# **The French Shooting Sports Federation**

#### **SHOOTING SPORT**

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• The 4<sup>th</sup> most popular individual sport in the world.

• The 5<sup>th</sup> most popular Olympic discipline in terms of practicing members.

#### THE FRENCH SHOOTING SPORTS FEDERATION

- Président : Philippe CROCHARD
- National Technical Director : Gilles MULLER

#### AFFILIATIONS

The French Shooting Sports Federation is affiliated to the following international federations:

- London Olympic Games, 2012 : two medals 390 shooters from 108 nations
  France ranked 8<sup>th</sup> (Olympic performance index)
- Rio Olympic Games, 2016 : two medals Eleven French competitors across eight events France ranked 8<sup>th</sup> (Olympic performance index)

The French Shooting Sports Federation acts on behalf of the Ministry of Sports, Youth, Popular Education and Community Projects and is a member of the CNOSF (French National Olympic and Sports Committee - Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français) and the CPSF (French National Paralympic and Sports Committee - Comité National Paralympique et Sportif Français).

- IPC International Paralympic Comitee
- **ISSF** International Shooting Sport Federation
- IAU International Crossbow Shooting Union (Internationale Ambrustschützen Union)
- **IPSC** International Practical Shooting Confederation
- IMSSU International Metallic Silhouette Shooting Union
- MLAIC Muzzle Loaders Associations International Commitee
- WBSF World Benchrest Shooting Federation

#### **12 DISCIPLINES**

- Crossbow, Historic Firearms, Benchrest, Rifle, Moving Target, Shooting Schools, Para-shooting, Pistol, Metallic Silhouettes, Shooting with regulation firearms, Clay Pigeon Shooting, and Practical Shooting.
- More than eighty types of event of which fifteen are Olympic disciplines and thirteen Paralympic disciplines.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Twenty-six championships organised in France each year.
  - Over four thousand participants in the French Championship for 10 metre shooting, and more than two thousand for the Shooting Schools Championship (shooters plus supervisors).

#### **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Fourteen Olympic medals since 1972: 3 Golds, 7 Silvers, 4 Bronzes.
- Sixty individual medallists at the World Championships between 1972 and 2016: 22 Golds, 16 Silvers, 22 Bronzes.
  - 189 World Cup medallists at the World Cup since 1986: 69 Golds, 50 Silvers, 70 Bronzes
- Twelve Crystal Globes since 1986.

#### HISTORY

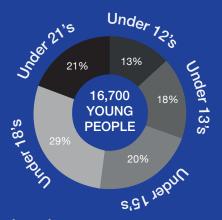
The descendant of a line of ancestors going back to the Middle Ages, the French Union of Shooting Associations (Union des Sociétés de Tir de France) was created in 1886. After the merging of several closely linked associations within the USTF, the French Shooting Sports Federation (Fédération Française de Tir) was founded in 1967. This non-profit making association has been officially recognised as serving the public good since 1971.

## Several years of regular and significant progress

May 2019

# 224,000 members

> Young people within the Federation



### Para-shooting

Although they had already been present in the major federal competitions for several years, para-shooters were fully integrated into the French Shooting Sports Federation on 1st January 2017 (Para-shooting delegation by order of the Ministry for Sport dated 31st December 2016).

#### National Shooting Sports Centre (Centre National de Tir Sportif or CNTS)

Inaugurated in May 2018, the CNTS is one of the largest shooting ranges in the world. It has shooting ranges from 10 to 600 metres with 5 skeet ranges and 33 Practical Shooting firing lines.

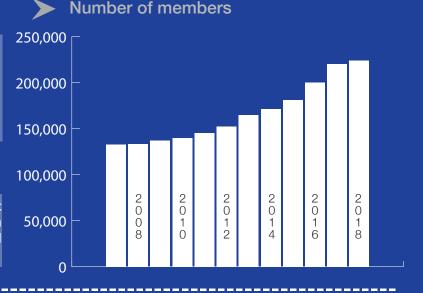
## **12 Disciplines**

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> Women within the Federation

History might have made Shooting an exclusively masculine discipline. And yet, even though the number of women practicing Shooting Sports is still too low (around 11%), it is steadily increasing, in particular thanks to the Plan for Feminisation put in place by the French Shooting Sports Federation since 2013.

Its effects may already be seen, in particular for the youngest, where girls represent almost 30% of members, and for high level sportspeople, where women represent 45% of members.





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