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*adopted by the 20th International Conference (Vienna, 1965),
revised by the 24th 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,
and revised by the Council of Delegates (Geneva, 2022)¹*

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 International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement) 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 Movement.
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 and/or Red Crescent 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 Red Cross and Red Crescent (Standing Commission) 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 be awarded every two years. The Standing Commission may increase that number in exceptional cases.
6. The Henry Dunant Medal may be awarded posthumously to members who have died recently.
7. Any person may be nominated for the Medal on the basis of their achievements as a volunteer or staff member of a component of the Movement. No distinction of any kind may be made regarding eligibility, e.g. on the basis of gender; age; language; political, religious or philosophical beliefs; national, ethnic or social origins; or health. The components of the Movement, in the nomination process, and the Standing Commission, in the choice of recipients, shall foster diversity and inclusion and uphold the highest standards of integrity and ethics.
8. Individuals may be nominated for the Medal either individually by National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (National Societies), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and members of the Standing Commission, or jointly by a group of them. Any component of the Movement may nominate one of its own members or a member of another Red Cross and Red Crescent organization. Leaders at the governance or directorate levels of the ICRC and the IFRC and members of the Standing Commission shall not be nominated for the Medal while they are still in office. The Medal shall not be awarded to an individual who is a candidate in that same year for a high-ranking elected post or other Movement-wide or IFRC leadership position.
9. Nominations for the award of the Medal shall be submitted to the Secretariat of the Standing Commission at least eight months before the opening of the Council of Delegates at which the Medal is to be presented, giving full details and wherever possible enclosing supporting documents and personal statements from supporters.

¹ [Resolution 3 of the 2022 Council of Delegates](#). These Regulations are supplemented by the "[Guidelines for awarding the Henry Dunant Medal and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Prize for Peace and Humanity](#)", which were adopted by the Standing Commission on 9 December 2020 and subsequently circulated within the Movement.

10. Before the Standing Commission decides, its Secretariat shall convene a meeting of the Standing Commission's Joint Nomination Review Group, made up of representatives of the IFRC and the ICRC. Its role is to recommend the rejection of any obviously ineligible candidates, seek further information to be added to candidates' files and advise the Standing Commission regarding the eligibility, merits and integrity of the candidates.
11. The Chair of the Standing Commission shall present the Medals at a plenary meeting of the Council of Delegates. If the beneficiary or a member of their family is not present, the Medal will be handed to the president or a senior representative of the National Society or of the institution concerned for presentation to the beneficiary on behalf of the Chair of the Standing Commission.