

ISLE OF MAN TARGET SHOOTING FEDERATION
CONSTITUTION
Adopted 18th January 2006

1 NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation (IOMTSF).

2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Federation shall be:

- a. to promote and further the sport of competitive target shooting in all its forms in the Isle of Man;
- b. to represent the Isle of Man in all matters concerned with target shooting for the purposes of national and international competition and, where appropriate, to promote a common disciplinary code among shooters selected to represent the Isle of Man;
- c. to reinforce the national identity of the Isle of Man in target shooting and to ensure that the Island speaks as a single voice on matters connected with the target shooting sports.
- d. to act as a consultative body in relation to matters affecting the future wellbeing of competitive target shooting in the Isle of Man;
- e. to represent the senior interests of target shooting in dealings with the Isle of Man Sports Council and manage the distribution of such body's financial support for target shooting;
- f. to represent the sport of target shooting on the Isle of Man Commonwealth Games Association, the Island Games Association of Mann and any similar body;

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Council shall be open to the recognised governing bodies of the various shooting disciplines functioning in the Isle of Man that are represented in the Olympic and/or Commonwealth Games and/or Island Games, provided that any such body seeking membership demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Federation that it has in force throughout its organisation:

- a. an appropriate Child Protection policy;
- b. an appropriate policy to ensure the equitable treatment of individuals;
- c. an appropriate policy covering the use of drugs in sport; and
- d. a scheme of insurance covering both its collective risks and those of its individual members.

On the adoption of this constitution, membership shall comprise the following bodies:

- i. The Isle of Man Rifle Association
- ii. The Manx Clay Pigeon Shooting Association
- iii. The Isle of Man Fullbore Club
- iv. The Peveril Rifle Club (representing Pistol shooting)
- v. The Isle of Man Airgun Association

4 APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES

Each governing body in membership shall elect two delegates to represent it, one of whom can vote on its behalf at meetings of the Federation.

5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- i. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held during the month of January. At least ten days notice, in writing, of such meeting shall be given to the member bodies.
- ii. At the AGM only one of the two elected delegates of each member body may vote but all bona fide individual members of the member bodies and their constituents may attend to observe the proceedings. Motions will be carried by a majority vote, save for a motion to amend the constitution which will require a two thirds majority of delegates present and voting.
- iii. The business of the AGM shall be:
 - a. To receive the report of the Chairman on the work of the Federation over the previous year.
 - b. To receive the report of the Treasurer on the financial position of the Federation.
 - c. To elect the following officers:
 - i. Patron
 - ii. President
 - iii. Chairman
 - iv. Honorary Secretary
 - v. Honorary Treasurer
 - d. To agree the amounts of any honoraria.
 - e. To fix subscriptions.
 - f. To amend this constitution. Motion of any proposed amendment shall be received by the Secretary not later than the end of the preceding November and shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
 - g. To discuss any other business affecting the affairs of the Federation. Where such business includes motion for a decision, the motion shall be received by the Secretary not later than the end of the preceding November and shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
- iv. Appointments to the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for a two year term. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. On each two year cycle a proposal for the position of Chairman shall be made on a rotational basis by one of the member bodies, recognising that the acceptance of such proposal shall not be incumbent on the Federation.

- v. In the event of the death or resignation of any of the officers during his term of office, the Federation shall appoint a successor at its next meeting to hold office until the following AGM.

6 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- i. The Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation shall meet at least once a year, in addition to the Annual General Meeting, and on such other occasions as the Federation shall determine.
- ii. The interests of each member body shall be represented by its two elected delegates. In addition, the Secretary for the time being of each member body may attend in a non-voting capacity. An elected delegate may appoint a proxy to attend and (subject to Paragraph 4 above) vote in his stead, providing that advice thereof is received from the elected delegate by the Chairman or Secretary prior to the meeting.
- iii. Five elected delegates shall form a quorum. In the absence of the Chairman a chairman for the meeting shall be elected from the delegates and such person shall retain his delegate voting right.
- iv. Only one of the elected delegates may vote on Federation business. Officers of the Federation shall not be entitled to vote, save for the Chairman's exercising a casting vote in favour of the status quo in the event of a tie. Subject to matters specifically provided for elsewhere in this constitution, decisions shall be taken by a majority of delegates present and voting.
- v. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the financial affairs of the Federation. All cheques and similar transaction documents shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other person, being either the Chairman or Secretary.
- vi. A decision of the Federation, if affecting a member body that is not represented at the meeting at which the matter for decision is considered, shall only be carried if there is a two thirds majority vote of delegates present and voting.
- vii. The Federation may appoint committees as it considers appropriate and co-opt to such committees persons who are not necessarily delegates of member bodies.
- viii. The Federation shall appoint persons to represent target shooting on the bodies referred to at Paragraph 2(f). Such persons may or may not be elected delegates of member bodies.
- ix. Any delegate or officer of the Federation who has a financial interest, or has a member of his immediate family who has a financial interest, in a matter before the Federation must declare such interest at the start of proceedings and take no part in the discussion or consideration of such matter.

7 INSURANCE

The Federation shall ensure its collective risks and those of its officers are covered by a suitable policy of insurance.

8 POWER TO DECIDE

Subject always to its acting consistent with its objects, the Federation shall have power to decide upon any matter not provided for in this constitution.

9 STATUS OF THE FEDERATION

For the avoidance of doubt, the Federation is not the governing body of any of its members and seeks no part in their executive affairs, save to the extent that members are required to satisfy certain conditions of membership as referred to in Paragraph 3 above.

*Adopted at Annual General Meeting
18th January 2006*