A. Administrative Subjects

04. Electoral Regulations

Approved by the 2012 General Assembly

1. The Presidential Ticket

1.1 The Presidential ticket shall be six persons, at least one of whom must be a woman. Nominations on the Presidential ticket shall specify the proposed nominees for the offices of FIDE President, Deputy President, ~~two Vice Presidents,~~ General Secretary, ~~and~~ Treasurer and two Vice Presidents.

1.2 Nominations for the Presidential ticket and Continental Presidents must reach the ~~FIDE~~ Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the General Assembly. ~~To be elected, each~~ Each ticket ~~candidate shall~~ must be nominated by ~~his~~ ~~a President~~ at least five federation Presidents ~~of a federation~~. ~~He/She should have been a member of their federation at least one year before the General Assembly.~~ A President of a federation is entitled to nominate only one Presidential ticket. A person nominated on a Presidential ticket cannot also run on a Continental ticket.

1.3 ~~The President of a federation of nominating a candidate shall sends the signed letter of nomination to the FIDE Secretariat within the deadline in Article 1.2. by fax and by registered mail. The FIDE Secretariat shall confirm receipt of this the letter. Nominees shall confirm at the same time their acceptance of the nomination within the deadline in Article 1.2 to the FIDE Secretariat. their acceptance of the nominations.~~ Each Presidential Candidate shall present to the Secretariat the following documents within the deadline in Article 1.2: (a) the names of the persons included on the Presidential ticket with their positions (b) nominating letters by at least five federation Presidents (c) letters of confirmation of acceptance from each person on the ticket.
The Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of the documents to each Presidential candidate.

1.4 The Secretariat will announce the Presidential tickets on the FIDE website the day following the deadline in Article 1.2 above and ~~The FIDE Secretariat~~ will ~~insure~~ ensure that the listing of all nominees is included in the agenda sent to all member federations prior to the Congress.

1.5 The elections for the Presidential ticket shall be held prior to ~~the~~ all other elections.

1.6 On the day of the elections, the candidate for President of each Presidential ticket will have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes on stage to present ~~his~~ their programme. The order of appearance shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

1.7 In case one member of the Presidential ticket becomes incapable to run for the election (death, illness or similar serious reasons), he/she can be replaced on the Presidential ticket within 20 days after the unexpected event, but at the latest until the day before the election. All other conditions concerning the nominations are applicable. In case of doubt, the ELE shall make a decision.

2. Other elections

2.1 Following ~~these~~ the Presidential ticket election, the successful President will declare and justify the proposed number of appointed Vice Presidents with voting rights on the Presidential Board to be covered under the financial regulations for an initial term of four years. The General Assembly ~~will be invited to~~ shall confirm or reject this proposal. In case of rejection, the General Assembly shall decide the number of nominated Vice Presidents but with a minimum of 2.

2.2 ~~The~~ Then the General Assembly shall ~~then~~ adjourn and the Continental ~~Assemblies~~ Associations shall convene to elect ~~the~~ their Continental President and Continental Deputy President. During this adjournment, nominations for FIDE elected positions, including elected Vice Presidents, shall be made to the Secretariat.

2.3 Upon conclusion of all Continental Association elections the ~~The~~ General Assembly ~~then~~ reconvenes and takes note of the appointments of the Continental Presidents and Deputy Presidents. ~~and confirms the appointment of the Continental Presidents and Deputy Vice Presidents.~~

2.4 The General Assembly ~~will then be invited to~~ shall elect the same number of Vice Presidents as the President will appoint. After the election the President will announce the names of his appointed Vice Presidents, which will be confirmed by the General Assembly.

~~At the close of elections to the Presidential Board,~~ In addition the President may nominate no more than 4 Honorary Vice-Presidents to serve on the Presidential Board for a 4-year term.

1. the persons so nominated by the President as Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be chosen based on their personal merits and service to FIDE and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly.
2. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have non-voting positions on the Presidential Board.
3. ~~They shall be responsible for payment of their expenses to meetings of the Presidential Board.~~

~~They shall hold themselves out to represent FIDE in special events and act as intermediaries on FIDE's behalf in their approaches~~

~~to sponsors.~~ Moved from Statutes 9.7

2.5 A defeated candidate from the a Presidential ticket may accept nomination for any elected office, except on a Continental ticket. ~~, immediately following the election of the combined ticket.~~ .

2.6 Nominations for the position of Vice President, to be elected by the General Assembly, must be by at least three federation Presidents. A President of a federation is entitled to nominate only one candidate. ~~for one position.~~ For other elected positions, nominations shall be made to the Secretariat by delegates of the Congress.

~~2.7 When candidates from the same federation are nominated by different federation Presidents, they will be allowed to contest the election, but as soon as one is elected or if more than one in the first round receives more than 50% then the one with the highest number of votes, all other candidates from the same federation must withdraw their candidacies.~~

~~The nomination and confirmation of the 2 appointed Vice Presidents shall be made in the General Assembly immediately after the election of the Continental Presidents.~~

~~After the appointment of the 2 Vice Presidents, the individual elections of 3 additional Vice Presidents take place.~~

~~Only candidates with written nominations made by FIDE delegates, Federation Presidents, Zonal Presidents, Executive Board members or Presidential Board members, are eligible to be elected.~~

2.7 ~~The FIDE Auditor and~~ Members of the Verification Commission ~~members~~, ~~The Chairman of~~ the Ethics ~~Committee~~ Commission and the ~~Committee members and the~~ Constitutional Commission ~~members~~ are all elected after the Vice Presidents.

3. Electoral process

3.1 To secure a fair and impartial electoral process, three scrutineers, a chairman and two members, shall be appointed for the elections by the General Assembly immediately after the roll call on the first day of the General Assembly. The ~~Chairman of the~~ scrutineers preside over the electoral process for elections of the Presidential tickets and elected Vice Presidents. Any representative of a member federation not running for a position on the Presidential Board may nominate a candidate for scrutineer. Each scrutineer shall be elected individually by the General Assembly by a show of hands. The person receiving the most votes shall be appointed Chairman. The scrutineers ~~or members of the Electoral Committee~~ cannot be nominated or elected for any Presidential Board position in that election.

3.2 Preceding the elections, there shall be a roll-call, in alphabetical order, to establish the number of votes possible. ~~(GA `93)~~

3.3 ~~Marked ballots~~ Ballot papers shall be prepared for the elections, with the names of the candidates if there is more than one for a given office. The Chairman of the scrutineers shall initial each ballot before distribution.

3.4 Each Presidential candidate is entitled to appoint one observer for the counting of the ballots. ~~(GA '93)~~

3.5 ~~In the~~ During elections, ~~the names of the federations~~ each federation shall be called in alphabetical order to place its ballot in the ballot box, which shall have a slot on top, shall be openly visible to the General Assembly from all sides and shall be separated from any other object. ~~They are to put place their ballots in a box with a slot in the order called.~~ The procedures of voting will be announced by the scrutineers at the meeting.

3.6 Each ballot paper shall contain all the names of the candidates. ~~at the most as many names, as there are places to be filled in the FIDE office in question. Otherwise the ballot shall not be valid.~~ If possible, a list with the candidates for each office shall be circulated before the elections. Each delegate votes for up to the maximum of possible number of vacant positions. If they vote for more then the ballot is not valid. Valid votes are those where a mark has been made within the box on the ballot paper. Marks such as 'x', '√' or '+' are acceptable.

3.7 For all elections a majority of the votes cast, not counting abstentions, shall be required. ~~for the election of the officers individually and collectively where necessary~~. If there is a tie, the voting is repeated until the tie is broken.
If three or more persons are nominated for the same offices or office, the candidates that receive 50% plus one of the votes cast, are elected on the first ballot. Thereafter, ~~(a) The~~ the candidates receiving most votes on the second ballot are elected to the vacant number of offices. ~~In case of a tie, a new ballot is held between the candidates that tied.~~ If there is a tie, the voting is repeated until the tie is broken. The election procedure for the Continental offices will follow the regulations in each Continent.

3.8 The election procedure for the Zonal Presidents will follow the regulations of each zone.

3.9 ~~For the Executive Board~~, Each Continental Association shall have the right to elect 4 members from the Continent to the Executive Board,. This election shall take place in accordance with the Continental Association regulations.

3.10 All ~~elected~~ FIDE officials will enter ~~on~~ duty ~~on the last day~~ upon the close of the General Assembly ~~where~~ at which they were elected or appointed. ~~just after the minutes are approved~~. ~~This will be the last item of the General Assembly minutes.~~

4. Election conditions

~~Eligibility for office pertains only to those persons who belong to a member federation.~~

~~No person can be elected to a FIDE office against the will of his national federation. This stipulation may be waived by the General~~

~~Assembly only in exceptional cases. Federations that are against the nomination of one of their members for a FIDE office, should raise their objections to such a nomination before the election.~~

~~The first day of the General Assembly at which elections shall be held, shall be without adjournment until the elections are concluded (GA '97).~~

4.1 Elections shall be held immediately after the consideration of the report of the FIDE President and that of the Treasurer on the first day of the General Assembly ~~(GA '97).~~

~~Any elected or appointed officer in FIDE can be removed from his position for cause. Cause is defined as being contrary to the spirit and text of the statutes and regulations of their office. The action must have the agreement of the Ethics Committee and requires a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board or General Assembly.~~ to statutes Chapter 13

~~In such cases the General Assembly or the Executive Board can set up a committee of three persons to investigate and examine an offence (or an act against the principles of FIDE); the committee shall report to the General Assembly or Executive Board.~~ Moved to statutes chapter 13

4.2 All elections and appointments are valid for a period of 4 years unless otherwise specifically stated. If the FIDE Congress in the election year is held before or after the 4-year period expires, the term of office is equally shortened or prolonged.

4.3 ~~All other~~ For all positions that are not elected according to point 1 and 2 in the Electoral regulations or according to ~~any other~~ FIDE ~~Regulations~~ Statutes or regulations, ~~are appointed by~~ the FIDE President nominates a candidate and such candidate is subject to confirmation ~~approved~~ by the General Assembly. ~~, the Executive Board or the Presidential Board.~~ The General Assembly confirms a candidate based on the regulations in Article 4.7 of the Statutes. If a President's nominee is rejected by the General Assembly, the President may propose a different candidate for confirmation by the General Assembly. Such appointed officials have no voting rights on the General Assembly, Executive Board or Presidential Board. Any vacancies of nominated Commission Chairmen may be filled by the Presidential or Executive Boards.

4.4 Any change in the Electoral Regulations will come in to effect on the last day of the General Assembly ~~or the Executive Board,~~ after the closing of the meeting.

4.5 ~~Any complaint regarding nomination and election conditions of the Presidential ticket has to be addressed to the Electoral Committee within one month following the deadline for nominations.~~ Any complaint regarding eligibility of Presidential tickets or members of the tickets must be addressed to the Electoral Commission (ELE) in writing and copied to the Secretariat within two weeks following the official announcement of the Presidential tickets by the Secretariat on the FIDE web site. Any other complaint regarding election conditions must be addressed to the ELE in writing within two weeks following the event which gives rise to the complaint and copied to the Secretariat. The Electoral Commission must issue a reasoned decision in English in writing to the complainant within 10 days of its receipt of the complaint.

4.6 The Electoral Committee has competence to deal with complaints arising from all elections (see ~~Statues~~ Statutes section 8)

~~Clarifications made by the Executive Board in Dresden:~~

~~- A Federation is entitled to nominate only one candidate for one position~~ Moved to 1.2 and 2 above

~~- Only one candidate may be elected from each Federation to the office of Vice President~~ Moved to 2 above

5.Proxies

5.1 A proxy can be assigned to a delegate of a member-federation only by written authorisation. ~~The letter of assignment must have a signature of the Permanent Delegate or of an official authorised by the federation, as last registered with FIDE. In emergency the General Assembly can approve a Proxy on notification by other means.~~ Moved from 4.3 of Statutes

5.2 All proxies must be registered at the ~~FIDE~~ Secretariat ~~at the Congress by 1700 on the day~~ two weeks before the opening session of the General Assembly. After this deadline, ~~in election years,~~ further proxies will not be accepted until the register is reopened. ~~after elections have been concluded.~~ In election years the register will be reopened when elections have been concluded. In non-election years the register will reopen after the opening roll call for a quorum.

5.3 The Electoral Committee shall convene 10 days before the Congress under the Chairmanship of the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee. The Electoral Committee shall ~~This Committee meets before the General Assembly to~~ establish the legality of the proxies. It will examine the proxies presented for verification. The register will then close and the list of those entitled to vote at the General Assembly shall be sent to all member federations and published at the Congress venue the next day. When the list of proxies has been published, federations have 5 days to lodge an appeal to the General Assembly and this appeal shall be discussed in the General Assembly immediately after the quorum is established.

5.4 Valid proxies can be re-assigned to a new ~~federation~~ delegate by the person to whom they have been assigned, up to 17.00 on the day before the opening of the General Assembly. In particular, but not exclusively, this procedure may be used by those persons that have been given more than one proxy. Every representative is permitted to represent, besides his own, only one additional federation, in the General Assembly. Whenever the register of delegates is reopened, all existing proxies can be re-assigned or new proxies accepted.

~~At the Executive Board of the Congress, the Continental Presidents shall each nominate one person for the Committee to establish the legality of the votes. Three persons shall be selected by lot to form the Committee.~~

5.5 At the opening of the General Assembly, the Electoral Committee reports on the proxies. A roll call to confirm there is a quorum, will then take place. ~~to establish the quorum.~~

For a proxy to be valid, it must be signed by any of the following accredited officials of the federation: President, ~~Permanent~~ Delegate or General Secretary of the federation. This will be based on the latest official notification from the federation as shown on the FIDE web site. The proxy can either be an original or a copy of a letter (photocopied, sent by fax or scanned email). No other formal elements are necessary for the validity of the proxy. Where two or more proxies are received and there is a conflict, the order of precedence shall be as follows:

1. Proxies received from the President
2. Proxies received from the ~~Permanent~~ Delegate
3. Proxies received from the General Secretary

Where the order of precedence is established and there is still a conflict, the ~~latest~~ most recent fax, ~~or~~ letter or scanned ~~document~~ email shall be deemed to be valid.