Memorandum of Association

Non-government Organization for Private Benefit

"International T-Class Confederation"

SECTION I

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, STATUTE, HEADQUARTERS AND ADDRESS OF REGISTRATION

- **Art. 1. (1)** International T-Class Confederation is an independent and voluntary non-profit organization, which carries out activities for the regulation, development and practice of T-Class shooting sport, according to its rules.
- (2) International T-Class Confederation is a non-profit organization for facilitating private activities in the field of physical culture and sport, as well as interaction and cooperation with the military and police authorities.
- (3) International T-Class Confederation has its own seal, UIC (VAT) number and a private bank account.
- **(4)** For convenience, the full name of the International T-Class Confederation will be abbreviated by ITCC, hereafter cited as the Confederation or ITCC.
- (5) In English, the name of the Confederation shall be read as "International T-Class Confederation" and abbreviated by the initials "ITCC".

SECTION II

OBJECTIVES AND MEANS TO THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

- **Art. 3.** The Confederation has the following objectives:
- 1. Establishment of basic principles and rules of T-Class shooting.
- **2.** Establishment of bodies and committees, adjacent to the Confederation, responsible for the operation and administration of T-Class shooting.
- **3.** Producing and disseminating sports rules and internal regulations for the operation and regulation of T-Class shooting.
- **4.** Promotion of T-Class worldwide through organizing local and international competitions, including world championships, as well as through publications in the media, seminars and by any other means permitted by law.

- **5.** Identification and election of regional representatives called Regional Directors- to coordinate work of regional branches with the Confederation; to identify sports organizations in the region, which are to obtain the right to develop and practice T-Class shooting.
- **6.** Licensing of regional sports organizations (sports clubs or associations of clubs) developing and practicing T-Class shooting.
- **7.** Implementation and enforcement of the global standards in the use of firearms for sporting purposes. Proficiency training of youth and adults in T-class shooting.
- **8.** Development of T-Class shooting as a sport which facilitates physical education and mental stability. Promoting it as a means to physical and mental progress of athletes.
- **9.** Providing methodological assistance in the construction of sports facilities and equipment in the regional member-organizations of ITCC.
- **10.** Managing and maintenance of an international T-Class sports calendar and rankings.
- **11.** Managing informative activities for the popularization and development of rules and regulations on T-Class shooting.
- **12.** Organizing international seminars for training and licensing of referees, coaches and instructors in T-Class shooting.
- **13.** Coordination with international, European and state institutions related to T-Class shooting; interaction with expert committees, when defining or amending normative documents, e.g. directives, laws, etc., for the application and control of firearms and ammunition on a global scale.
- **14.** Cooperation with other international organizations for shooting sports.
- Art. 4. In order to achieve its goals, the Confederation will:
- 1. Study social developments and promote positive tendencies in T-class shooting.
- **2.** Open an own financial fund with the help of sponsors and donors.
- **3**. Organize, stimulate and provide financial support to studies on sport issues and cases.
- **4.** Provide sports support and growth of its members and associate members.
- **5.** Facilitate information exchange between interested parties in T-Class shooting.
- **6.** Take responsibility for providing higher qualification and re-qualification to its members through foreign experience in other sports, military and police organizations.

7. Support and promote new approaches in education for future generations.

SECTION IV

BUSINESS PURPOSES

- **Art. 5. (1)** The purpose of the Confederation is to coordinate the development, practice and administration of T-class shooting on an international scale.
- (2) The purpose stated above (art. 5(1)) will be pursued in compliance with the regulations and articles within the sport legalities.
- **Art. 6. (1)** Related to its main business activity, the Confederation can perform the following additional, economic activities under art. 3. para 3 of NPLEA: establishment of an international shooting academy affiliated with the confederation; organization of training courses, seminars and other forms of practical and theoretical training in T-Class shooting; publishing and advertisement for T-Class shooting; managerial activity; agency and representation (except procedural) of sports organizations, clubs and athletes in shooting sport T-Class; consultancy; leasing sporting facilities and equipment; as well as other legal activities, consistent with the objectives and business plan of the Confederation.
- (2) Funds from additional activities shall only be used to achieve the goals stated in this Memorandum. Performance of the additional economic activities is subjected to the terms and conditions stipulated by the laws that regulate them.
- (3) The Confederation does not distribute profit.

SECTION V

PROPERTY

- **Art. 7. (1)** The Confederation designates its own property and is sponsored by:
- 1. Membership fees.
- 2. Athlete enrolment fees and other fees specified in this Memorandum.
- 3. Donations and sponsorship from national and foreign legal entities.
- 4. Revenues gained through reaching objectives of the Confederation, including activities mentioned in art.6 of the Memorandum.
- (2) The amount of fees, including membership fees, in para. 1, para. 1 and 2 are determined in the internal ITCC regulation.

- (3) Membership fees shall be paid annually by the end of the first month of the current year. Fees under para. (1) pt. 2 shall be paid by the end of March of the current year, unless otherwise provided. Payments of membership fees and dues shall be entered in the register by an authorized member of the Board of the Confederation, accompanied by the bank transfer number to the Confederation. The register may be kept in electronic form.
- **Art. 8. (1)** The Confederation's property consists of: ownership of movable and immovable properties, limited property rights, television rights, cash, receivables, securities, participation in organizations within the country and abroad, the right to ownership of works and production in the field of sport, physical education and others. Properties shall be described in a special register of the Confederation and shall be accounted for, as required by law, according to the type of property.
- **(2)** Upon dissolution of the Confederation and after its creditors are compensated, any remaining property shall be granted to the municipality, which it shall utilize in accordance with the law.
- **Art. 9.** The Confederation always disposes of its property, guided by decisions of its Board, with the exception of cases, in which by virtue of law or this statute, decisions should be made by the General Assembly.
- **Art. 10.** Costs related to the operation and management of the Confederation are covered by its revenues.
- **Art. 11**. The financial year corresponds to the calendar.

SECTION VI

MEMBERSHIP, RIGHT AND OBLIGATIONS. LICENSING.

- **Art. 12. (1)** Membership in the Confederation is voluntary.
- **(2)** Members of the Confederations are its founders and newly admitted individual persons. Each newly admitted member has the rights and obligations of a Regional Director for the region which he initially applied.
- **(3)** Admission of new members for which there is no free region is not allowed. Regions are defined by the General Assembly.
- **(4)** Sports organizations or associations of sports organizations, who have been granted a license to practice T-Class shooting for their particular region, are by definition associated members.
- **(5)** The conditions for membership are determined by the internal rules of the Confederation.

- (6) Changes and termination of membership after admission are reflected in a special membership register of the Board. The register can take an electronic form.
- Art. 15. (1) New members are approved by the Board.
- **(2)** Membership applications shall be supplemented by the additional documents required in the internal regulations of the Confederation.
- (3) The Board is obliged to look into applications and reach a decision within one month of submission.
- Art. 16. Members of the Confederation have the following rights and obligations:
- **1.** To use the financial, moral and professional support of the Confederation and to be informed of its activities.
- 2. To assist management authorities of the Confederation on the issues of activities.
- **3.** To participate in the initiatives and activities of the Confederation.
- **4.** To benefit from the results of the overall activity of the Confederation.
- **6.** To comply strictly with the Memorandum and other normative acts of the Confederation.
- **7.** To execute tasks assigned by the Board within relevant deadlines. In case of failure to comply, to notify management promptly.
- **8.** To protect the name of the Confederation through their achievements in sports and other activities.
- **9.** To provide Confederation's authorities with the information necessary to realize their objectives and tasks, as well as the decisions taken.
- **10.** To pay membership fee in time.
- **Art. 17. (1)** Associate members of the Confederation have the following rights and obligations:
- **1.** To participate in the initiatives of the Confederation.
- **2.** To benefit from the results of the overall activity of the Confederation.
- **3.** To use the name of the Confederation before third parties.
- **4.** To organize competitions according to the rules in T-class and announce regional champions after obtaining a license under Art. 22.
- **5.** To announce annual regional rankings.

- **6.** To maintain annual sports calendar for the region.
- **7.** To transfer all due fees to the Regional ITCC Director.
- **8.** To provide the Regional Director with a complete list of competitors.
- **(2)** Associate members are not entitled to participate or vote at the ITCC General Assembly, but are instead exempt from paying membership fees.
- **Art. 18.** Regional Directors have the following rights and obligations:
- **1.** Once a year to introduce the Board with regional sports organization or association of organizations, eligible to obtain a license in T-Class shooting.
- **2.** To submit an annual list of T-Class athletes in the region.
- **3.** To send an updated list of T-Class athletes no later than the end of the first month of the current year.
- **4.** To transfer to ITCC all due fees for the region.
- **5.** To monitor their licensed regional organization for the proper conduct of training processes.
- **6.** To coordinate and approve the conduct of any sporting event in the region under the rules of T-Class shooting.
- **7.** To approve the annual competitions program under the rules of T-Class shooting and to determine a champion each year.
- **8.** To select in a fair and equitable manner individual athlete and national teams who will represent the region in international and world championships.
- **9.**To communicate regularly to the Board the necessary information on organization, structure, divisions, membership, functionaries, policies, programs, activities and regulations, and other issues related to the administration or operation of a region.
- **Art. 19. (1)** Membership in the Confederation shall be terminated upon:
- **1.** Request of any member on the basis of a written application to the Board.
- 2. Suspension.
- 3. Dissolution of the Confederation.
- **4.** Not qualifying for membership under art.21 of the Memorandum.
- (2) Upon termination of membership, no member may claim reimbursement of membership fees, as well as any parts of the property of the Confederation.

- **Art. 20. (1)** Suspension is enacted by the Board when actions or behavior of any member would render their membership in the Confederation impossible, and under violation in the provisions of art.17 and art.18 hereof.
- (2) The suspended may appeal the decision under the preceding paragraph in front of the General Assembly of the Confederation. In this case, the Board is obliged to include in the agenda any complaints received against its decision.
- **Art. 21. (1)**Not qualifying for membership in the Confederation occurs automatically when a member has not paid membership fee for a period of 2 years as of the deadline stated in art. 7 para. (3) of the Memorandum; as well as in the case of three consecutive absences to General Assembly meetings without a valid reason and after notifying the Assembly according to the law and Memorandum.
- (2) Any delay in payment of membership fees and non-participation in the work of the General Assembly under the preceding paragraph are validated by the Board who made checks in the membership register and the record of proceedings of the General Assembly. The actual non-qualification under art.21 is reflected in the proceedings of the Board, for which the latter shall notify the General Assembly at its next meeting.
- **Art. 22. (1)** A license to practice T-Class shooting is issued by the Board to sports organizations or associations of sports organizations upon proposal of a regional director for each calendar year.
- (2) In each region only one sports organization or association of sports organizations can be approved to obtain a license.
- (3) The Board is entitled to reasonably refuse issue or renewal of a license to specific sports organization or association of organizations.
- **(4)** The procedure for issuing and renewal of a license under this article is determined in the internal regulations.
- **Art. 23. (1)** Under the preceding paragraph, a license shall be withdrawn by the Board upon proposal of the regional director due to systematic violations of the Memorandum or other acts of the Confederation.
- (2) The expiration or revocation of a license under art. 22 automatically terminates an associate membership in the Confederation.

SECTION VII

GOVERNING BODIES

Art. 24. The governing bodies of the Confederation are:

- 1. The General Assembly.
- 2. The Management Board.
- **Art. 25.** (1) The General Assembly is the supreme collective body of the Confederation and involves all members of the Confederation.
- (2) Each member shall have one (1) vote.
- (3) The General Assembly shall be convened at least once a year by a decision of the Board or at the request of 1/2 of its members. In the latter case, if the Board does not convene a general meeting within one month, it shall be convened by the court at the headquarters of the Confederation, followed by a written request of the interested parties or a person authorized by them.
- (4) The General Assembly meeting and the disclosure of its agenda are announced as an invitation containing the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting and who is calling it. The announcement is placed on the notice board in the building, where the headquarters of the Confederation lies, and is to be published on the official website, at least one month before the scheduled day.
- (5) Meetings of the General Assembly shall be valid if attended by more than half the members of the Confederation. If at the specified time, there is a number of members insufficient to take a decision on the agenda, the meeting is postponed for an hour later. The meeting is considered legal and valid, no matter how many members are present at the later point.
- **Art. 26. (1)** All decisions of the General Assembly are taken by majority of those present, except decisions on amendment of the Memorandum and transformation or dissolution of the Confederation, which require a decision by a qualified majority of two thirds of those present. Decisions cannot be made on issues that were not previously included in the agenda or properly disclosed in advance.
- (2) When there is need to address the issues not included in the agenda, the General Assembly may, by a majority of 2/3 of those present, add them for discussion and decision.

Art. 27. The General Assembly:

- 1. Amends the Memorandum of the Confederation.
- **2.** Elects members of the Board for a period of 5 (five) years; dissolves them preemptively for non-compliance with their obligations, for actions that violate the law, or other valid reasons.
- **3.** Elects Chairman and Secretaries of the Board for a period of 5 (five) years, who are also members of the Board; dissolves them preemptively for non-compliance with their obligations or decisions of the bodies of the Confederation, for actions that violate the law or other valid reasons.

- **4.** Approves and suspends members of the Confederation, upon a proposal of the Board.
- **5.** Decides to create other internal organs of the Confederation.
- **6.** Approves general direction and target programs for the activities of the Confederation.
- **7.** Approves reports from the Board and other bodies of the Confederation for their work and dissolves them from liability for their activities during the reporting period.
- **8.** Approves the budget of the Confederation.
- Decides on the transformation or termination of the Confederation.
- **10.** Cancels the decisions of other authorities of the Confederation, which are subject to appeal or are contrary to law.
- **11.** The General Assembly may provide further powers to the Board, with the exception of powers under art. 25, para. (2) of NPLEA.
- **Art. 28. (1)** The Board is a collective governing body of the Confederation. It consists of 3 or 5 members individuals elected amongst the members of the Confederation. The Board works ona public basis, except in the case of art. 29, para.7 of the Memorandum. The Board shall meet at least once every quarter of a year. Chairman of the Board shall convene the meeting at the request of 1/2 of the members, and if he fails to do so, the meeting may be convened by any interested board party within one week of the request.
- (2) Meetings of the Board are valid if attended by more than half of its members. To Board meetings may also be invited leaders of other authorities of the Confederation to participate in its work without having the right to be heard.
- (3) The Board decides by a majority of the members present. Decisions under art. 20, para. (1) and art. 23, para. (1) of the Memorandum are taken by a majority of 2/3 of the members, those under art.29 para. 5, para 10 and 13 are taken unanimously. Decisions of the Board may also be taken in accordance with art. 32, para (3) and para (5) of the NPLEA.
- **(4)** The decisions of the Board are not to be subject to appeal to another authority, unless it is not provided by law or this Memorandum.
- (5) All decisions and acts of the Board are immediately enforceable, unless otherwise provided in this Memorandum or by law.
- **Art. 29. (1)** The powers of the Board include:
- **1.** Organization and monitoring of the implementation of decisions of the General Assembly and is accountable to it.

- **2.** Ensuring implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly.
- **3.** Determining the order in which organized activities of the Confederation are carried out and is responsible for it.
- 4. Formulating the budget and submitting it for approval to the General Assembly.
- **5.** Determining payroll structure of the Confederation and the amount of remuneration of employees.
- **6.** Deciding on the participation of the Confederation in other organizations.
- **7.** Deciding on the property matters and submitting them for approval by the General Assembly.
- **8.** Preparation of activity reports and presenting them for approval to the General Assembly.
- **9.** Establishing sports awards, honors, and symbols of the Confederation.
- **10.** Entering contracts and committing on behalf of the Confederation, for which it explicitly authorizes a Board member.
- **11.** In the event of liquidation of the Confederation, defines the person who will carry out the liquidation process.
- **12.** Decides on establishing internal auxiliary bodies and determines their composition, adopts procedure rules and exercises overall control over their activities.
- **13.** Development and adaptation of internal regulations.
- **14.** Producing a sports calendar; organizing an annual award ceremony and support world ranking.

SECTION VIII

REPRESENTATION

- **Art. 30. (1)** The Confederation is represented in the country and abroad by the Chairman of the Board.
- **(2)** When the Chairman is absent or prevented from representing, the Board can authorize another member of the Board as representative.

SECTION IX

DURATION

Art. 31. The Confederation is established for an unlimited period of time.

SECTION X

SYMBOLS AND RITUALS

- **Art. 32. (1)** The Confederation has its own flag, emblem, letterhead, stamp, badge of honor, a certificate, and a badge.
- (2) The flag, emblem, letterhead, stamp, badge of honor, certificate, and badge of the Confederation contain the abbreviation of the International T-Class Confederation written in English.
- (3) The official website of the Confederation is <u>www.t-class.org</u>.

SECTION XI

TERMINATION AND LIQUIDATION

- **Art. 33.** The Confederation shall only be terminated:
- (1) By a decision of the General Assembly.
- (2) By decision of the competent court of the Confederation in case:
- 1. The Confederation is not established according to the law.
- **2.** The Confederation performs activity contrary to the law or contrary to public order or good morals.
- 3. When declared bankrupt.
- **Art. 34. (1)** Upon termination of the Confederation, liquidation is carried out. Liquidation is performed by a liquidator appointed by the Board according to the articles provided in the Memorandum.
- (2) In the cases provided by law, the liquidator is determined by the competent court of the Confederation.
- (3) The order of liquidation and the powers of the liquidator shall be determined by provisions in the Commercial Law and the Law for non-profit purposes.

SECTION XII

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

- **§1.** Changes to the Memorandum may be made under specified articles therein and in NPLEA.
- **§2.** The interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum shall apply to the general Bulgarian legislation and the provisions of the NPLEA.
- **§3.**The Memorandum was adopted unanimously by the Constituent Assembly of non-profit organization INTERNATIONAL T-CLASS CONFEDERATION, held on 20.07.2014 in the city of Sofia.

Chairman of the Assembly:	
	(Ivan Barzilov)
Secretary of the Assembly:	
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