

The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint 2022

Concept for the development of the ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint 2022

1. The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint 2022

The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint 2022 (GPTS) consists of up to 7 stages at different venues.

At each stage of the GPTS the following events will be conducted:

- - Individual Events
- - Mixed Pair Team Events

A GPTS stage therefore consists of two days of competition (respectively three days if an open training day is offered by the organizer the day prior to the first competitions).

The individual events will be conducted in the following age groups:

- - Women / Men
- - Junior W / Junior M

Team events will be conducted in both, the Women/Men and the Junior Women/Junior Men age group (If nations are not able to send Teams for both age groups, Juniors (m/w) are allowed to compete in the Women/Men team events).

2. The ISSF Grand Prix Target Sprint stages

Competition stages (stage 1- 7) – Individual Events

In the individual events, a maximum of 3 to 4 qualification heats per age group should be conducted. Depending on the number of participating nations, there will be a maximum of 6 starting places per nation. The 10 fastest athletes in the qualification heats qualify for the final heat of the respective age group. If we have less than 11 athletes per age group registered, no qualification heat's will be held, instead 2 final races will be held in which the two run times will be added together, and the athlete with the best overall time will be the winner.

The 10 athletes in each final of the Competition stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final; points for athletes on places 11-15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat.

Points for the ranking system will be awarded after each competition stage according to table 1. Athletes may take part in an unlimited number of Competition Stages, but only the points from their best 4 Competition Stage positions will be included in the Ranking List after the fifth stage. After the last stage, positions in the GPTS Ranking will be awarded according to the standing in the ranking list.

Table: 1 Points

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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Competition stages (stages 1-7) – Mixed Pair Team Events

The team events will be conducted as Mixed Pair team events in the Women/Men and Junior Women/Junior Men age group. Each nation may nominate a maximum of 6 teams per age group. The team composition is up to each nation and may vary between the different qualification stages. If a Nation is not able to send teams for both age groups Juniors are allowed to compete in the Women/Men team events.

At the competition stages, qualification heats and a final heat will be conducted in the team events. If we have less than 12 teams per age group registered, no qualification heat's will be held, instead 2 final races will be held in which the two run times will be added together, and the team with the best overall time will be the winner.

The 10 fastest teams of all qualification heats qualify for the final heat. The 10 teams in the finals of the qualification stages will receive ranking points according to their position in the final heat; points for teams on places 11-15 will be awarded according to their time in the qualification heat (Table 1)

There is a restriction on the awarding of points in the team events of the qualification stages, so each nation can bring in up to 6 teams per class to the start, but only the three first-placed teams of a nation are considered for the points classification. The points of all teams of one nation will be summed up for a nation ranking.

3. Preliminary timetable:

The 2022 ISSF GPTS season plan:

1. Competition	26.02 to 4 th of March	Cairo	EGY
2. Competition	6 th to 8 th of May	Dingolfing	GER
3. Competition	26 th to 28 th of May	Auer	ITA
4. Competition	16 th to 18 th of June	Lucerne	SUI
5. Competition	15 th to 17 th of July	Newport	GBR
6. Competition	29 th to 31 st of July	Miskolc	HUN
7. Competition	19 th to 21 st of Aug	Novi Sad	SRB

Competition schedule:

Pre event training	first Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official training session (not mandatory) 	15:00 – 18:00
Individual events	second Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification heats Final heats 	09:00 to 12:00 14:00 to 16:00
Team events	third Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification heats Final heats 	09:00 to 11:00 11:00 to 12:00

4. Duties of ISSF

The invitation documents for the GPTS 2022 will be published by the ISSF and forwarded to all Member Federations ASAP; at the same time, the dates of the GPTS stages will be published on the ISSF calendar. The necessary documents will be forwarded to the ISSF by the organizers of the respective GPTS stage.

The official result books of each GPTS stage as well as the actual GPTS individual and nation rankings will be published by the ISSF. The result books as well as the actual GPTS individual and nation rankings will be sent to the ISSF by the respective organizer until 10:00 pm of the final competition day.

The ISSF provides the medals for all events at all GPTS stages in case the Organizers request the ISSF to do so and get the ISSF approval of the logo for the competitions at least two months before the arrival day

5. Duties of the organizer

All organizers acknowledge the applicable ISSF rules and regulations and commit themselves to their implementation.

The organizer commits to forward the result book as well as the actual GPTS individual and nation rankings to the ISSF until 10:00 pm of the final competition day.

The invitation to each GPTS stage will be prepared by the respective organizer and send to the ISSF ASAP. The ISSF will then send the invitations to all GPTS stages to the Member Federations. The organiser commits to communicate an invitation to their Grand Prix event to all ISSF Member Federations in addition to the other four host Member Federations to encourage maximum ISSF Member Federation participation.

The invitations must include the following information:

- Information on the competition date incl. preliminary competition schedule
- Information on the location and venue of the competition
- Information on possible accommodation for the teams

The competitions should preferably be run in an attractive urban environment (e.g. city or town centre) in order to create a proximity to the spectators. To increase the event character, the competitions should be accompanied by a speaker and appealing music. The GPTS Final in particular should be run at an iconic venue in a media and spectator attracting setting (e.g. also in connection with a city festival).

The organizer secures a short-termed conduction of the award ceremonies immediately after the last final (no later than 30 minutes after the end of the last final.)

- Exception: The organizer will hold the award ceremony in a different location (e.g. the award ceremony on Saturday evening in the context of a reception etc.)

- An exception for the award ceremony of the mixed team competitions is only permitted if it has no influence on the departure of the teams after the competitions or award ceremony.

The organizers strive for an appropriate media presentation of the competitions.

Each organizer is free to seek support from sponsors for the organization of their GPTS stage. However, the suitability of the sponsors must be checked and approved by the ISSF

6. Registration

The registration of the individual athletes and the teams must be done by the ISSF Member Federations directly to the organizer of the respective GPTS stage using the registration procedure announced in the invitation.

In the individual events, a maximum of 6 athletes per age group can be registered by each nation. A name changes of athletes due to illness, etc. is possible up to the day before the start of the individual event and has to be done by the team leader directly informing the organizer.

For the Mixed Pair team events, a maximum of 6 teams per nation can be registered. The composition of the teams by name must be made no later than the day before the team event. Details will be announced by the respective organizers in the invitation

7. Awards

To make the GPTS an attractive competition format, attractive awards/prizes should be announced as follows:

- GPTS Competition stages: Medals
- GPTS Final individual ranking: Medals + Championship Cups
- GPTS Final mixed team ranking: Championship Cups

The organizers are free to award additional attractive prizes for the champions.