



INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

The Secretary General

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to inform all National Federations, Industry and interested parties of the proposed new changes to the ISSF Rifle discipline clothing rules and regulations for 2026 onward. Many of you will be well aware of the challenges posed to the discipline by the ever-stiffer rifle jackets, trousers and shoes used by our athletes, with the negative effect this is having on the performance, costs, and sport presentation of the Rifle discipline. We thought it expedient and prudent to give all within the shooting sport family some advance notice of our intentions regarding this important subject.

To mitigate and find a solution to this challenging situation, a Technical Clothing Workshop was held in the margins of the recent ISSF World Cup held in Munich in June. This Workshop was conducted by Chairpersons of the ISSF Technical, Athletes and Rifle Committees, supported by their committee members and other subject matter experts. This included the ISSF Sport and Event Managers. The notes of this Workshop, with a resume of their examination and testing methodology, along with their subsequent findings is attached for your information.

This note clearly articulates the intended solution in mitigating and solving the immediate threat posed to the discipline. The essence of their findings is that current manufactured rifle jackets, trousers and shoes will still be able to be used by athletes from 2026 onward, although some manipulation and adaption may well be required to meet new ISSF Rules and Regulations. Also contained in the note are thoughts and intentions for new clothing testing procedures and technical tolerances to be introduced in 2026. However, work remains to develop and finalise the exact detailed regulations and wording to be incorporated into the new ISSF Rules, due to be introduced 1st January 2026.

We are well aware of the impact and implications such change has for many involved in our Sport, especially athletes and Industry. We wish to ensure all involved within the Sport are aware of our future intentions to safeguard the discipline, especially where the purchase of new clothing is concerned. Please, would you kindly pass this information onto those within your organisation to whom it affects and applies. We will keep you informed of progress and any changes to this course of action.

Yours sincerely,

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