

## **Rules for Candidates for ICF Elections 2020**

All potential candidates for positions elected at the ICF Congress must abide by the ICF Statutes relating to ICF elections and the following rules. Failure to do so may cause the candidate to be declared disqualified and ineligible for the elections.

Should information come to the attention of the ICF Secretary General that a candidate may have failed to follow these rules then in the first instance the ICF Secretary General will decide if there is a case to answer. If the Secretary General decides that there is a case to answer, the matter will be referred to the ICF Ethics Commission Chair to determine if there was an infraction. If it is found that there has been an infraction, the Ethics Commission Chair shall determine and impose the appropriate sanction in the case in question.

The candidates must sign the ICF Code of Conduct and Ethics document to be eligible for the ICF Elections and abide clearly by the Ethics rules of the ICF at all times.

Any person which has been found guilty of anti-doping violations, been convicted by a recognized legal court of justice of a criminal offence, been declared bankrupt, or has served a period of ineligibility in the sport, is not eligible for election to the ICF. Generally the candidate must be upstanding and be irreproachable.

In terms of the ICF Ethics rules, the candidate can promote their candidature through personal meetings, digital media or written media within reason.

At all times the candidate must behave in a dignified manner. The candidate cannot criticise any other candidates or the ICF. A candidate may not produce any representation (written, verbal, or electronic) likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause prejudice to the candidate's person or to the candidate's candidacy.

The candidate or his/her entourage cannot offer any money, prizes, donations, gifts or benefit of any kind to any athlete, coach, ICF member, National Federation, National Federation member, or to any organisation linked to the ICF or its stakeholders.

Candidates are expressly not allowed to use ICF resources, funds, business trips to fund their campaign activity or use their existing roles to promote their candidatures. If in doubt, the ICF Secretary General will determine if the ICF activity should occur for the candidate.

Candidates must remain independent and remote from any ICF Staff, ICF employees, experts, consultants, suppliers, manufacturers, third party companies linked to the ICF. Any agreement or use of these resources for the purpose of promoting their candidature could result in the candidate being removed from the Elections.

Expenditure for lobbying should be reasonable and travel should not be excessive to promote the candidacy.

The candidate or his/her entourage should not engage in any act, collaboration or collusion by or between candidates with the intent to defraud or manipulate the result of the election.

No Candidate or his/her entourage, may enter into any promise, agreement, or undertaking to be performed, regardless of the timing of the action before or after the elections, for the benefit of another canoeing stakeholder.

The ICF will ensure as far as possible a fair, amicable and equal election is held that is non-discriminatory in nature and open to all.