medals are awarded to individual athletes only if a minimum of five athletes participate in the event.

12.3. The winning team in each event will be awarded gilt medals, the team who places second (silver), and the team who places third (bronze) in each event in the program. One medal to each member of the team. None is issued to teams if there were two or less teams competing.

12.4. Winners may also receive various special prizes and/or awards that a city, community, or another donor may wish to present for the competition.

12.5. We encourage that souvenir is to be given to all participants of the competition. Preferably not a medallion.

13. Nordic shooting records

13.1. Nordic shooting records can only be established at the Nordic Championship and in compulsory NSR events.

13.2. Nordic Records is established in Qualification Rounds.

13.3. Nordic Records for individual and team, will be recognized if a minimum of five (5) athletes participate in the individual category and three (3) teams participate in the team category.

13.4. The NSR will issue a Nordic Record diploma to athletes or team members who establish Nordic Records.

13.5. The Technical Delegate must submit reports for recognition of Nordic Records.

13.6. The hosting Federation will keep the list updated.