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Dear CSF Member,

From the messages I have received over recent days, the article in the Hindustan Times and subsequent Press articles have sent shockwaves through the CSF.

There are two basic issues;

- 1 Cancellation of the ISSF World Cup
- 2 Range construction

Cancellation of the World Cup is entirely to do with the IOC not allowing the ISSF to allocate any Olympic quota until 24 months before the opening date of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Consequently all ISSF World Cups in 2010 will not have quota and attendance will be affected.

NRAI have decided that to conduct the 2010 World Cup could therefore be a financial risk and with no financial support from other agencies, decided to cancel their hosting of the World Cup.

The second comment attributed to the NRAI Secretary General Baljit Singh Sethi, which he assures me he did not make, was an inference that the ranges would not be ready for the World Cup in March.

This immediately set off alarm bells - if not ready by March, how can we conduct the CSFC in February.

Let me assure you that the ranges are due for completion of construction and installation of all targets by 31 December and I am happy this target can be met. I see no reason why the CSFC cannot proceed as scheduled.

Over recent weeks I have been working with NRAI on the final documents for the CSFC. I attach a copy for your reference and trust that the areas, for which I have received many requests for clarification, have in fact been clarified.

I will issue a further letter in a few days highlighting other areas relevant to the CSFC. In the interim, if you have not submitted the Preliminary Entry form to NRAI, please do so to allow evaluation of whether all scheduled events will proceed.

Regards

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