

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE TIR AUX ARMES SPORTIVES DE CHASSE

## FITASC



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1. The Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse was created at the instigation of France in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 4th June 1921 between representatives of Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden and the United States of America.
2. The federation's official acronym in all languages is "Fitasc".
3. Fitasc's current headquarters are at 10 rue Médéric, 75017 Paris, France.
4. Fitasc is a French association created under the Act of 1st July 1901.
5. Fitasc has an indefinite term.
6. Fitasc is a non-political, non-profit organisation.
7. Membership of Fitasc is open to national groupings in being non-profit associations with effective control over at least one of the disciplines for which Fitasc is responsible.
8. Fitasc is recognised by its members as the sole international organisation with competence for shooting disciplines with sporting / hunting weapons (not prescribed to the programme of Olympic games), using strictly artificial targets.
9. Fitasc owns all the rights attached to the disciplines for which it is responsible.
10. Fitasc has sole authority over all international competitions, delegating the organisation thereof to its members, for the following disciplines:
  - Compak Sporting,
  - Fosse universelle (Universal Trench),
  - Parcours de chasse (Sporting),
  - Tir aux hélices (Helice),
  - Tir Combiné de Chasse (Combined Game Shooting),
  - Trap1;
  - any other shooting discipline using sporting / hunting weapons approved as a Fitasc discipline by a general assembly.

The names of the above disciplines are protected as registered trademarks.

## **1.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1** To encourage and manage the development of shooting sports with sporting / hunting weapons and associated activities without political, social, racial or religious discrimination and to strengthen the ties of friendship between the shooting associations and federations of all nations.
- 1.2** To award titles in the disciplines for which it is responsible at international competitions organised under its auspices.
- 1.3** To reinforce contacts and cooperation with other sporting organisations and authorities.
- 1.4** To achieve its objectives, Fitasc:
  - 1.4.1** Delegates national groupings with the administration of Fitasc disciplines;
  - 1.4.2** Publishes technical rules and for all its disciplines and ensures that they are applied;
  - 1.4.3** Delegates the organisation of the international competitions under its auspices to its members;
  - 1.4.4** Publishes specifications for the organisation of international competitions and supervises the application thereof;
  - 1.4.5** Qualifies international referees;
  - 1.4.7** Publishes official bulletins and manages an up-to-date website;
  - 1.4.8** Awards distinctions to people who have contributed to achieving the Fitasc's goals;
  - 1.4.9** Encourages anti-doping measures.

## **2.0 HEADQUARTERS**

- 2.1** Fitasc's headquarters are established at the location designated by an extraordinary general assembly. They are currently situated at 10 rue Médéric, 75017 Paris, France.
- 2.2** Fitasc must be registered according to the laws of the country where it is based.
- 2.3** The competent authorities must be informed of changes in the By-laws and the membership of the Management Committee and of the dissolution of the Fitasc.

## **3.0 MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1** Fitasc is formed by national groupings with sole jurisdiction in their countries for the disciplines delegated to them.
- 3.2** The Fitasc accepts only one national grouping in each country as a member, recognising each grouping as having the sole authority to organise the disciplines delegated to it.
- 3.3** If a national grouping recognised by Fitasc is unwilling or unable to develop certain disciplines, Fitasc may delegate another national grouping in the same country with their development, though members are not entitled under any circumstances to transfer or assign any of the disciplines delegated to them to another member or another national grouping in the same country.

- 3.4** Each applicant national grouping must submit a dossier containing the following:
- 3.4.1** Details of its creation, organisation and competencies in the Fitasc disciplines;
  - 3.4.2** A copy of its By-laws.
- 3.5** The Management Committee rules on membership applications by majority vote. The general assembly is informed of new members.
- 3.6** If an application for membership is turned down by the Management Committee, a national grouping may present its application directly to the general assembly.
- 3.7** FITASC members may not neither be affiliated to continental or world other organizations that practice disciplines which belong to Fitasc, nor participate in their championships.
- 3.8** Annual membership fees are due on the 1st January and are payable within thirty days.
- 3.9** Any member wishing to cancel its membership must notify the Executive Committee in writing three months before the end of the year.
- 3.10** Members' rights are suspended if they fail to pay their membership fees by 31st March of the current year.
- 3.11** Members are expelled if they fail to pay their membership fees for two years.
- 3.12** Membership can be recovered by paying the fee in arrears plus a penalty at least thirty days before the date of the general assembly. The amount of the penalty is set at the beginning of the year by the Executive Committee.
- 3.13** Suspension and expulsion:
- 3.13.1** Membership may be suspended if the Management Committee considers that this suspension will facilitate the achievement of Fitasc's goals.
  - 3.13.2** Any member acting contrary to the By-laws, rules or specifications may be expelled from Fitasc by decision of a general assembly.

#### **4.0 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1** Honorary life membership, constituting the Fitasc's highest distinction, may be awarded to private individuals. This requires a formal proposal and a vote by a general assembly.
- 4.2** Honorary members may attend all Fitasc meetings in a consultative capacity but without the right to vote.

#### **5.0 ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 5.1** Fitasc's administrative bodies are as follows:
- 5.1.1** General assemblies;
  - 5.1.2** The Executive Committee;
  - 5.1.3** The Management Committee;
  - 5.1.4** Technical discipline committees;
  - 5.1.5** The Disciplinary Appeal Committee;
  - 5.1.6** The Committee of Wise Persons

- 5.2** Temporary committees may be set up by a general assembly, the Management Committee or the Executive Committee.

## **6.0 GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

- 6.1** General assemblies are formed by the chairmen of national groupings, Fitasc members and all the members of the Management Committee.
- 6.2** A general assembly is held every year during a world championship or at any other location designated by the Management Committee.
- 6.3** An extraordinary general assembly may be summoned by decision of a general assembly, the Management Committee or the Chairman or on written request by the members provided that they represent at least 50% of the total votes.
- 6.4** Members' proposals must be received at Fitasc's headquarters at least three months before the date of the general assembly.
- 6.5** The agenda and documents for consideration by the general assembly must be sent to all the members and the Management Committee at least two months before the meeting date.
- 6.6** A general assembly may rule solely on matters included on the agenda.
- 6.7** Functions of general assemblies  
General assemblies elect:
- 6.7.1** The Chairman and Executive / Management Committee members according to Fitasc's electoral rules;
- 6.7.2** Members of temporary committees such as the Election Committee.  
General assemblies rule on:
- 6.7.3** Reports submitted to the assembly;
- 6.7.4** Approval of the Management Committee's choices of members delegated to organise international competitions;
- 6.7.5** Appeals concerning membership applications and expulsions;
- 6.7.6** Amounts for membership fees, penalties and competition fees according to proposals by the Management Committee;
- 6.7.7** Amendments to technical discipline rules;
- 6.7.8** Amendments to the By-laws and applications for the dissolution of Fitasc (extraordinary general assembly);
- 6.7.9** The electoral rules, which must be approved by an extraordinary general assembly;
- 6.7.10** The rules of the Appeal Disciplinary Committee, which must be approved by an ordinary general assembly;
- 6.8** Each member has one vote plus one for each of the disciplines delegated to it.
- 6.9** Any chairman of a member national grouping may be represented by a delegate (official or registered shooter) from his organisation or by another Fitasc member by means of a written proxy. Each member (or delegate) may represent one other member only.
- 6.10** The members of the Management Committee are automatically entitled to attend general assemblies in a consultative capacity but without the right to vote.

However, if they do not already have a proxy form in accordance with Article 6.9, they may vote if they have a written proxy from a general assembly participant.

- 6.11** The quorum for ordinary general assemblies (members present and represented) is 50% of the total votes. If the quorum is not present, another general assembly will be held at least one hour later without any obligation for a quorum.
- 6.12** The mandatory quorum for extraordinary general assemblies (members present and represented) is 50% of the total votes.
- 6.13** Voting procedures
  - 6.13.1** All decisions are made by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by at least 20% of the votes (including proxies).
  - 6.13.2** Elections are held by secret ballot unless the election can take place by acclamation where there is only one candidate or where there are as many candidates as there are posts, provided that none of the members object.
  - 6.13.3** All decisions must be made by majority vote of the members present and represented.
  - 6.13.4** Any ballot form with more names than posts to be filled will be declared null and void.

## **7.0 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 7.1** The Management Committee is formed by the Executive Committee and 8 (eight) other members elected for four years by a general assembly.
- 7.2** Functions of the Management Committee
  - The Management Committee:
    - 7.2.1** Receives membership applications, rules thereon and suspends members;
    - 7.2.2** Submits member expulsion proposals to a general assembly;
    - 7.2.3** Examines proposals to be submitted to general assemblies;
    - 7.2.4** Examines proposed amendments to technical discipline rules submitted by technical committees and decides on whether to submit them to a general assembly;
    - 7.2.5** Determines the amounts for membership fees, penalties and competition fees according to proposals by the Executive Committee;
    - 7.2.6** Awards gold, silver and bronze merit distinctions;
    - 7.2.7** Appoints legal, medical and marketing advisers, who may be invited to take part in general assembly and Management / Executive Committee meetings in a consultative capacity but without the right to vote;
    - 7.2.8** Appoints technical committee chairmen and ratifies the lists of technical committee members submitted by the chairmen;
    - 7.2.9** Appoints the Chairman, members and substitute members of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee;
    - 7.2.10** Co-opts replacements for missing members of the Management Committee, technical committees and the Disciplinary Appeal Committee

if they relinquish or are unable to perform their duties for any reason whatsoever or are dismissed;

**7.2.11** Ensures that Fitasc's aims are fulfilled.

**7.2.12** On the proposal of the President, it appoints the honorary members of the Management Committee for a term of office.

**7.3** The quorum is eight members.

**7.4** Voting by proxy is not authorised.

**7.5** All decisions must be made by majority vote of the members present via a show of hands.

**7.6** The Management Committee meets at least once per year on the occasion of the general assembly.

**7.7** The Management Committee may validly meet at a distance (by post or via the Internet) subject to the same quorum and majority conditions provided that all votes are confirmed in writing and signed by the officials (by post, fax or email).

## **8.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**8.1** The Executive Committee is formed by:

- The Chairman;
- Deputy chairmen (one per continent);
- The General Secretary / Treasurer.

Each Executive Committee member is elected by a general assembly for a four-year term.

**8.2** Functions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

**8.2.1** Implements decisions made by general assemblies and the Management Committee;

**8.2.2** Supervises and coordinates the administrative departments and manages the personnel;

**8.2.3** Examines and proposes amounts for membership fees, penalties and competition fees;

**8.2.4** Issues directives and establishes procedures for Fitasc authorities;

**8.2.5** Acts in the Management Committee's name in emergencies, in which case the decisions made must be ratified at the following meeting of the Management Committee;

**8.2.6** designates the members organising international competitions if they have not been designated by a general assembly or they have withdrawn;

**8.2.7** Designates the Fitasc delegates and representatives attending international competitions;

**8.2.8** Deals with any problems outside the competence of the Management Committee, technical discipline committees and the Disciplinary Appeal Committee;

**8.2.9** Decides on the form and use of the Fitasc's emblems.

- 8.3 The quorum is four members.
- 8.4 Executive Committee meetings are summoned by the Chairman, who defines the agenda. The Executive Committee may validly meet at a distance (by post or via the Internet) subject to the same quorum and majority conditions provided that all votes are confirmed in writing and signed.
- 8.5 The Chairman or, if absent, the longest serving deputy chairman chairs general assemblies and meetings of the Management Committee and Executive Committee.
- 8.6 Executive Committee members may attend the meetings of any committees, except for the Election Committee and the Disciplinary Appeal Committee, in a consultative capacity but without the right to vote.
- 8.7 The Chairman, or his delegate to whom powers have been specially given for a specific occasion, has the sole capacity to represent Fitasc in all civil acts, in its relations with third parties and at the sporting events organised under its aegis.
- 8.8 In the event of a serious impediment to the performance of the Chairman's duties, the longest serving deputy Chairman will be responsible for temporarily chairing the Fitasc and organising an election for a new chairman during the following general assembly or, if the statutory timescales cannot be met, at the second following general assembly.

## **9.0 TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

- 9.1 Technical discipline committees are created for the following disciplines:
  - 9.1.1 Compak Sporting,
  - 9.1.2 Fosse universelle (Universal Trench),
  - 9.1.3 Parcours de chasse (Sporting),
  - 9.1.4 Tir aux hélices (Helice),
  - 9.1.5 Tir Combiné de Chasse (Combined Game Shooting),
  - 9.1.6 Trap1.
- 9.2 A disciplinary appeal committee is created.
- 9.3 An Arbitration Committee is formed.
- 9.4 The chairman of each of the committees created under Articles 9.1 and 9.2 is appointed by the Management Committee.
- 9.5 Each technical committee chairman proposes a list of members (five to ten names plus the chairman) chosen from the applicants submitted by FITASC members to the Management Committee for appointment. Should any names on a list be rejected by the Management Committee, the technical committee chairman concerned must present a new list (subject to the same conditions).
- 9.6 The Disciplinary Appeal Committee is formed in accordance with its rules.
- 9.7 Functions of the technical committees:
  - 9.7.1 To take part in the preparation of international competitions in liaison with the members concerned;



- 9.7.2 To take part in the supervision of the application of technical rules during international competitions;
  - 9.7.3 To approve new shooting stands;
  - 9.7.4 To propose any improvements that might enhance the discipline to the management committee;
  - 9.7.5 To propose amendments to technical rules to the management committee or to examine same at its request;
  - 9.7.6 At the request of the Fitasc chairman, to examine and give its opinion on the sporting facilities proposed by candidates for the organisation of international competitions.
- 9.8 At the end of the sporting season, each technical committee chairman draws up a report for the management committee describing his committee's work during the previous sporting year.
  - 9.9 The technical committees meet according to the conditions defined by their chairmen.

## **10.0 COMMITTEE OF WISE PERSONS**

### **10.1 Purpose**

To ensure that FITASC sporting traditions and values will be upheld in the future.

### **10.2 Membership**

The Committee of Wise Persons is composed of at least 3 members:

- 10.2.1 Any former President of FITASC elected as from 2003 is an ex officio member of the Committee of Wise Persons;
- 10.2.2 The most senior President of FITASC chairs the Committee of Wise Persons;
- 10.2.3 The second member is appointed by the Chairman of the Committee of Wise Persons from among the former members of the Management Committee;
- 10.2.4 The third member is appointed by the acting President of FITASC from among the former members of the Management Committee.

If the position of Chairman of the Committee of Wise Persons becomes vacant, he/she shall be replaced by the most senior person in the highest position previously held, with priority given to the eldest should they be of equal seniority. The new Chairman of the Committee of Wise Persons appoints his/her replacement as a member.

If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Committee of Wise Persons, he/she shall be replaced under the same conditions as his/her appointment.

The first Committee of Wise Persons is formed at the 2019 Extraordinary General Assembly, which authorises the Management Committee to appoint the first Chairman of the Committee of Wise Persons.

As soon as a former President of FITASC elected after 2003 becomes available, the Committee of Wise Persons will be formed in accordance with Article 10.2.

## **11.0 DECISION-MAKING AND PROPOSAL PROCEDURE APPLICABLE TO THE COMMITTEE OF WISE PERSONS AND THE OTHER COMMITTEES**

**11.1** Decisions by the Committee of Wise Persons and proposals from the other FITASC committees are made by a majority of the votes cast.

**11.2** Each member has one vote. Voting by proxy is not authorised. In the case of a tied decision, the Chairman of the Committee of Wise Persons or the other Committees has a casting vote.

## **12.0 FINANCE**

**12.1** The financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December.

**12.2** By 1st May each year, the General Secretary / Treasurer presents the Management Committee with a financial report on the previous year, audited by an approved auditor.

**12.3** The Fitasc's resources are formed by the following:

- Members' annual fees;
- Subsidies and donations;
- Fees charged for international competitions in accordance with the specifications for these competitions.

**12.4** The Fitasc solely pursues public interest aims; it has no commercial aims and does not operate for profit.

**12.5** The President of FITASC is authorised to incur any expenses necessary for the day-to-day operation of FITASC.

**12.6** Any financial commitment not warranted by the current operational requirements of FITASC must be previously submitted by the President of FITASC to the Management Committee for approval.

**12.7** The Fitasc does not distribute profits.

**12.8** The members of the management committee and other committees operate on a voluntary basis. However, any official acting on the instructions of the Fitasc chairman may, with prior approval, claim expenses on presentation of supporting documents.

**12.9** The President of FITASC may receive a remuneration, the amount of which is determined by the Management Committee.

## **13.0 AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

**13.1** Proposed amendments to the By-laws must be received at Fitasc at least three months before the date of the extraordinary general assembly and be circulated within 1 month to all FITASC members, the management committee and the Committee of Wise Persons.

**13.2** Any proposal to amend the By-Laws must, prior to its submission to the Extraordinary General Assembly, obtain the approval of the Committee of Wise Persons within one month of its circulation.

**13.3** Amendments to the By-laws require a majority of two thirds of the votes cast by the extraordinary general assembly, which must represent at least 50% of all Fitasc votes.

**13.4** Amendments to the By-laws take effect immediately after they are approved, except for commitments made previously, which must run their scheduled course.

#### **14.0 AMENDMENTS TO SORTS REGULATIONS**

**14.1** Proposed amendments to the Sports Regulations must be received by the Secretary General at least one month before the Ordinary General Assembly and be circulated to the members, the Executive Committee and the Committee of Wise Persons within 8 days.

**14.2** The Committee of Wise Persons may be consulted by a member of the Management Committee or by 3 members of FITASC at the latest 8 days before the meeting of the Management Committee scheduled to submit this proposed amendment to the General Assembly.

**14.3** If the Committee of Wise Persons is consulted, any proposal to amend the Sports Regulations must, prior to its presentation to the Management Committee, obtain the approval of the Committee of Wise Persons.

#### **15.0 LANGUAGES**

**15.1** Fitasc's official language is French. Translations in English and must be provided at general assemblies.

**15.2** Fitasc's working language is French.

**15.3** The Management Committee may decide that a language other than French may be used as an additional working language.

**15.4** At continental and world championships, the language of the host country is used for the competition programme in addition to French and English.

**15.5** In the event of any disagreement, the French version will be the authentic text.

#### **16.0 DISSOLUTION**

**16.1** An application for Fitasc to be dissolved could be made by an ordinary general assembly or by the members representing more than 50% of the votes, in which case an extraordinary general meeting must be summoned and must be held within six months of receipt of the application, which must be sent to the members and management committee five months before the date of the extraordinary general assembly.

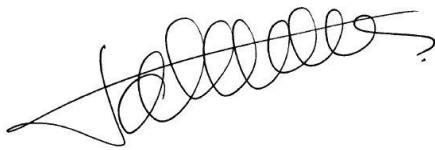
**16.2** The dissolution of the Fitasc requires approval by an extraordinary general assembly by a majority of three quarters of the votes.

**16.3** If Fitasc is dissolved, the assets may be used solely for the sport of shooting, according to the instructions of the extraordinary general assembly.

## 17.0 JURISDICTION

Fitasc, has its headquarters in Paris, France, and is a legal entity governed by the deed of partnership provisions of the Act of 1st July 1901. Fitasc is subject to French law for all disputes under the civil law. All civil or criminal action (litigation) must be brought before the Paris district court.

These By-laws were approved at the Fitasc's extraordinary general assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Stockenchurch, Great-Britain, and replace the version drawn up on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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Jean-François Palinkas,  
Chairman

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Laszlo Szebenyi,  
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