



International Correspondence Chess Federation

ICCF Voting Regulations and Electoral Procedures (effective from 1.1.2012)

1. General Provisions

1.1 Each voting member has one vote. A simple majority vote is required to decide any resolution unless it is defined or agreed otherwise (e.g. 2/3 majority)

1.2 Voting normally is by show of hands but a secret ballot will be held if this is requested by at least two thirds of voting members present at Congress.

1.3 For the purpose of all voting, abstentions will be ignored.

Example:

40 voting Delegates, 4 abstentions,
the simple majority requires 19 votes
the 2/3 majority requires 25 votes.

Delegates not present at Congress or not represented by a proxy or present at Congress but not voting are not counted as voting Delegates.

1.4 Elections of persons will be exclusively by secret ballot. Where an Email ballot is necessary, the voting procedure will be according to agreed established practice and will be announced by the Executive Board.

1.5 In the event of equal votes on any matter other than for the election of persons, the President will have a casting vote. In the event of a tie in an election of persons, a further ballot will be arranged after which, if still producing an equal result, the President will have a casting vote.

2. Executive Board and Auditor elections – Normal 4 yearly election procedures

2.1 Nominations for the office of:

- President
- General Secretary
- Finance Director
- World Tournaments Director
- Marketing Director
- Services Director
- Auditor

must reach the ICCF General Secretary at least two months before the opening of the Congress where the elections are to take place.

2.2 To be elected, each candidate shall be nominated by their Member organisation.

2.3 It is the right of each Member organisation to nominate candidates for any of the above six positions, providing:

- a) the nominee is a current member of their organisation, and
- b) the nominee has confirmed his / her willingness to be nominated.

2.4. The Member organisation of the candidate shall send the letter of nomination to the ICCF General Secretary by Email, with a copy to the ICCF Auditor. The ICCF General Secretary shall confirm receipt of this letter by Email, with a copy to the ICCF Auditor.

Each nomination shall include a written declaration from the candidate indicating his/her willingness to be nominated, along with a personal statement (if wished) giving information in support of his/her candidature.

2.5 When all nominations have been received, the information shall be issued by the ICCF General Secretary to all Member organisations at least one month before the start of the Congress where the elections take place, to enable them to consider all the candidates and decide upon voting preferences, prior to the respective ICCF Congress.

3. Electoral Procedures

3.1 Marked ballot papers shall be prepared for elections, with names of the candidate(s) nominated for each office. Ballot papers shall be distributed to all voting members by the ICCF General Secretary at Congress, before the respective elections.

3.2 It is allowed that the same candidate can run for more than one position in the Executive Board.

3.3 If one and the same person puts his / her candidacy for more than one office in the Executive Board, the order of elections shall be:

- President
- General Secretary
- Finance Director
- World Tournaments Director
- Marketing Director
- Services Director
- Auditor

As soon as a candidate is elected to one office, his/her candidacy for other office(s) becomes null and void.

3.4 To secure a fair and impartial electoral process, three scrutineers, a chairman and two members, shall be appointed for elections. Normally the ICCF Auditor (as chairman) and two non voting ICCF Honorary Members, shall act as these scrutineers.

No scrutineer can be, at the same time, a candidate for an office in the Executive Board.

3.5 Completed ballot papers will be returned to the scrutineers, for secret scrutiny and declaration of the result announced by the ICCF Auditor.

Should the ICCF Auditor not be present at Congress, then the ICCF Honorary President will act on his behalf as chairman. In his absence, the Executive Board will propose other present and respectable person who will be approved by Congress.

Should only one or no Honorary Member be present at the Congress, then the Executive Board will propose other suitable person(s) who will be approved by Congress.

3.6 If three or more persons are nominated for the same offices or office, any candidate who receives more than 50% of the votes cast, is elected on the first ballot.

Thereafter, the candidate receiving most votes on the second ballot is elected. In case of a tie, a new ballot is held between the candidates who tied, as described in 1.5.

3.7. If no nomination is received from the Member Organisations for any Executive Board or Auditor position, the Executive Board will be empowered to appoint an Official.

4. Zonal Directors Elections

The election of Zonal Directors is arranged within each Zone, normally, immediately following the respective Congress. Procedures for Zonal Director elections shall be agreed within each Zone, with advice available from the ICCF President and/or General Secretary, as required.

5. Executive Board elections – Mid term vacancy election procedures

5.1 Where a vacancy occurs in the Executive Board during the normal 4 year cycle, then a mid term election will be arranged by Email with Member organisations, to be completed within three months, with the exception that where a vacancy occurs within three months of the start date of a Congress, when the election procedure will be according to normal procedure and the election will take place at the Congress.

5.2 For mid term elections to be completed within three months, nominations should be required within 2 months of the date of the notice to member federations and 2 weeks should be allowed for registering of votes for each ballot.

5.3 For mid term elections, nominations should be made according to paras 2.2 to 2.4.

5.4 The voting procedures for mid term elections will be arranged to ensure validation of voting eligibility and secrecy of voting. Elections will be scrutinised by the ICCF Auditor and two Honorary Members invited by the ICCF Auditor to assist him in the process.

5.5. If no nomination is received from the Member Organisations for any Executive Board or Auditor position, the Executive Board will be empowered to appoint an Official.

6. Final Provisions

6.1 Personal statements of candidates shall not be published in commercial magazines / internet sites, etc. until after they have all been circulated by the ICCF General Secretary to the official delegates of Member organisations. These statements will also be published on a special election page on www.iccf.com.

6.2 Election campaigning/soliciting for votes, etc. shall not take place until after the complete list of candidates, accompanied by their personal statements, has been officially released by the ICCF General Secretary, as indicated in 2.5.