

INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION RULES OF THE IPA GAMES

I. GENERAL

1. The Rules of the IPA Games of the International Police Association regulate the objectives and tasks of the IPA Games, the management and the organisation thereof, the venue and time of the events, the terms and conditions of competitions, the programme of the IPA Games, the establishment of winners and awards, the procedures for the submission of applications, as well as the terms and conditions regarding the admission of participants.
2. The IPA Games shall be held every two years.

II. THE OBJECTIVE AND TASKS OF THE GAMES

3. The objective of the IPA Games is to encourage the members of the IPA to get involved in sports life and to continue the traditions of international communication.
4. The tasks of the IPA Games are the following:
 - 4.1. To encourage the members of the IPA to participate in sports activities, and for IPA national sections to engage more actively in common IPA initiatives and projects;
 - 4.2. To help IPA members gather at events worldwide, to learn about the culture of different countries, to cherish sports traditions, to give members a chance to represent their section; to improve the health of IPA members through sports;
 - 4.3. To promote physical training and sports to enhance members' wellbeing, to provide optimum conditions for IPA members to pursue their sports within their abilities.
 - 4.4. To promote the International Police Association amongst young police officers, and to encourage them to join the IPA.

III. THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GAMES AND THE ORGANISING THEREOF

5. The IPA Games are under the patronage of the IPA President.
6. The IPA Games are organised and implemented by the IPA National Section of the hosting country of the IPA Games with the help of the SCC.
7. The venues of competitions shall be determined by the hosting IPA National Section after agreement with the relevant sports federations, as well as regional sports and culture departments and facilities if necessary.
8. The IPA Games ceremonial opening shall be held at a location specified by the hosting IPA National Section.

IV. PARTICIPANTS OF THE GAMES AND COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

9. The participants of the IPA Games shall be IPA members.
10. The number and age of participants, as well as the competition rules and schedule shall be detailed in the rules of the individual sports events.

11. Individual and team competitions shall be held in compliance with the relevant international and national sports regulations.
12. Athletes participating in competitions require a permit from their physician to take part in the IPA Games and a valid health insurance certificate.
13. Volunteers may assist the organisers during the IPA Games.

V. THE PROGRAMME OF THE GAMES

14. The programme of the IPA Games shall include:
 - 14.1. The opening of the IPA Games (including optional sports and cultural demonstrations).
 - 14.2. Sports competitions:
 - 14.2.1. Futsal
 - 14.2.2. Shooting
 - 14.2.3. Running (5 km)
 - 14.2.4. Volleyball
 - 14.2.5. Basketball
 - 14.2.6. Table Tennis
 - 14.3. The closing of the IPA Games
 - 14.4. Cultural touristic programme
 - 14.5. Forum of the IPA Games' team representatives and the managers of sports organisations.

VI. DETERMINING AND AWARDING OF WINNERS

15. The winners and prize-winners of the various categories of the IPA Games individual and team competitions shall be determined in compliance with the rules of sports competitions.
16. The winners of finals and prize-winners shall be awarded with relevant medals and certificates.
17. The IPA Games Working Group shall provide all official participants of the IPA Games (athletes, team leaders, judges, physicians, organisers and other assisting personnel and sponsors) with special T-shirts and other items of the IPA Games.
18. Sport federations, sports organisations, municipal administrations, other organisations and sponsors may provide additional prizes and awards.

VII. REGISTRATION

19. IPA National Sections shall submit their provisional registrations to the hosting IPA National Section no later than 6 months before the opening of the IPA Games. Final registrations shall be submitted no later than 2 months before the date of the opening of the IPA Games.

VIII. ADMISSION CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

20. Athletes shall participate as part of their team and wear their team outfit bearing the IPA flag and their national flag and shall participate in the IPA Games' opening sports festival.
21. The Organisers shall pay for the following:
 - 21.1 The costs and expenses of the organising of the IPA Games finals, as well as for awards, the judging, the rentals of facilities, transport, catering, the opening and closing of the Games, etc.
 - 21.2. IPA national sections shall pay for their athletes' accommodation, catering and travel costs.
 - 21.3. National delegations arrive and leave at their own expense.

23. If any budget funds of the IPA are to be used to organise the IPA Games, the organisers planning the utilisation of such funds shall comply with the Rules and Procedures, use of the IPA funds and the accounting for the use thereof as detailed in the IPA Statutes as well as the Financial Standards of Sports Events.

IX. FINANCES

23. A framework budget including the following price estimates shall be drafted for the entire event:

23.1. Accommodation and meals.

23.2. Transportation during the event.

23.3. All expenses related to the sports activities: rent of facilities, materials, referees, medical services, prizes and awards, insurance for the event.

24. A package price for participants shall be also calculated, including: meals and accommodation from the arrival date until the departure date.

25. The International Treasury shall determine its financial contribution to the IPA Games based on the framework budget.

X. FINAL PROVISIONS

26. The arrival dates and times of the national delegations, the mode of transport, as well as the number of participants shall be notified to the hosting IPA National Section at least 20 days before the arrival.

27. The organisers of the sports competitions and events shall be responsible for the security and safety of the athletes, sport specialists, sports amateurs and viewers/spectators during the sports competitions and events.