



ELECTORAL REGULATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING  
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## 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 Scope of application

- 1.1.1 These Electoral Regulations regulate the organisation of elections in the IFSC General Assembly for all aspects not expressly provided for by the IFSC Statutes. In the event of any inconsistency or contradiction between these Electoral Regulations and the IFSC Statutes, the IFSC Statutes shall prevail. Unless otherwise stated herein, all capitalised terms shall have the meaning given to them in the IFSC Statutes.
- 1.1.2 The Electoral Regulations shall govern the elections of President, Vice-Presidents, and Continental Board Members.
- 1.1.3 The general principles of the Electoral Regulations are applicable by analogy to all other elections within the IFSC (if any).
- 1.1.4 The Electoral Regulations shall apply to all persons who have the right to vote in IFSC elections.
- 1.1.5 The Electoral Regulations shall apply to all persons who are Candidates for IFSC elections, as from the time they declare themselves Candidates or potential Candidates for a given office or engage in campaigning or similar activities.

### 1.2 General principles

- 1.2.1 All elections within the IFSC must be carried out through a fair, open, and transparent process, in accordance with the Basic Principles of Good Governance which are upheld by the IOC. All electoral activities shall be carried out by an impartial and effective administration.
- 1.2.2 Electoral campaigns shall be carried out in a fair, respectful, and reputable manner, in accordance with fundamental ethical principles.
- 1.2.3 Voters must be free in their decision and not be interfered with by threats, fear, bribery, or force.
- 1.2.4 The endorsement of a candidacy is possible, but without creating any undue pressure on voters and in the full respect of these Electoral Regulations.

### 1.3 Membership and right to vote

- 1.3.1 Each National Federation represented in the General Assembly has one vote.
- 1.3.2 National Federations exercise their right to vote through their delegate(s).
- 1.3.3 Delegates may only represent their nominating National Federation and one (1) other National Federation by means of a written proxy.
- 1.3.4 In case of elections, all complaints regarding the right to vote and its exercise must be brought before the elections and shall be finally decided by the Nomination Committee.
- 1.3.5 At the opening of the elections in the General Assembly, the chair of the Nomination Committee reports on the complete list of those entitled to vote and answers any questions and comments.

### 1.4 Eligibility

- 1.4.1 The eligibility criteria set out in appendix to this document ("IFSC Eligibility Criteria") are established by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly.
- 1.4.2 Compliance of candidacies with the eligibility criteria is examined by the Nomination Committee.
- 1.4.3 Any complaints regarding the eligibility of a Candidate must be brought before the elections and shall be finally decided by the Nomination Committee.



## 1.5 Nominations of Candidates by National Federations

- 1.5.1 The calling notice for elections shall be sent to the National Federations at least one-hundred-twenty (120) days ahead of the date of the respective General Assembly meeting (see Section 10.3.1 of the Statutes). The calling notice shall include all relevant information (calendar, deadlines, positions for election, job specifications and eligibility requirements).
- 1.5.2 Nominations shall be submitted by the National Federations to the IFSC Office using the template Nomination Form issued by the IFSC Office no later than sixty (60) days before the General Assembly (see Section 10.10.1.3 of the Statutes).
- 1.5.3 A National Federation can propose up to two (2) Candidates for the position of President or the positions of Vice-President and/or Continental Board Member (see Section 10.10.1.5 of the Statutes). Accordingly, a Candidate cannot be nominated for more than one position.
- 1.5.4 If a National Federation submits two (2) Candidates for consideration, they shall be of different gender. If one of either Candidates is elected for a position, the other Candidate will be removed from the remaining election procedure (see Section 10.10.1.5 of the Statutes).
- 1.5.5 A National Federation can only nominate persons holding a valid passport with the nationality of the nominating National Federation (see Section 10.10.1.3 of the Statutes).
- 1.5.6 The decision to nominate a Candidate must be approved by each National Federation in accordance with the procedures established by their statutes and must be communicated, both to the Candidate and to IFSC Office.
- 1.5.7 The endorsement of a Candidate may not be withdrawn by the nominating National Federation once approved and communicated to the IFSC Office. A Candidate may withdraw their candidacy at any time.
- 1.5.8 Suspended National Federations are not allowed to submit nominations of Candidates.

## 1.6 Candidacies

- 1.6.1 Every person who intends to stand for elections shall submit an application form to be drawn up by the IFSC Office and approved by the Executive Board.
- 1.6.2 The application form shall include:
  - 1.6.2.1 personal data of the Candidate (first name, family name, place and date of birth, citizenship, residence and domicile, e-mail address, telephone number);
  - 1.6.2.2 a declaration of the Candidate regarding whether the Candidate (i) enjoys civil rights in the state of citizenship or residence, (ii) incurred any measure or sanction in relation to any violation of the IFSC Statutes and/or IFSC Rules and Regulations or any other applicable provisions issued by the IFSC, (iii) incurred any measure or sanction in relation to any violation of regulations issued by a National Federation, (iv) incurred any measure or sanction in relation to any violation punished as a criminal offence at a national or international level, and (v) considers that there are reasons for a possible conflict of interest or incompatibility with the position for which the Candidate is running and, if so, how the Candidate intends to eliminate them if elected;
  - 1.6.2.3 a brief curriculum vitae of the Candidate, with an explanation as to how the Candidate intends to satisfy the requirements for the relevant position, including particulars of the experience, skills and qualities which the Candidate would bring to the position if elected;
  - 1.6.2.4 the nomination received from the National Federation of the Candidate's nationality;
  - 1.6.2.5 a short declaration of candidacy to be published on the IFSC website, subject to the Candidate's consent to the publication; and
  - 1.6.2.6 the signature of the Candidate (electronic, scanned, or original).
- 1.6.3 The Nomination Committee may request the Candidate to submit additional information, further documents or more specific details or declarations at any time.



- 1.6.4 All candidacies meeting the requested criteria and having been duly examined by the Nomination Committee shall be declared valid and admissible. The list of valid candidacies shall be published on the IFSC website and made accessible to the National Federations.

## 2 ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS

### 2.1 Campaigning

- 2.1.1 Electoral campaigning and promotion of candidacies are allowed only to the extent permitted under the Electoral Regulations and during the electoral period. The electoral period starts one-hundred-twenty (120) days before elections. Promotion means any act or action that may enhance the level of awareness of a particular candidacy including, but not limited to, advertising, campaigns or any organised or planned activities for the election of a Candidate, whether as an activity by Candidates, by National Federations, or other individuals or institutions acting with the aim of supporting Candidates.
- 2.1.2 All acts of promotion in favour of a Candidate shall be carried out honestly, fairly, and respectfully vis-à-vis other Candidates. The purpose of electoral campaigns is to outline the positions and character of the Candidate, so as to allow the National Federations to take informed decisions. Any act or tactic interfering with this aim shall be considered as unethical campaigning.
- 2.1.3 Candidates may accept interviews, participate in or hold press conferences and may use social media and any other channels to promote their candidacies, provided they comply with the Electoral Regulations and any other IFSC Rules and Regulations.

### 2.2 Right to support a Candidate

- 2.2.1 Any person and National Federation have the right to support a candidacy.
- 2.2.2 Candidates may receive financial support by National Federations or third parties, exclusively for essential campaign expenses.

### 2.3 Sanctioned practices

- 2.3.1 Candidates should not directly or indirectly solicit, accept, or offer any form of remuneration or commission, or any benefit or service of any nature, connected with any election.
- 2.3.2 Candidates should not enter into any form of arrangement with any individual or organisation that is likely to affect their freedom of decision or action if elected.
- 2.3.3 Candidates should not make payments, directly or indirectly, to persons affiliated to media representatives in order to promote their candidacies. Advertising in periodicals, web pages or other media is permitted.
- 2.3.4 Candidates shall not do anything of any nature likely to harm the image or reputation of another Candidate including, but not limited to, discriminate them on account of race, national or social origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, political opinion, or other reason.
- 2.3.5 Candidates shall not engage in any act with the intent to defraud or manipulate the result of the vote.
- 2.3.6 Candidates who stand for re-election shall not abuse their powers and should not use any IFSC resources on their campaigns. The IFSC Office shall maintain neutrality at all times.
- 2.3.7 Candidates shall refrain from engaging in electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period.



### 3 ORGANISATION OF THE ELECTIONS

#### 3.1 Organisation of the meeting

- 3.1.1 Elections can be held only if listed as a specific point in the agenda of the meeting of the General Assembly, communicated to the National Federations in accordance with the modalities set out in the IFSC Statutes.
- 3.1.2 Elections are preferably organised at the occasion of a meeting in person. If the circumstances so require, elections may also be held by videoconference or by any other means of communication or a combination thereof. The Executive Board shall decide and organise the logistics of the meeting.

#### 3.2 Chair of the meeting

- 3.2.1 The sitting President of the IFSC chairs the meetings of the General Assembly also during elections.
- 3.2.2 In case the President in office is one of the Candidates up for election, during the election of the Presidential ticket, the meeting shall be chaired by the Chair of the Nomination Committee.
- 3.2.3 After the election of the Presidential ticket, the meeting continues to be chaired by the President still in office (see also Section 3.7.1 below).

#### 3.3 The Nomination Committee

- 3.3.1 To secure a due and fair electoral process, elections shall be held under the supervision of the Nomination Committee.
- 3.3.2 The Nomination Committee is competent to decide on all aspects related to electoral process, unless otherwise provided by the Statutes and the Electoral Regulations.
- 3.3.3 The members of the Nomination Committee may not themselves be Candidates in the election and may not participate in any way in the electoral campaign.

#### 3.4 Presentation of Candidates

- 3.4.1 Candidates shall be presented to the General Assembly in alphabetical order, unless otherwise determined by the Nomination Committee. Candidates for the office of President shall be presented first, followed by those for the office of Vice Presidents, followed by those for the office of Continental Board Members.
- 3.4.2 Each Candidate will be given a specified time to be fixed by the Nomination Committee (e.g. 10 minutes for President, 5 minutes for Vice-Presidents and Continental Board Members) on stage to make a presentation of their programme, vision and objectives for the term if elected to the General Assembly. Subject to approval by the Nomination Committee, the Candidates may use visual aids and/or materials during their presentations.
- 3.4.3 Following all Candidate presentations, the General Assembly shall have a specified time to be fixed by the Nomination Committee for a question-and-answer session where delegates can pose questions to the Candidates. A predetermined time limit may be set by the Nomination Committee for each Candidate to respond to questions.
- 3.4.4 Following the question-and-answer session, the delegates (including those of the Candidate's nominating National Federation) may be given the opportunity to express their views on the Candidates.

#### 3.5 Voting

- 3.5.1 Voting during elections shall be conducted electronically and shall be secret.
- 3.5.2 The Executive Board is competent to decide the Electronic Voting system to be used. The Nomination Committee has the right to test the system in advance.
- 3.5.3 If appropriate, ballot papers should be prepared as a backup system. The Nomination Committee shall decide how to prepare and distribute ballot papers. In principle, ballot papers should be printed in advance of vote with the Candidates' full names listed in alphabetical order for each vote. In preparation for the possibility of several rounds of voting, extra ballot papers should be prepared, of different colours and clearly marked for each round of voting.



- 3.5.4 A list with the Candidates for each office shall be circulated before the elections.
- 3.5.5 Each voter may vote for up to the maximum possible number of vacant positions. If a paper ballot is used and the voter votes for more, the ballot is not valid. Valid votes are those where a mark has been made within the box on the ballot paper.

**3.6 Counting of votes and declaration of results**

- 3.6.1 If a paper ballot is used, the votes shall be counted by the two (2) tellers appointed by the General Assembly at the beginning of the meeting. If appropriate, they shall be assisted by an adequate number of additional scrutineers to be appointed *ad hoc* by the General Assembly to count the votes.
- 3.6.2 The chair of the General Assembly meeting – during the election of the Presidential ticket the chair of the Nomination Committee – shall officially announce the results of the vote.

**3.7 Taking office**

- 3.7.1 The Candidates elected as President, Vice-President or Continental Board Member take office immediately after the conclusion of the General Assembly at which the election took place.

**4 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

- 4.1 The President shall be elected prior to the election of the four (4) Vice-Presidents (see Section 10.10.1.4 of the Statutes).
- 4.2 The President shall be elected by the majority of all Valid Votes cast (see Section 10.10.2.1 of the Statutes). The term “Valid Votes” means any vote which is duly cast by a National Federation in the General Assembly, including any vote declared as yes, no or abstention (see Section 20.1 of the Statutes).
- 4.3 The Ballot for the election of President (electronic or on paper) shall in principle look as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E
<input type="checkbox"/> etc.

- 4.4 Each voter will be allowed to cross the box for only one Candidate.
- 4.5 If no Candidate obtains the majority of all Valid Votes cast in the first round, there will be a second round in which the Candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is eliminated. This procedure shall be repeated until a Candidate receives the majority of all Valid Votes cast (see Section 10.10.2.2 of the Statutes).
- 4.6 In the event of a tie between two Candidates with the fewest votes, there will be an intermediate voting round between those who tied to determine the Candidate to be eliminated. In case of a further tie, the Candidate to be eliminated will be determined by way of a draw (see Section 10.10.2.3 of the Statutes).
- 4.7 The draw will be resolved by a coin toss. The chair of the Nomination Committee will conduct the coin toss. The coin toss will take place in a public and transparent manner, witnessed by the tellers elected by the General Assembly and the other members of the Nomination Committee.
- 4.8 The result of the coin toss will be immediately announced to the General Assembly. The Candidate who wins the coin toss will be declared to advance to the next round.



**5 ELECTION OF THE FOUR (4) VICE-PRESIDENTS**

- 5.1 The four (4) Vice-Presidents shall be elected after the election of the President and prior to the election of the five (5) Continental Board Members (see Section 10.10.1.4 of the Statutes).
- 5.2 The four (4) Vice-Presidents shall be elected in one single voting round (see Section 10.10.3.1 of the Statutes).
- 5.3 The four (4) Candidates with the most votes are elected, it being noted that there must be at least two (2) Vice-Presidents in total of each gender (see Section 10.10.3.2 of the Statutes).
- 5.4 The Ballot for the election of the four (4) Vice-Presidents (electronic or on paper) shall in principle look as follows:

<b>Female Candidates</b>	<b>Male Candidates</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E
<input type="checkbox"/> etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> etc.

- 5.5 Each voter will be allowed to cross up to two (2) boxes in both the female group and the male group of Candidates, i.e., up to four (4) boxes in total.
- 5.6 The two (2) Candidates of each gender with the most votes are deemed to be elected (see Section 10.10.3.2 of the Statutes).
- 5.7 If there is a tie between Candidates for one of the open seats, there will be an additional voting round between those who tied to determine the Candidate to be eliminated. In case of a further tie, the winner will be determined by way of a draw (see Section 10.10.3.2 of the Statutes).
- 5.8 The draw will be resolved by a coin toss. The chair of the Nomination Committee will conduct the coin toss. The coin toss will take place in a public and transparent manner, witnessed by the tellers elected by the General Assembly and the other members of the Nomination Committee.
- 5.9 The result of the coin toss will be immediately announced to the General Assembly. The Candidate who wins the coin toss will be declared the winner of the election for the open seat at issue.



6 ELECTION OF THE CONTINENTAL BOARD MEMBERS

- 6.1 Following the election of the Vice-Presidents, the five (5) Continental Board Members shall be elected in one single voting round (Section 10.10.4.1 of the Statutes).
- 6.2 The five (5) Candidates with the most votes are elected as Continental Board Members, it being noted that there must be at least one (1) Continental Board Member from each of the five (5) IFSC-recognised Continents (see Section 10.10.4.2 and Section 15.1 of the Statutes).
- 6.3 Candidates must hold a valid passport with the nationality of their nominating National Federation; such National Federation must pertain to the Continent for which the Candidate is running.
- 6.4 The Ballot for the election of the five (5) Continental Board Members (electronic or on paper) shall in principle look as follows:

Africa	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Pan America
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate B
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate C
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate E
<input type="checkbox"/> etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> etc.

- 6.5 Each voter will be allowed to cross up to one (1) box in each of the continental groups (up to one for Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and Pan America), i.e., up to five (5) boxes in total.
- 6.6 The Candidate with the most votes from each of the five (5) Continents will be deemed elected (see Section 10.10.4.2 of the Statutes).
- 6.7 If there is a tie between Candidates for one of the open seats, there will be an additional voting round between those who tied to determine the Candidate to be eliminated. In case of a further tie, the winner will be determined by way of a draw (see Section 10.10.4.2 of the Statutes).
- 6.8 The draw will be resolved by a coin toss. The Chair of the Nomination Committee will conduct the coin toss. The coin toss will take place in a public and transparent manner, witnessed by the tellers elected by the General Assembly and the other members of the Nomination Committee.
- 6.9 The result of the coin toss will be immediately announced to the General Assembly. The Candidate who wins the coin toss will be declared the winner of the election for the open seat at issue.

7 VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS

- 7.1 Candidates and any other persons or entities acting in their favour or for their benefit shall be considered as responsible for any sanctioned practice (see Section 2.3 above) and any act of promotion that is prohibited under the Electoral Regulations or other relevant IFSC Rules and Regulations.
- 7.2 In the event of any infringement of the Electoral Regulations or other applicable IFSC Rules and Regulations, the Nomination Committee may, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Disciplinary Rules, decide on appropriate sanctions, including the withdrawal of a Candidate. However, the exclusion of a Candidate cannot be imposed in the period starting from twenty (20) days before elections (because otherwise the Candidate would not have the possibility to challenge the decision by way of appeal to CAS).
- 7.3 The Nomination Committee is competent to decide on all complaints concerning alleged breaches of the applicable IFSC Rules and Regulations by Candidates to elective positions, if submitted in the two months before elections and until the conclusion of the elections.