

**06** / **IBU RULES FOR ELECTIONS  
AND VOTING AT THE CONGRESS**

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## **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1** These Rules apply to voting procedures and elections held at the Congress.

## **2. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

- 2.1.1.** Nominations must be submitted as stipulated in Article 16.10 of the IBU Constitution and signed by the president or secretary general of the respective national federation. They must also be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee.
- 2.1.2** The nomination made by the Athletes Committee for its representative on the Technical Committee must only be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee.
- 2.2** The personal presence of the candidate(s) at the Congress is desirable but is not mandatory.
- 2.3** If there is no previous nominated candidate, members present at the Congress may nominate a candidate present at the Congress by a qualified majority and proceed with the election.

## **3. CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS**

- 3.1** The correct conduct of elections for IBU functions is the responsibility of the Election Committee. The Election Committee is elected by the Congress upon the proposal of the Chairperson of the Congress. The Chairperson of the Election Committee should be a member of the Legal Committee.
- 3.2** Prior to the elections, the Chairperson of the Election Committee is to explain the voting procedures, including the criteria for a vote to be valid.
- 3.3** The elections are to be conducted in the order stated in the agenda in compliance with the Constitution.
- 3.4** As a rule, elections are to be conducted by secret ballot using ballot papers. The Congress may, however, decide by simple majority to proceed to an open vote, e.g. by a show of hands or by acclamation, if the number of candidates equals the number of positions/functions to be filled.

- 3.5** Voting may be conducted by electronic devices if so decided by the Congress by simple majority. The electronic voting system and the conduct of voting are to be checked and monitored by the Tellers of the votes.
- 3.6** Votes by ballot are to be counted by the Election Committee and the Tellers of votes. Counting is confidential and must be conducted in a separate room. The result of the election is to be announced by the chairperson of the Election Committee.

### 4. ELECTIONS

#### 4.1 Executive Board

- 4.1.1** The President, the First Vice-President and the Vice-President of Finance are to be elected individually in the order defined in the Constitution. If there is more than one candidate nominated for any of these positions, the candidate who receives the simple majority of votes in the first ballot is elected.
- 4.1.2** If no candidate receives a simple majority, a second ballot is to be held among the two candidates (including tied candidates) who received the most votes in the first ballot. The candidate who receives a simple majority in the second ballot is elected. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.
- 4.1.3** If there is only one candidate nominated for any of the above positions, he/she will be elected by simple majority of the votes.
- 4.1.4** The remaining six (6) members of the Executive Board will be elected from a list of nominated candidates. The six (6) candidates who receive the most votes are elected.
- 4.1.5** In case of a tie for the last place or places, a second ballot is to be conducted among the tied candidates. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

## **4.2 Technical Committee**

**4.2.1** Ten (10) members of the Technical Committee will be elected from a list of nominated candidates. The ten (10) candidates who receive the most votes are elected for the ten positions on the Technical Committee.

In case of a tie for the last place or places, a second ballot is to be conducted among the tied candidates. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

**4.2.2** The eleventh (11) member of the Technical Committee is the Athletes' Committee nominee, whose election is to be confirmed by the Congress by simple majority.

## **4.3 Elected Auditors**

The two auditors receiving the most votes are elected. In case of a tie, a second ballot is to be conducted among the tied candidates. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

## **4.4 Election of Auditing Firm**

The auditing firm(s) is (are) nominated by the Executive Board. The auditing firm is elected by a simple majority of the votes. In case of a tie, a second ballot is to be conducted among the tied candidates. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

## **4.5 Host of IBU World Championships**

The host of the IBU World Championships is elected by a simple majority of votes.

If no candidate receives the simple majority of the votes, a second ballot is to be held among the two candidates (including tied candidates) who received the most votes in the first ballot. The candidate who receives the simple majority of votes in the second ballot is elected. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

### 4.6 Host of the next IBU Congress

The host of the next IBU Congress is elected by a simple majority of votes. If no candidate receives the simple majority of the votes, a second ballot is to be held among the two candidates (including tied candidates) who received the most votes in the first ballot. The candidate who receives the simple majority of votes in the second ballot is elected. In case of a tie in the second ballot, a third ballot is to be held. In case of a tie in the third ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

## 5. VOTING ON MOTIONS

- 5.1 Motions must be submitted as stipulated in the Constitution.
- 5.2 The correct conduct of voting on motions is the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Congress.
- 5.3 Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution.

## 6. DEFINITIONS AND COUNTING OF VOTES

- 6.1 "Simple majority" within these Rules means more than 50% of the votes cast. "Qualified majority" means two thirds (2/3) or more of the votes cast.
- 6.2 Abstentions and invalid votes are not considered to be votes cast. They will be disregarded.