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Bessaguet and Vennekamp receive ISSF Athletes of the Year awards at Cairo World Cup Opening Ceremony

France's Clément Bessaguet and Germany's Doreen Vennekamp, respective men's and women's ISSF Athletes of the Year for 2023, received their awards in the Egyptian capital of Cairo as part of the Opening Ceremony for the first World Cup of the Olympic season.

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Keynote message from ISSF President Luciano Rossi as he reviews how the new era for the sport has developed in 2024



This year has seen the ISSF further embrace the new era that has started in our sport.

With the Paris 2024 Games on the horizon we are changing and developing in all areas.

These achievements have taken place with the huge support of the ISSF Executive Committee and our Secretary General Alessandro Nicotra di San Giacomo, who was elected unanimously on February 19.

One of the most important things we have done is to open the doors and windows for the oxygen to come to the national federations.

With the approval of the ISSF Executive Committee we have renewed the ISSF Development Fund, to which the ISSF is contributing parts of its generated revenues for development projects with an initial amount of EUR 2 million. The first deadline for applications falls on June 30.

We know that federations must have sustainability. And there must be equal gender.

And to help in this process we have established the ISSF Academy which is working for new managers, coaches, new expertise for the future.

The ISSF House at shooting sport's site in Chateauroux during the Paris 2024 Games will be a manifestation of our new era.





Situated close to the Olympic shooting ranges, the state-of-the-art ISSF House will offer a warm welcome and a comfortable base to athletes, global media, members of the shooting sport community and a range of special guests.

It will change how the world sees and engages with shooting sport, starting from the Olympic Opening Ceremony on July 26 and through all 10 days of scheduled competition. We also noted the highly successful Test Event that was held at the Chateauroux venue in April, which was visited by the Paris 2024 President, Tony Estanguet.

Shooting sport athletes around the world have been challenging for places at the Games in a highly successful series of Qualification Events and World Cups. And two – Luna Solomon and Edilio Francisco Centeno Nieves – have been named in the 36-strong IOC Refugee Olympic Team for the Paris 2024.

The ISSF is proud to be playing such a significant part in the creation of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team for the Paris 2024 Games. The athletes represent not just themselves, and the ISSF, and the IOC, but all refugees across the world.

Meanwhile we have been active in forming other alliances that will strengthen and nourish our sport.

In February we created a partnership with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) EU Office that will provide access to a skilled team offering guidance on all EU matters. In March we forged new links with the World Forum on Shooting Activities (WFSA).

In April we cemented relationships with key members of the Olympic Movement, including the newly elected President Ingmar De Vos, at the General Assembly of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) in Birmingham.

And we have strengthened our sporting links through landmark visits to countries including Kosovo, North Macedonia, Albania and Pakistan.

We are also working hard to integrate with Paralympic shooting sport athletes. It is one other goal that I have in my heart - the united capacity of Olympic and Paralympic shooting.

On March 22 at our Munich HQ we held highly successful key talks with Christian Holz, Managing Director of World Para Sports regarding our joint future.

Throughout this process we have sought to inform national federations about each step on the way via a new communications team operating on our soon-to-be revamped website and our social media channels. It's vital that we all keep in touch...





Paris 2024 President Tony Estanguet visited the Olympic shooting sport venue at the National Shooting Centre in Chateauroux during the Test Event conducted there from April 8 to 14.

The visit began with a meeting involving accomplished home shooting sport athletes such as Éric Delaunay, Lucie Anstassiou, and Gaëlle Edon, as well as with the President of the FFtir, Michel Baczik.

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Luna Solomon, one of two shooting sport athletes included in the 36-strong IOC Refugee Olympic Team for the Paris 2024 Games, has updated ISSF on how her preparations are going.

Speaking on May 20, Luna commented: "I have been training four times a week since my selection for Paris and I'm in my final year of learning.

"I've revised my schedule, it's a bit hard - but I'll get there!"

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In its first meeting since the pandemic, the ISSF Judges Committee has laid plans to regenerate its programme of Instructors Workshops and Judges' Training Courses.

The landmark session took place at the ISSF Headquarters in Munich with ISSF President Luciano Rossi and Secretary General Alessandro Nicotra di San Giacomo in attendance.

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Sport General Presentation report for Paris 2024 Games

The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic shooting sport venue

The Centre National de Tir Sportif de Chateauroux venue (CTX) is 6km away from the centre of the city and 270km - 2hr 15min by train - from Paris. It seats 4,700 spectators.

Delivery of shooting events

Olympic competition will run from Saturday, July 27 to Monday, August 5.

Olympic training will take place from Saturday, July 20 until Saturday, August 3.

Paralympic competition will run from Friday, August 30 to Thursday, September 5.

Paralympic training will take place from Wednesday, August 21 to Wednesday, September 4.

Shooting Family and Key Stakeholders

Onsite at the venue during the Olympics there will be a Paris 2024 **Sport** team comprising six full-time staff dedicated to shooting. There will also be two technical delegates.

There will be 25 International Technical Officials (ITOs) – including judges and referees - and 49 National Training Officials (NTOs).

There will also be 67 volunteers on site dedicated to shooting sport.

During the Paralympics there will also be a **six-strong** Paris 2024 team, and one technical delegate.

There will be 13 ITOs present and 33 NTOs, and 49 dedicated volunteers.

Accreditation, Arrivals and Departures

Games accreditation will take place at the airports at BOH Family Entrance/VAHO

There will be a coach transfer to the Chateauroux venue (CTX) for all athletes.

Pre-valid accreditation will be sent beforehand by Paris 2024/ISSF

Please follow your instructions!

Firearm Logistics

For Qualified European Union (EU) athletes

No prior formalities are required to import firearms, elements of firearms and ammunition.

During the check by the authorities athletes will need to present their sports licence, their European firearms pass and their letter of invitation to the Paris 2024 Games (accreditation)

For Qualified Non-EU athletes





Firearms, éléments of firearms and ammunition must be declared to customs prior to arrival on French territory (Annexe 6.5.2 in freight manual)

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For athletes coming from embargoed countries

Prior authorisation required apart from Air firearms (category D – less than 20 joules) and must be presented to the customs authorities upon arrival in France and on departure.

Prior authorisations are requested by the Federation Francaise de Tir on behalf of athletes.

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List of embargoed countries

Belarus, Central African Republic, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Libya, Russia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

The National Olympic Committee (NOC)/National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of EVERY county must fill in this form:

[Formulaire JO | Fédération française de tir \(fftir.org\)](#)

Link to the Freight Manual is here:

[Customs and Freight Guide French Polynesia - Paris 2024 \(olympics.com\)](#)

Firearms will be transported to the armoury at the CTX and be available [on venue the morning following team and athlete arrival](#).

Paris 2024 functional areas

Beside Sport, there are some 40 FAs working within Paris 2024, the 11 main areas of support and responsibility being:

Venue and infrastructure, event management, logistics, transport, technology, accreditation, look and signage, accommodation, spectator services, [Food and Beverage](#), legal and legacy.

Athlete Villages

There will be three Athlete Villages – [PESI](#), Blaise Pascal and La Chapelle.

Pesi is closest to the competition site, being 1.5km - a 20-minute walk – away. It will have 372 beds, a restaurant a gymnasium and a new kitchen.

The village at the Blaise Pascal Lycee (College), which is 6km - an 8min drive - from the site, has 96 rooms and a total of 196 beds, with shared bathrooms.

La Chapelle is an entirely refurbished facility with a 50-bed capacity, a multi-purpose room and a gym. It will be 24 minutes away from the venue via a shuttle loop which offers a service at 25min intervals.





There will be an athlete drop-off area a short distance from the venue, with a bus transfer operating from there.

Food and beverage

Meals will be available to athletes in the Villages and at the venue.

Technical Officials will have breakfast at the hotel, [lunch on venue](#) and evening per diem expenses

Snacks and beverages will be available in the lounges

Village restaurants will be open extensively and will cater for a range of cultural and dietary requirements

Uniform for International Federation delegates, ITOs and NTOs

Paris 2024 will provide a uniform for every IF delegate, ITO and NTO regardless of whether the IF chooses to provide a uniform or not.

Technical Officials will collect their uniforms at the Uniforms and Accreditation Centre (UAC) when they arrive in the Host City or in dedicated spaces to be confirmed in the case of co-Host Cities.

Each set of uniform, sponsored by coq sportif, will consist of 3 polo shirts; 2 sets of casual trousers, transformable to shorts; 2 shirts; 1 rain protector; 1 pair of trainers; 4 pairs of socks; 1 pair of stylish trousers; 1 stylish jacket (not a blazer); 1 rucsac; 1 small bag; 1 Panama hat – all contained in a portable bag.

The uniforms are unisex in design and use breathable materials. Tested by the Paris 2024 sports team, they are comfortable for all ages, sizes and physical conditions.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Coach transfer to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Olympics – on July 26 and August 11 – will be available from Chateauroux for all athletes, team officials and ISSF Games family.

The transfer to Paris on July 26 will leave at 0900, arriving at 13.00 in the Paris Athletes Village.

There will be a late return service on July 26, and a second transfer on the morning of July 27.

Spectators

Spectators who have tickets to the qualifications or finals will be able to access the Spectator Plaza situated alongside the Finals Hall. The Spectator Plaza will include a giant screen which will show the shooting finals.





There will also be a sports initiation area where visitors can find out and experience more about the sport, and food concession stalls.

Spectators can start to arrive on venue 30 minutes before an event.

Broadcasting

Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS) will produce live television, radio and digital coverage of the Olympics and Paralympics, offering neutral coverage of sports competitions and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

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The new online ISSF Coaches Academy, which will offer beginners' courses (Open Online D courses) for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun from September 2 this year, has launched its own website.

The establishment of the Academy followed a landmark agreement for the project jointly signed in March by the ISSF Secretary General Alessandro Nicotra di San Giacomo and Vesa Nissinen, President of the Comanleas Group, who will hold the role of Academy Director.



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Virtual meeting of ISSF Pistol Committee sets out 2025 plans

The ISSF Pistol committee held a virtual meeting on May 18 to “define aspects that will be proposed to the technical committee for consideration and inclusion for 2025.”





Gerardo Trotta Arnone, chair of the ISSF Pistol Committee, told ISSF: “Some of the topics discussed could be important for the future of our sport, such as presenting results in a more friendly way for a better understanding and more exciting final competition, as well as the introduction of important changes in 25m RFP.

“We have also reviewed the regulations and criteria have been unified in some rules as well as adjusting the wording for better interpretation.

“There is still a long way to go but we are in the right direction, together with the athletes who were incorporated into the committee, where their opinions are considered and evaluated before decisions are made.

“We are doing good work together to guarantee the future success of our sport.

“We hope that these considerations are ratified by the Technical Committee for subsequent approval by the Executive Committee and in this way we can guarantee our permanence in the Olympic Games for a long time to come, adapting to the new era of world sport.”



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