

## REGULATIONS FOR THE HENRY DUNANT MEDAL

*adopted by the 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference (Vienna, 1965)  
and revised by the 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference (Manila, 1981) which,  
In its Decision II, empowered the Council of Delegates to deal with all matters  
relating to the Henry Dunant Medal, including proposals  
to amend these Regulations*

1. The Henry Dunant Medal is intended to recognize and reward outstanding services and acts of great devotion, mainly of international significance, to the cause of the Red Cross<sup>1</sup> by any of its members.
2. Criteria for the award of the Medal include risks run and arduous conditions endangering life, health and personal freedom. It may also be awarded for a long period of devoted service to the International Red Cross<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Henry Dunant Medal is a red cross bearing the profile of Henry Dunant in relief, attached to a green ribbon. When worn with other Red Cross<sup>3</sup> badges or decorations it takes precedence,
4. The Henry Dunant Medal shall be awarded every two years by decision of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross<sup>4</sup> in plenary session. Exceptionally the Standing Commission may, provided all its members expressly agree, award the Medal at once without regard to the two-year interval and even without meeting in plenum.
5. No more than five Medals shall normally be awarded every two years. The Standing Commission shall be free to reduce that number or in exceptional cases to increase it.
6. The Henry Dunant Medal may be awarded posthumously to members who have died recently.
7. Nominations for the award of the Medal should be addressed to the Secretariat of the Standing Commission, giving full details and wherever possible enclosing supporting documents and testimonies. Individuals may be proposed for the award by National Societies, the ICRC, the League<sup>5</sup>, or a member of the Standing Commission.
8. Candidates need not be members of the Red Cross organization proposing them.
9. Before the Standing Commission meets, its Secretariat shall submit candidates' files to a joint meeting<sup>6</sup> of the League and the ICRC empowered to recommend the rejection of any obviously ineligible candidates or to ask for further information to be added to a candidate's file before it is passed to the Standing Commission.
10. The Chairman of the Standing Commission shall present the Medals at a plenary meeting of the Council of Delegates. If the beneficiary or a member of his family is not present the Medal will be handed to the President or senior representative of the National Society or of the institution concerned for presentation to the beneficiary on behalf of the Chairman of the Standing Commission.

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<sup>4</sup> Since adoption of the 1986 version of the Statutes of the Movement, "Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent"

<sup>5</sup> Since 28 November 1991, "Federation", as short for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

<sup>6</sup> See Article 35 of the "Agreement between the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies", of 20 October 1989, Chapter VII above.