

REPORT EDC AND EDP ACTIVITIES TERM 2022 – 2025

I. Activities of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC)

The EDC conducts ethics and disciplinary proceedings of the IWF.

In total the EDC handled or is handling 12 cases. In 8 cases an ethic and disciplinary proceeding was opened. Five out of the 12 cases could be concluded, even though the final decisions have not been sent in some instances. The EDC process is sometimes significantly delayed as it depends on information from the reported person or the reporting person. During the ongoing proceedings, the IWF Constitution was revised and the IWF By-Laws were enacted. The relevant provisions for the ethics and disciplinary proceedings were submitted to the EDC for consultation. At the same time, the Independent Investigation Chamber (IIC) was abolished, which was supposed to assist the EDC in investigations. A Safeguarding Officer was appointed, but later resigned from the position. Additionally, a Safeguarding Policy was implemented, which clarified the competence and collaboration with the EDC.

II. Activities of the Eligibility Determination Panel (EDP)

The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission acts as the Eligibility Determination Panel in regard to the issue of eligibility for election (Art. 37.4 IWF Constitution).

The EDP has carried out the vetting process for the IWF Elections in 2022. For this purpose, around 130 candidatures were reviewed. In addition, a Third-Party advisor was commissioned by the EDP to carry out background checks and, in cooperation with this advisor, the candidates were checked for eligibility. Based on the Third-Party Advisor's report, interviews were conducted with individual candidates. All candidates who were deemed ineligible were sent a Provisional Determination and granted the right to be heard. The statements of the candidates were then examined and a Final Determination was made. The EDP has sent all candidates a decision regarding their eligibility for the elections.

It was also examined whether certain Member Federations should be excluded from the elections due to doping violations and imposed sanctions, as provided for in the IWF Constitution. The Member Federations in question received a decision to this effect.

As part of the vetting process, from time to time the EDP has also to clarify legal questions and decides accordingly.

Finally, the EDP prepares a final report, which is published on the IWF website. The report lists all candidates and their eligibility.

Three members of the EDP are represented on the Electoral Commission. The responsibility for the correct conduct of all elections lie with the three nominees of the EDC and the Election Manager.

Following the Electoral Congress in 2022, the election results were challenged by several parties before the EDC which acted as dispute resolution chamber. The EDC assessed the cases and issued a reasoned decision.

The EDP also conducted the vetting process for the athlete commission in 2022.

Recently, the EDC conducted the vetting process for the IWF Election 2025. The procedure was carried out as described before. The EDP reviewed 143 candidates.

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