

2022 IWF Electoral Congress Voting Guidelines

Tirana, Albania

These guidelines are issued as guidance to explain the procedure for Member Federations to vote at the 2022 IWF Electoral Congress in Tirana, Albania 25-26 June 2022.

The voting will be conducted on the basis of the IWF Constitution August 2021, further amended January 2022.

For those in the Congress Hall, paper ballots will be used for the Electoral Congress. As per the IWF Constitution where Member Federations are physically not able to attend in person can vote by a secure electronic voting system.

Each Member Federation in good standing with the IWF, is allowed one voting delegate which must be designated in advance of the IWF Congress.

Each Member Federation has one vote only per Election.

All matters relating to the conduct and protocols of the IWF Elections rest with the Electoral Manager, approved by the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission, Legal Commission and the Appointed Auditor.

Final decision on all matters of legal interpretation and validity of the IWF Elections are at the discretion of the Electoral Commission.

To ensure complete fairness for all candidates of for IWF Elections and to have complete equality, no speeches or presentations, by the candidates or relating to the candidates, will be allowed before and during the Elections.

Any withdrawal of candidates before the Election should be made to the Election Manager prior to the vote.

The Election Manager will announce during the Electoral Congress each candidature before the vote and this will be the final time any candidate can withdraw from that Election. For fairness to all candidates, it is strictly forbidden for a candidate to announce their withdrawal in support of another candidate.

For single elections (eg. President, Secretary General Treasurer) the winner will be by simple majority. This means the winner must achieve 50% plus 1 additional vote of the total Quorum (Those eligible Member Federations present for the Congress that are of Good Standing to the IWF with voting rights).

Should there be no candidates that make the simple majority (50% +1), then the two best candidates with the most votes will have a second round of voting to determine the winner. Should there be a tie for the two top voting candidates then the tied candidates will all

progress to the second round of voting (Which could result in more than two candidates contesting the second round of voting).

For the Congress vote on the principle, in article 22.2 in the IWF Constitution, of allowing up to three members of the Executive Board over 70 years old this will also be based on the simple majority of 50% + 1 additional vote of the total Quorum.

For multiple elections (eg. Vice Presidents, Executive Board Members) the winners will be by relative majority. This means the winners must achieve the highest number of votes out of the candidates in the election.

For the 5 Vice Presidents the candidate with the largest number of votes will be awarded the 1st Vice President position. Then the next four candidates with the highest votes will win a Vice President position. However, if a gender is not represented (eg. Female or Male) then the highest voted candidate from the gender not represented in the top 5 Vice President places will replace the Vice President who received the lowest number of votes. This is to ensure at least one Vice President is from each gender.

Should there be a tie with gender or for the fifth position of the Vice President's Election a further vote will be conducted involving those tied candidates to break the tie.

For the 10 Executive Board members relative majority also applies with the candidates with the largest number of votes being awarded an Executive Board place. However, each of the 5 continents must be represented in the 10 places and at least 3 people from each gender must be represented in the 10 Executive Board members elected. If there are less than 3 candidates elected from each gender then the candidate with the most votes in the election from the missing gender will replace the Executive Board member with the lowest number of votes from the other gender). The process will be repeated until the minimum gender requirements are met.

Should a continent not be represented in the 10 Executive Board members then the candidate with the highest number of votes from the missing continent will replace the Executive Board member that has the lowest number of votes from a continent with more than one Board member in the election.

Where a candidate is replaced on the Executive Board list but would result in the IWF Executive Board not being able to meet the gender or Continental requirement rules as stated in the IWF Constitution, the replaced candidate would remain on the Executive Board and the next appropriate candidate that did not affect gender or continental representation on the Executive Board would be substituted that had the lowest number of votes in the election.

In the eventuality of a tie a second round of votes would be completed with the involved candidates. In case of a tie in the second vote then it would be repeated a third time. If the tie cannot be broken after the third vote, a drawing of lots will be made to determine the winner.

For IWF Commissions and Committees, the winners will be decided by relative majority. This means that those candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the respective Commission or Committee.

If there is a tie between two or more candidates for the final position of the Commission or Committee a second ballot will be held involving the tied candidates. If it remains tied a third ballot will be held, thereafter a drawing of lots would break the tie if the tie remained.

Election procedure

The Member Federations will be called by name and the designated voting delegate must collect their voting paper and then go to the voting booth to make their vote. After following the instructions on the ballot paper and filling all the requirements for that vote the paper should be folded and put into the voting box.

For electronic voting, the designated voting delegate must log in with their unique password and then follow the instructions to vote. These votes will then be sent exclusively and directly to the Electoral Manager to count along with the paper ballots.

Important: Invalid or null votes will be determined by the Electoral Manager if either no mark is made on the ballot paper or too many marks are made than are required. It is important that all fields on the ballot paper are completed as per the instructions or else the ballot paper will be made null and void. For example if the ballot paper asks for the delegate to vote for their preferred 5 candidates, then the delegate must vote for 5 persons in the ballot).

It is forbidden to photograph or copy the voting ballot.

These guidelines are issued by the IWF Election Manager and approved by the Electoral Commission on 8th June 2022.

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