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To all Member Federations

Dear friends,

As we start a new Olympic cycle that will culminate in Tokyo 2020, we want to remind and invite you once again to participate in all the important events in the Shooting Sport calendar of our Continent.

WORLD CUP GUADALAJARA, MEXICO from 1 to 12 March

We start the year with this World Cup that includes all de Shooting disciplines. This event will take place at the newly renovated ranges of the *Club Cinegético Jalisciense* and the Mexican Shooting Federation, our hosts for these competitions. For all Federations, coaches and athletes of the American Continent, this event is especially important because it will allow everyone to become familiar with the ranges and logistics, as a few months later, at the same venue, the CAT will be carrying out the XII Championship of the Americas, where the first Olympic Quotas for Tokyo will be distributed. In order to be able to organize a high level competition at the same shooting range that will be used for Olympic qualification, it is of the utmost importance that all our Member Federations, since the International Olympic Committee has reduced our quotas from 390 to 360 for this cycle, hence it will be more difficult for our shooters to obtain quotas in the World Cups and World Championships.

WORLD CUP FORT BENNING USA from 7 to 15 May

A competition solely for Rifle and Pistol specialists. The famous Fort Benning shooting range will open its doors once again to welcome the best shooters in the world. The Shooting Confederation of the Americas designated this venue for the distribution of 8 quotas for the III Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, as follows: All 1st and 2nd place winners in Air Rifle and Pistol, men and women.

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**XI SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES (ODESUR)
COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA from 14 to 20 May**

Just as in the X South American Games, the Gold medalist in each of the 12 individual Olympic events will qualify automatically for the Pan-American Games Lima 2019. If there isn't a minimum of 5 countries participating, these quotas will be reserved and redistributed solely for the South American countries, at the XII Championship of the Americas in Guadalajara, Mexico from 20 to 31 October 2018.

WORLD CUP TUCSON USA from 9 to 19 July

Later in the year and probably in very warm weather conditions, this World Cup Shotgun will take place once again in Tucson. Due to its location, plentiful transportation, high level competitions and the fact that the Central American and Caribbean Games Barranquilla will be held immediately after this World Cup, we are certain that all the shooters in the American Continent will avail themselves of the opportunity to participate with the elite in preparation for the 52nd ISSF World Championship Changwon, Korea.

**XXIII CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES (ODECABE)
BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA from 20 July to 3 August 2018**

At the oldest Regional Games in the world, CAT will, as it did in Veracruz, award the individual gold medalists in Olympic disciplines with a Quota for the Pan-American Games Lima 2019. The same criteria will be used as in Cochabamba if certain events are not carried out if they do not have a minimum of 5 nations competing. It is important to mention that the qualification phases for these competitions have already taken place and the 190-athlete limit established by ODECABE has been met. Those Federations that did not participate in the qualification phases that took place in San Salvador (Pistol and Rifle) and in Santo Domingo (shotgun) or did not obtain a quota, will not be able to compete in Barranquilla. For further information regarding this event, please contact the Central American and Caribbean Shooting Confederation.

**LII WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
CHANGWON, KOREA from 31 August to 15 September**

Even though this world championship will not be carried out in the American Continent, it is however the first event where a large number of Olympic quotas will be distributed, thus we advise our Federations to take it into consideration when preparing their 2018 budget.

III YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA from 6 to 18 October

For the first time, since the very successful First Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, followed by the spectacular II Youth Olympics in Nanjing, the city of Buenos Aires and the Shooting Federation of Argentina have undertaken the enormous responsibility of welcoming 80 junior athletes from all over the world, who will be competing for 4 individual and 2 mixed team medals in Air Rifle and Air Pistol. Preparations by BAYOGOC are underway according to plan and we are certain this youth festival will be a veritable breeding ground for our disciplines as these Youth Olympics, more than a competition, are an opportunity to bring the Olympic Festivities to the youth of the world and for young athletes to spend time with some of the world's greatest sport stars and role model athletes chosen by the IOC Athletes Commission. This is where the stars of the future will be born. Remember that only 8 athletes from the Americas will be able to compete in these III Youth Olympic Games and they must qualify at the World Cup in Fort Benning.

XII CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE AMERICAS

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO from 2 to 12 November

For the Shooting sport in the Americas, no doubt this Pan-American Championship is the most important event in our Continent. There are two reasons why no Federation should be absent: first, 214 quotas will be distributed for the Pan-American Games Lima 2019. The distribution plan was sent to all Federations in a document titled THE ROAD TO LIMA, this past December.

After this competition, there will be no other qualification competition. We must remember that Lima 2019 will be implementing the current Olympic Program and that PanamSports (PASO) increased our participation by 6 quotas: we had 250 and now we will have 256 athletes competing in Lima.

The second reason, as or even more important than the first, is that the 12 Olympic events will award the first-place winner with a quota for Tokyo 2020. For these two reasons, what could be more important for our Federations' plans in 2018?

Courses for Judges and Coaches

Naturally, not only shooters should be preparing but also Judges and Coaches.

ARGENTINA

The Organizing Committee of the YOG in Buenos Aires, knows this full well and has requested an ISSF EST (Electronic Targets) Course. This is, perhaps, one of the most difficult courses available, hence its importance. The request was approved by the ISSF and the course will be taught by one of a handful of true experts in the field, Mr. Gary Anderson, Vice-president of the ISSF. The dates for this important course are 3 to 7 April.

PERU

The Peruvian Shooting Federation and its enthusiastic President Mr. Francisco Boza, well aware of the quickly approaching Pan-American Games Lima 2019, are organizing an ISSF Rifle and Pistol Judges Course from 24 to 29 April. In addition, a Shotgun Referees Course will take place from 1 to 5 August. In this way, the Organizers can be certain that they will have enough well-prepared national officials.

ECUADOR

Meanwhile, as we informed you late last year, the ISSF Shooting Academy approved the first Category C Course for coaches in the Americas, with Spanish translation, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. Joselito Padilla, President of the Shooting Federation from Ecuador. This important Coaches Course in Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun will take place from 16 to 21 June.

We hope our CAT Member Federations will participate enthusiastically in all the important activities planned for 2018 in our Continent and we wish you success.

Cordially yours,



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