

**RULES OF CONDUCT APPLICABLE
TO CAMPAIGNS FOR ELECTION
TO THE IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Rules of Conduct)**

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The goal of the present Rules of Conduct is to ensure that each candidate has an equal opportunity to be elected.

They must be complied with strictly by the candidate and by the NOC putting forward his or her candidature. The NOC is responsible for the candidate's conduct.

Candidates may promote their candidature, with dignity and moderation, in compliance with the present Rules of Conduct, the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics.

IOC members and IOC Athletes' Commission members, except if he/she is the president of the candidate's NOC, may under no circumstances endorse a candidate.

2. PROMOTION OF THE CANDIDATURE BEFORE THE OLYMPIC GAMES

All forms of promotion and advertising by the candidates are prohibited, including but not limited to promotion on the candidate's personal website, or any other forms of social media.

All forms of promotion and advertising by third parties, including but not limited to NOCs, IFs, sponsors or any other person or institution is also prohibited.

Before the opening date of the Olympic Village, the IOC ensures compliance with the present Rules of Conduct. In case of non-compliance with the Rules of Conduct, the IOC shall refer the matter to the IOC Executive Board.

3. PROMOTION OF THE CANDIDATURE DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES

From the opening date of the Olympic Village, the Election Committee ensures compliance with the present Rules of Conduct.

From the opening of the Olympic Village until the end of the election, candidates may promote their candidatures. However, no form of promotion may be undertaken in or around the voting offices (exact rules will be established based on the final layout of the Olympic Village for each edition of the Games, and communicated to all candidates).

Candidates must respect the athletes at all times, and act with respect regarding all other candidates.

Candidates are responsible for producing, at their own expense, a document in black and white (one sheet printed on one side, A4 format) presenting their candidature. This document is submitted for IOC approval no later than two months before the opening of the Olympic Village. A decision will be made within 15 days after arrival of the document.

The IOC will send the candidates detailed instructions for submitting a video in which they can present their candidature. Candidates must strictly adhere to all instructions and submit their video, at their own expense, for IOC approval no later than two months prior to the opening of the Olympic Village. A decision will be made within 15 days of the IOC receiving the candidate's video.

No other document, poster, sign, banner or gift may be distributed and/or displayed inside or outside the Olympic Village, including the NOC residential areas.

No form of material (such as t-shirt, caps, pictures, etc.) or financial inducement to vote for a candidate or take part in the vote is permitted.

No press conferences will be held on the candidatures.

4. COMMUNICATION BY THE IOC

Prior to the Games, the IOC will display on its website a short biography of all candidates.

The IOC will publish a poster showing the photographs of all the candidates and will display this in the Olympic Village. It will also publish and distribute the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Manual pursuant to Article 3.4.3 (b) of the Regulations Relating to the IOC Athletes' Commission.

The document in black and white (mentioned under point 3 of these Rules of Conduct) will be made available to the athletes in one or more defined locations within the Olympic Village and displayed by the IOC in the various voting offices. Any statement or document sent to the IOC after this deadline will not be displayed.

The videos (mentioned under point 3 of these Rules of Conduct) will be shown in the Olympic Village, at a place to be determined by the IOC, at its sole discretion, from the first day of voting until the end of the elections.

The IOC alone is responsible for programmes to encourage participation in the vote for the elected members of the IOC Athletes' Commission.

It is also responsible for all communication with the media.

The IOC will organise a meeting between the candidates and the Election Committee before the voting offices are opened, to answer any requests for information from the candidates.

The IOC shall inform the candidates in a timely manner that it shall make space available to the candidates, at certain times on certain days during the entire period of the election, at the IOC's sole discretion, so that the candidates have the opportunity to meet the athletes and discuss any relevant issues.

5. ACCESS TO THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

In the event that a candidate for election to the Athletes' Commission does not take part in the current edition of the Olympic Games and therefore does not have permanent access to the Olympic Village, the IOC may provide him or her with a maximum of six day passes. Requests for these must be made to the IOC Sports Department's Office at the Olympic Village, in compliance with the rules established by the OCOG for this type of day pass.

6. SANCTIONS

In the event of any infraction of the present Rules of Conduct, the following sanctions will be applied, depending on the severity and type of infraction; sanctions can be cumulative:

- a. A confidential warning
- b. A public reprimand made at the chefs de mission meeting and displayed at the voting centres
- c. Withdrawal of the candidature
- d. Withdrawal of the candidate's right to stand for election at future Olympic Games
- e. Withdrawal of the right of the NOC to submit a candidate at forthcoming editions of the Olympic Games.

Cumulative infractions must be taken into consideration for the determination of the sanction.

In the event of a repeat infraction, or two different but consecutive infractions, the second sanction will automatically be more severe.

The Election Committee has the authority to impose sanctions a and b; the IOC Executive Board has the authority to impose sanctions c, d and e, upon the proposal of the Election Committee.

7. PROCEDURE

The candidate or NOC concerned by an infraction has the right to be heard, in writing or orally at his/her discretion, by the Election Committee or by any person the Committee designates to such effect.

If the right to be heard is exercised by means of a written document, this must be submitted within the deadline set by the Election Committee. If the right to be heard is exercised orally, the candidate or NOC may be accompanied by one person of his/her choice; a brief record of such hearing is produced, and a copy given to the candidate or NOC concerned.

The Chef de Mission of the NOC of the candidate concerned must be informed in all cases. He or she may be heard if the Committee deems it necessary.

Any sanction shall be the subject of a written and grounded decision. Decisions imposing sanctions b to e of article 6 are made public.

For any measure or sanction, the candidate concerned is informed before it is made public. The Chef de Mission of the candidate's NOC is also informed. This information may be communicated orally or by electronic mail. If the information is communicated orally, a brief record is established and a copy given to the candidate or NOC concerned.

The present Rules of Conduct were approved by the IOC Executive Board in London, on 6 April 2011

Read and approved

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Date / Signature of candidate

Read and approved

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Date / Signature of the President of the candidate's NOC

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Date / Signature of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the candidate's NOC