



## Confédération Internationale de la Pêche Sportive

**C.I.P.S**

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### **CIPS Internal Rules**

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#### **Article 7: PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATURES**

1. The candidatures at the charges of President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Auditor and Member of the Athletes' Commission shall be sent to the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat at least 30 (thirty) days before the elections date.
2. Under penalty of inadmissibility, candidatures must reach the Secretariat by ordinary mail or by fax or e-mail at least 30 (thirty) days before the elections date. For any candidatures reached through ordinary mail, the postmark date of arrival shall be deemed to be considered. For the others, the fax or e-mail date will be considered. Anyway, all candidatures must be presented on the form expressly prepared for this purpose including the proposing Federation's Candidate and President in full signatures.
3. Candidatures proposals shall be annexed to the candidacy form duly produced for this purpose, signed by the candidate and by the President of his Federations.
4. Only candidatures reached by C.I.P.S. in due time shall be deemed to be considered as eligible.
5. Single persons cannot apply for multiple candidatures.

#### **Article 8: CANDIDATURES LEGITIMACY**

1. Candidatures legitimacy will be verified by the C.I.P.S. General Secretariat twenty-nine (29) days before the Congress date.

#### **Article 9: ELIGIBILITY**

1. All the *Praesidium's* and the Athletes' Commission's Members are obligatory requested to be able to speak one of the two C.I.P.S. official languages (French or English).
2. Candidates shall be present during the elections.
3. Any candidates to the charge of Auditor shall exercise an accounting approaching profession or be accountant. They shall annex to their candidatures any necessary documents of evidence.
4. The candidates to the Athletes' Commission shall have attended a World or European Championship of the relevant International Federations he pushes his candidature for in the past 5 (five) years.
5. Only the candidates presenting all above-mentioned requirements are entitled to be elected to international charges. Candidates shall demonstrate these requirements' possession

through a self-declaration, subscribed by his/her Federation's Chairman, conformingly with a form duly produced for this purpose by the C.I.P.S. Secretariat.

6. Should one of the eligibility requirement expressed in the precedent paragraph fail to be present, the charge would immediately decline.

#### **Article 10: LISTS**

1. Depending on the expressed and registered candidatures, according to above-mentioned art. 7, and after the Secretary General has verified the statements presented by candidates on the possession of the necessary eligibility requirements, the Secretary General will take care of preparing separated lists of candidates for each of the elective Charges to be renewed. The lists shall be also affixed in the venue of the Assembly.
2. For the election of the Athletes' Commission (2 per each C.I.P.S. International Federation), 3 (three) separated lists with the candidates of each International Federations shall be drafted.
3. The lists must be signed by the President who convened the Congress.
4. The tables with the accepted candidatures and the rejected ones, these latter to be annexed to a synthetic motivation, shall also be published on the C.I.P.S. website.
5. The lists of all candidatures are posted at least 25 days before the Congress.

#### **Article 11: APPEALS AGAINST CANDIDACIES' ADMISSIBILITY AND REJECTION**

1. Appeals against the admission or the rejection of one or more candidatures can be presented only in written version. Appeals shall be presented to the C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* not later than 15 days before the Congress.
2. The C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* will examine and decide over the appeals received, at least 10 days before the Congress.
3. The *Praesidium's* decisions are final.
4. Should a petition be accepted, the Secretary General shall issue an amendment note against the lists of candidates, which shall be immediately published on the C.I.P.S. official website.

#### **Article 12: COMMISSION TASKED WITH CHECKING THE MANDATES**

1. In compliance with article 9 of the Statutes, the President appoints the Commission tasked with checking the mandates of the Members attending the Congress. Mandates shall be presented on forms duly produced for this purpose, at least 30 (thirty) days before the Congress.
2. The Commission tasked with checking the mandates ensures the Congress proper calling, the regular Congress constitution and the regularity of the represented votes.

#### **Article 13: BALLOT COMMISSION**

1. The ballot Commission, composed of 3 (three) Members, one President and two members appointed by the Congress, has the task of counting the votes cast in boxes and of drafting an election minute reporting the number of voters as well as the number of blank, valid and invalid votes obtained by each candidate.

#### **Article 14: CONGRESS' VALIDITY**

1. The Congress shall deemed to have reached the necessary quorum on first call when at least half of the delegates with voting rights are present or represented. On second call, which shall begin at least half an hour after the first call, decisions shall be valid irrespective of the number of people attending the Congress. Once the above requirement is fulfilled, it shall be deemed acquired throughout the Congress.

2. Appeals against the validity of the Congress must be proposed within the 5 days that follow the Congress and must reach the C.I.P.S. Secretary General with registered letter with forwarding receipt in the 5 days following the Congress.
3. Appeals are valid only if some appropriate objections are raised during the Congress or if the objections are reported on the minute.
4. The C.I.P.S. *Praesidium* will examine and rule all proposed appeals.
5. In case the appeal is accepted, a new Congress must be convened. It shall take place within the 45 days that follow the date of the appeal result communication. The Secretary General is charged of communicating the date of the new Congress within the 48 hours that follow the decision.

#### **Article 15: DROIT DE VOTE**

1. Only National Federations that, at the date of the Assembly, have well regularized their C.I.P.S. membership position of the previous year have the right to vote.
2. The Delegates of the Ordinary Members shall be entitled to cast one vote per each membership fee paid by their National Federation.
3. The delegates of Associated members shall be entitled to cast a vote on all matters, except for the election of the *Praesidium* members and of other C.I.P.S. Bodies.
4. The Members must notify the names of the Delegates at least one month in advance. In order to have the right to vote, Delegates must hold a proxy from their National Federation, which must have paid its Assembly attendance fee beforehand.
5. If a Member is unable to attend the Congress, he/she may be represented by another Member. The latter, however, shall be given a written proxy.
6. A Member with a written proxy holds a number of votes equal to the sum of his/her own votes plus those of the represented Member.
7. No Member shall be entitled to represent more than one absent Member.

#### **Article 16: ELECTIONS**

1. When exercising his/her voting rights, any Member of the *Praesidium* who is at the same time a Delegate of his own Federation, shall attend in his/her capacity as Delegate.
2. *Praesidium* members shall not have the right to vote on resolutions concerning the financial statements and the budget.
3. Abstentions or invalid ballots are not considered as valid. Only votes cast “in favour” or “against” will be considered.
4. Should only one person present his/her candidature as a Member of the *Praesidium*, the voting can be expressed throughout acclamation or, should a delegate object it, the voting will be expressed by secret ballot.
5. If more candidates are present, the voting will be expressed by secret ballot. A list with the names of all candidates will be drafted, which shall also indicate the number of vacant charges. Voters shall only cross the number of candidates in compliance with the vacant posts available.
6. The secret vote may also be requested for other kind of procedures, different from elections, and it may be accepted if the request is supported by the majority of the presents with right to vote.
7. The elections of the *Praesidium* and of the Athletes’ Commission will follow the order below:
  - a) The President,
  - b) The Vice-presidents (2);
  - c) The Treasurer;
  - d) The Board of Auditors (3+1);
  - e) The Members of the Athletes’ Commission (6);
8. Candidates receiving the majority of votes are declared elected.

9. In case of a tie, a second round of voting occurs among the candidates who received the equal number of votes only if it is necessary to define a graduation among elected candidates.
10. Only one preference can be expressed for the election of the charges of President and Treasurer.
11. Two preferences can be expressed for the elections of the charges of Vice-president, Auditors and Members of the Athletes' Commission.
12. Candidates of the Athletes' Commission can only be elected by the Delegates of the National Federations Members of the International Federations they are candidates for.
13. A list with all candidates at the same charge will be put on the ballot sheets.

#### **Article 17: ELECTION RESULTS**

1. After the vote counting, the President of the Assembly will read the results of elections and will announce the elected candidates on the basis of the information provided by the Ballot Commission.

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#### **Article 19: BOARD OF AUDITORS**

1. The Board of Auditors (3 permanent Members plus 1 substitute) are elected for a four-year term.
2. The three Auditors who obtained the largest number of votes will be permanent, the substitute will be the fourth in order of obtained votes.
3. The three permanent Auditors shall meet after their elections and shall elect a Chair who will be in charge of the relationship with the *Praesidium*.

#### **Article 20: ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

1. The Athletes' Commission Members (6) are elected for a four-year term.
2. The Athletes' Commission Members shall meet after their elections and shall elect a Chair who will become member of the *Praesidium*.