

International Federation Shooting sports for Reservist Associations (SRA)

Articles of organization

1. NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The international governing body shall be known as the International Federation Shooting sports for Reservist Associations (IFSRA) (hereinafter the IFSRA or organization).

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 The aim of the IFSRA is to act as an international shooting sport organization who brings together national SRA-shooting sport organizations of member countries and coordinate the activities of international shooting sport.

2.2 Shooting sports for reservist associations (SRA) is sporting activity targeted mainly for shooters having earlier completed their military service and who thereafter belong to active reserve in their country. SRA aim is to maintain, improve and measure the skills of reservists in shooting and weapon handling with firearms similar to the modern military service weapons or the semi-automatic versions of those and the typical accessories. These accessories are for example magazines, sights, bipods, adjustable buttstocks and handguards. The SRA brand has been developed and registered by Reserviläisurheiluliitto (Federation of reservist sports in Finland).

2.3 SRA competitions consist of a number of stages and every SRA stage includes one separately scored and a timed shooting challenge performed according to stage description under the control of SRA range officer. The used targets and the shooting distance may not be regulated. Targets can be freely placed as explained in the stage description, however the limitations of the shooting range needs to be taken into account and range safety respected. The score is usually calculated by dividing the points by the time used for the stage. Results of a competition are calculated according to the SRA rules in a way that makes the results of shooters comparable.

2.4 The essential principle of SRA is that it takes into account that both the military shooting techniques and the equipment used are evolving all the time. This development needs to be respected and is allowed to affect the sport accordingly. The skills of the shooters are measured in various competitions at international, national, district and club levels. In every competition new and unique shooting challenges are planned. Besides competitions also training, courses and other events

for shooters and competition organizers are arranged in SRA. Additional and more accurate instructions can be found from separate IFSRA Competition Guidelines.

2.5 SRA shooters, competition organizers and trainers are required to have adequate knowledge and skill level of the SRA in order to participate SRA events. This is achieved by formal and controlled trainings. Validated courses and tests are mandatory to qualify as licensed shooter. Successful passing of these courses is necessary to ensure that safety and stage planning are always on appropriate level. The country organisations are responsible for the training programs, registration of the qualified shooters, organizing competition activities and other practical arrangements.

2.6 IFSRA controls the SRA rule writing process in co-operation with the country organizations. SRA rules applied in the member countries should be compatible. Will there be need for national rule adaptation for well justified reasons, these deviations must be accepted by IFSRA.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. IFSRA shall not accept individual memberships. The members of the IFSRA are primarily country wide shooting sport associations assembled by SRA-shooting sport clubs in the given country and who recognize and follow these articles of incorporation and internal rules and regulations of the IFSRA.

3.2. To become the member of the IFSRA, the written application should be submitted to the management board of the organization (hereinafter the management board). The management board decides upon the suitability of the candidate organization for membership within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application. Upon deciding, the management board considers the suitability of the candidate organization for the IFSRA and the existence of active SRA-shooters and referees. The board accepts new members provisionally. The final membership is confirmed by the general meeting of the organization (hereinafter general meeting).

Before accepting an application for membership the IFSRA board shall be affirmed that the applicant organization:

- (1) is democratically constituted,
- (2) is responsible to its membership,
- (3) is representative of the SRA shooters within the country concerned,
- (4) will respect the principles of SRA shooting and apply them in its programme.

3.3. Annual membership fee and the payment procedure are established by the general meeting.

3.4. The member organization of the IFSRA may, upon its own request or decision of the managing body and based on the written application submitted to the management board, withdraw from the IFSRA pursuant to the liquidation of the mutual obligations.

3.5. Membership in the organization may be temporarily suspended with the decision of the management board or the member can be excluded from the organization, if it does not fulfil the obligations stipulated in the articles of incorporation and internal rules and regulations of the organization, including the decisions of the management board. The member is excluded from the organization with the decision of the management board.

3.6 Member organizations participate in the activities and management of the organization, nominate their own candidate for the bodies of the organization and participate in electing the bodies of the organization by their representative.

3.7. The member of the IFSRA is obliged to follow the articles of organization and SRA rules and regulations of the IFSRA and the acts established by the elected bodies and managers within their competence.

3.8 The member of the IFSRA is obliged to keep and protect the good name of the organization, stand for the aims and principles of the organization and control obeying SRA rules by their own member clubs. Other rights and obligations can be established by the general meeting and management board of the IFSRA.

4. STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

4.1 The higher body of the organization is the general meeting of the members, convened by the management board at least once within a calendar year. The organization should notify of the convening of the general meeting on its internet website at least 30 days in advance and the notification of convening should include the date, place and draft of the agenda of the general meeting.

4.2 The general meeting of the organization has a quorum, if more than half of the members are present. Each member association has as many votes as it has licensed SRA shooters in the beginning

of a calendar year. The decision of the general meeting is adopted, if more than half of the votes of the representatives present in the meeting are in favour, excluding changes of the articles of incorporation, decision of termination of the activities of the organization and acceptance of new members, for the adoption of which 2/3 of the votes of the participants of the meeting are required.

4.3 If the required number of members have not participated the meeting, the new meeting will be convened within 30 days, by notifying of it 7 days in advance. The meeting convened for the second time has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.

4.4 The extraordinary general meeting of the organization is convened, if this is required arising from the interests of the organization or the request has been submitted in writing and by indicating the reason by at least two members of the organization.

4.5 The management board of the organization consists of members who represent their country. The members of the board are nominated in proportion to the number of licensed SRA shooters in their association. However all countries are entitled to at least one board position and the overall number of members should not exceed 10. The members of the board choose the chairman of the board among themselves. The chairman manages the activities of the board. The management board is chosen for the term of 2 years.

4.6 The IFSRA competition rule writing process is governed by the management board which collects development suggestions and change requests from the member associations. Before taking effect the new SRA competition rules must be accepted by the IFSRA general meeting and by Reserviläisurheiluliitto as the registered SRA brand owner.

5. LAW AND JURISDICTION

Any dispute arising from these articles which cannot be settled amicably under any other provision of these articles may be submitted for arbitration, by any party to the dispute, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts. The parties undertake to comply with the statute and regulations of the CAS, to accept in good faith the decision rendered without appeal, and in no way hinder its execution.

The articles of incorporation of the IFSRA have been adopted at the foundation meeting on 18 June 2020.

The founder associations are:

Reserviläisurheiluliitto (Finland)

Eesti Reserväelaste Laskespordiliit (Estonia)