

2020 ELECTION RULES

Made by the World Sailing Election Committee to govern the conduct of the election under Article 76 of the World Sailing Constitution (last updated by the Annual General Meeting held on 3 November 2019) following consultation with the World Sailing Ethics Commission

1. Introduction

It is in the interest of World Sailing and all candidates for election that, during an election campaign, there is an atmosphere of mutual respect and equality between the candidates.

2. General

These Rules apply from the date of publication until the conclusion of the electoral process, whether or not a candidate has submitted their nominations ("the Election Period"). Candidates will be required to certify in their nomination that they have complied, and will continue for the duration of the Election Period to comply, with the Election Rules from the date of publication. The Election Rules apply to:

- (a) candidates (whether or not they have submitted their candidature papers) and, for the purposes of these Rules, "candidate" includes any person or body providing support to a candidate with that candidate's knowledge; and
- (b) any other person or body subject to the jurisdiction of World Sailing's Constitution and Regulations.

2.2 A candidate shall promote his or her candidature subject to these Rules.

2.3 The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted with dignity and moderation. A candidate shall not do anything which may bring the sport of sailing, or the reputation of World Sailing, into disrepute.

2.4 A candidate shall comply with the provisions of these Rules, the World Sailing Code of Ethics, the World Sailing Constitution and Regulations.

2.5 These Rules replace any previous Election Rules issued by the Election Committee. In the event of a conflict between these Rules and the Constitution or Regulations, the provisions of the Constitution and the Regulations shall take precedence.

3. Relations with World Sailing MNAs, Council Members and Delegates

3.1 A candidate may present to Member National Authorities and Council Members his or her plans and views as a future World Sailing President or Vice President. These plans and views shall be presented in a written document filed with the Chief Executive Officer, which will then be uploaded on the World Sailing website and distributed via email by the Chief Executive Officer to Member National Authorities. The Chief Executive Officer shall distribute the documents on the same date.

3.2 The Chief Executive Officer may, with the agreement of the Election Committee, decline to publish any written document (or part of any written document) which in his opinion contravenes the Election Rules or which is otherwise inappropriate for World Sailing to publish. The Chief Executive Officer may also require that this written document be provided by a certain date and time, be in specified format and not exceed a certain length.

- 3.3 In addition, each candidate may prepare and send to World Sailing a video promoting his or her candidacy which will be uploaded to the World Sailing website (and/or to a social media platform designated by the Chief Executive Officer). The Chief Executive Officer may, with the agreement of the Election Committee, require that this video be provided by a certain date and time, be in specified format and not exceed a certain length. The Chief Executive Officer may, with the agreement of the Election Committee, decline to publish any video which in his opinion contravenes the Election Rules or which is otherwise inappropriate for World Sailing to publish. The Chief Executive Officer shall upload the videos on the same date.
- 3.4 Except as permitted by these Rules, World Sailing will not provide or facilitate any further written or electronic promotional and/or communications campaigns. Candidates are permitted to have their own social media presence but are not permitted to campaign or communicate using World Sailing social media accounts (directly or indirectly) nor may they use the World Sailing or IOC logos or other identifying marks.

4. Trips & Visits

- 4.1 The number of trips made by a candidate with a view to promoting a candidature shall be limited in order to avoid excessive expenditure (a factor of inequality between candidates).
- 4.2 Visits between candidates and Member National Authorities are not encouraged. Any such visits organised in connection with a candidature shall be reported to the Chief Executive Officer when they are organised. The Chief Executive Officer will inform the Election Committee of all visits notified to him.

5. Debates and Meetings

Except with the permission of the Election Committee, no debate or public meeting (held virtually or in person) of any kind may be organised to promote a candidature.

6. Assistance

- 6.1 A candidate is not permitted to receive marketing, public relations or professional campaign management assistance. If offered such assistance, a candidate has a duty to refuse it and to inform the Election Committee accordingly.
- 6.2 Article 6.1 does not apply to any reasonable financial support provided by a candidate's own Member National Authority:
- (a) to support a candidate in the production of the items referred to in Rules 3.2 and 3.3;
 - (b) to cover the travel or accommodation costs of attending the 2020 Annual Conference if the candidate is a General Assembly delegate, member of Council or committee or commission member; or
 - (c) to the extent normally provided where the candidate is an existing officer or employee and in that capacity only.
- 6.3 The amount of financial support, and an itemised breakdown of items supported under Rule 6.2, must be notified to the Election Committee at least seven days before the commencement of voting.

7. Gifts & Benefits

A candidate shall not give presents, offer donations or gifts, or grant advantages of whatever nature (or inducements or incentives at any time) to procure support for their candidature.

8. Promises

A candidate shall not enter into or make any promise, agreement, or undertaking to be performed (regardless of the time and place of performance), for the direct or indirect benefit of a Member National Authorities, their representatives and delegates, Council Members, committee and commission members, other organisations (such as Continental Associations or World Sailing Classes), regions or other partners.

9. Public Declarations

9.1 This rule does not prevent private expressions of opinion or intentions.

9.2 Member National Authorities, their representatives and delegates, Council Members, committee and commission members, other organisations (such as Continental Associations or World Sailing Classes), regions or other partners shall:

- (a) not announce to the public in any form whatsoever their intention to vote for a particular candidate; and
- (b) shall refrain from making any public declaration, and shall not in any way, support a candidature to the public.

9.3 Candidates shall not be endorsed by the International Olympic Committee, ASOIF, GAISF or any other international sporting organisation (or one of their members) and are not permitted to use their logos or identifying marks on any campaign material.

10. Mandatory instructions

A candidate shall not accept mandatory instructions from any third party.

11. Undertaking

A candidate shall not enter into any form of undertaking with any third party likely to affect the freedom of decision or actions as a future director of World Sailing.

12. Publications

A candidate may grant interviews to the media.

13. Communication services

No use, free of charge or otherwise, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidature at an advantage or disadvantage.

14. Relations between candidates

- 14.1 A candidate shall, in the framework of promoting his or her candidature, respect Member National Authorities, their representatives and delegates, and World Sailing itself.
- 14.2 A candidate shall strictly respect the other candidates. A candidate shall not, by spoken word, written text or other representation, harm or do anything likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause any prejudice to them.

15. World Sailing Staff

- 15.1 The World Sailing staff shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality at all times. A candidate shall respect this duty at all times.
- 15.2 World Sailing staff shall limit their relations and communication with candidates strictly to the performance of their duties.
- 15.3 World Sailing staff shall not provide any support or service to a candidature. The Election Committee may issue guidance to the World Sailing staff which must be complied with.

16. Concealed Promotions

Concealed promotion of a candidature in the form of technical meetings or other events is not permitted.

17. Breaches and Sanctions

- 17.1 Any interested party may bring any alleged breach of these Rules to the attention of the Election Committee (in writing or by email addressed to the Chief Executive Officer) within 24 hours following discovery of the circumstances but no later than the close of voting. The Election Committee may extend this time limit if there is good reason to do so.
- 17.2 If a report of an alleged breach of these Rules prior to the close of voting is made after the close of voting, the Election Committee may report the matter in its discretion to:
- (a) the Ethics Commission under the Code of Ethics; or
 - (b) the Chief Executive Officer under the Disciplinary, Appeals and Review Code (and a serious breach of these Rules is to be regarded as Misconduct under Regulation 35).
- 17.3 The Election Committee may investigate an alleged breach of the Rules brought to its attention and will give the relevant candidate the opportunity to respond within such time frame as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee may determine its own procedures. Candidates are required to attend a meeting of Election Committee upon reasonable notice to do so.
- 17.4 If the Election Committee concludes there has been a minor or technical breach of the Rules, it may in its discretion:
- (a) make written observations to the candidate, which may be made public by the Committee; or
 - (b) issue a warning to the candidate, which shall be made public by the Committee.

17.5 In addition to Rule 17.4, if the Election Committee concludes there has been a breach of the Rules which is not minor nor technical, it may report the matter in its discretion to:

- (a) the Ethics Commission via the Chief Executive Officer under the Code of Ethics; or
- (b) the Chief Executive Officer under the Disciplinary, Appeals and Review Code (as Misconduct under Regulation 35.2).

Election Committee
20 July 2020