

WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION ELECTION BYLAWS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Considering that it is in the interest of the **World Taekwondo Federation (“WTF”)** and the candidates for the presidency and council of this institution that, during a campaign (for which each candidate chooses the ways and methods that he/she intends to use), respect for the “universal fundamental ethical principles” should prevail;
- 1.2 considering that, among candidates, during a campaign, an atmosphere of mutual respect should prevail;
- 1.3 considering that the drafting and publication of directions derives from the need to ensure a transparent process and also to ensure a degree of harmonization in candidate conduct and to prevent any excesses, which their supporters might in good faith be led to commit;
- 1.4 pursuant to Article 6.7(v) of the Statutes of the World Taekwondo Federation, the WTF has enacted the World Taekwondo Federation Election Bylaws (these “**Bylaws**”).

2. PROCESS

- 2.1 An **Ad-Hoc Elections Committee (“Elections Committee”)** consisting of five or fewer members shall be appointed no later than six months before the date of the elections.
- 2.2 Where appropriate the Elections Committee shall confer with the WTF Ethics Committee and / or WTF Juridical Committee on matters pertaining to the expertise of those committees.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise determined by the Elections Committee, the following shall apply:
 - a. Ad-Hoc Elections Committee shall provide the candidate application form, to be published on the WTF website and circulated to Members by no less than five months before the date of the elections.
 - b. The completed candidate application and required supporting documents should arrive at the WTF Secretariat by no less than 90 days before the elections. The applications and documents shall then be reviewed by the Elections Committee in consideration of the published candidate guidelines and the WTF Ethics Code, and the list of qualified candidates shall be published, together with a list of Members eligible to vote, on the WTF website by no less than 60 days before the elections.
 - c. Upon nomination by the Elections Committee, an ad-hoc Election Chairman shall be appointed to preside over General Assembly during the election.

- d. Each candidate for President shall be allowed to make a five minute presentation to the General Assembly. Voting will be conducted immediately at the close of the candidates' presentations and the results shall be announced by the Election Committee Chairman.
 - e. Each candidate for Vice-President shall be allowed to make a three minute presentation to the General Assembly. Voting will be conducted immediately at the close of the candidates' presentations and the results shall be announced by the Election Committee Chairman.
 - f. Each candidate for Council and Auditor shall be introduced to the General Assembly. Voting will be conducted immediately at the close of the candidates' introductions and the results shall be announced by the Election Committee Chairman.
 - g. If manual voting is used, Scrutineers selected by the Election Committee will tabulate the votes. For the election of the WTF President, each candidate will be permitted one observer in the checking of credentials and the counting of ballots. (For electronic voting, the observers may examine the computer generated results.)
 - h. In the event of a result within a five (5) vote margin, a candidate may call for a recount of the ballots in the same manner described above.
- 2.4 Any variation from the guidelines provided in Article 2.3 above must be accompanied by a written explanation by the Elections Committee.
- 2.5 Either a Manual Voting System or Electronic Voting System may be used. If Electronic Voting System is used, it must be administered by an independent, reputable third party service provider.
- a. If Electronic Voting System is to be used, but a candidate prefers a Manual Voting process, then the issue shall be presented to the General Assembly. If at least 1/3 of eligible voters approve the motion, the matter shall be decided by a majority (50%+1) vote.
- 2.6 Pursuant to Article 7.10 of the Statutes of the World Taekwondo Federation, matters of procedure concerning elections not covered by these Bylaws are determined by the Election Committee.

3. CONDUCT OF CANDIDATES

- 3.1 The conduct of the candidates shall comply with the provisions of the WTF Code of Ethics.
- 3.2 Each candidate may promote his/her candidature, subject to respecting the provisions of the present directions. In particular,
- a. The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted with dignity and moderation. Each candidate shall, in the framework of promoting his/her candidature, respect the other candidates, the WTF Members and the WTF itself.

- b. A candidate may produce no spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him/her prejudice. No understanding, coalition or collusion between candidates with the intent to influence the result of the vote is allowed.
 - c. During the campaign period, candidates shall limit the number of trips that they make with a view to promoting their candidature in order to avoid excessive expenditure. No public meeting or gathering of any kind may be organized in the framework of promoting a candidature.
 - d. Candidates may grant interviews to the media. No form of publicity may be devoted to a candidate regardless of the backer. All communications undertaken by the candidate shall strictly respect the other candidates and shall in no way be prejudicial to any other candidate.
 - e. The candidates may not take part in any public debate regarding the candidature, regardless of the organizer.
- 3.3 Visits between candidates and members are not encouraged. Any such visits organized specifically in connection with a candidature shall be reported to the WTF Elections Committee.
- 3.4 Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents, offer donations or gifts or grant advantages of whatever nature. No candidate may enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of a WTF Member, a group of WTF Members, an organization, region or partner.
- 3.5 Candidates may not accept mandatory instructions from any public or private, natural or legal person. Candidates may not enter into any form of undertaking with any natural or legal person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of a future WTF President, Vice President, Council Member or Auditor.
- 3.6 Each candidate may present to his/her colleagues his/her plans and views as the future President, Vice President, Council Member or Auditor, in the form of a written document, whatever the means used to distributed it. This document shall be reserved only for WTF Members, and the candidates shall refrain from participating in any promotional and/or communications campaign based on their written document. A copy shall be immediately submitted to the Elections Committee.

4. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND OTHER PARTIES

- 4.1 As the voting is secret, WTF Members are prohibited, individually or collectively, from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to vote or from any public invitation to vote for a candidate.
- 4.2 Members without voting rights, Continental Unions, WTF-recognized organizations, candidates to host WTF events and other WTF-related bodies shall remain neutral. They shall refrain from making any public declaration and may in no way support a candidature.
- 4.3 No assistance, whether financial, material or in kind, be it direct or indirect, may be

given to candidates by a WTF Member National Association. If offered such assistance, the candidate concerned has the duty to refuse it and to inform the WTF Elections Committee accordingly.

- 4.4 No direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, may be given to candidates by a non-WTF related third party. If offered such assistance, the candidate concerned has the duty to refuse it and to inform the IOC Elections Committee accordingly.

5. CONFLICTS

- 5.1 For any conflict between these bylaws and the Statutes of the World Taekwondo Federation, the Statues shall prevail.

6. BREACH OF THESE BYLAWS

- 6.1 Any interested party shall bring any breach of these Bylaws to the attention of the WTF Elections Committee, which will undertake an inquiry in conjunction with the WTF Juridical Committee.
- 6.2 If there is proof of a breach of these Bylaws, the WTF Ethics Committee may make to the candidate in question:
- a. observations, which could be made public; or,
 - b. issue a warning, which will be automatically made public on the WTF web site.
- 6.3 In the event of a serious breach of these Directions, the case shall be referred to the WTF Ethics Committee for possible sanctions.