

26 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF EXCO

- 26.1 There shall be elections for the elected positions on Exco for a term of four (4) years to be held at a meeting of the National Council. The elections shall be conducted by the Electoral Officer who shall be appointed at the elective AGM by the membership.
- 26.2 Each Member shall be entitled to nominate 1 (one) individual for election as President, 1 (one) individuals for election as Vice-President, 1 (one) individual for election as Treasurer.
- 26.3 Athletes Commission elected at the AGM via the provinces.
- 26.4 The representatives of the Associate members will nominate their representative within their structure
- 26.5 Each nomination by a Member shall be in writing, shall be seconded on behalf of any other Member and shall be signed by the nominee to indicate his or her acceptance of the nomination.
- 26.6 It shall be permissible for the same individual to be nominated for more than one office/position. The nomination for any alternative post is conditional upon him or her not being elected to the first post for which he or she is nominated.
- 26.7 A valid nomination for any of the posts referred to in clause 26.2 shall, in the event of the nominee being defeated in an election for the post concerned, be deemed to be a valid nomination for election as a member without portfolio.
- 26.8 No less than 90 (ninety) days before the election date, the Secretary General shall send notification to every Member and Exco member:
- 26.8.1 informing them that the elections for Exco are to take place at the next meeting of the National Council and of the date and place of this meeting;
- 26.8.2 advising them of the name of the appointed Elections Officer;
- 26.8.3 providing them with an extract of those provisions of the Constitution which are relevant to the elections; and

- 26.8.4 calling for nominations for each position on the Exco to be filled by election.
- 26.9 All such written nominations, together with a copy of a brief *curriculum vitae* of the nominee, shall be received by the Auditor in line with the notification sent out by the General Secretary not less than 45 (forty-five) days prior to the date of elections.
- 26.10 No less than 30 (thirty) days before the election date, the Secretary General shall send to every Member and every Exco member a list of the nominations received.
- 26.11 If no nominations are received for the election of the President, the current President shall continue in office until the first meeting of the new Exco after that A.G.M., at which the elected members of the new Exco shall elect from their ranks an individual as the President and shall further fill the vacant position on Exco so occurring by the election of an individual from the ranks of the unsuccessful nominees at the elections held by the National Council. The same shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the event of there being no nominations for the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and General Secretary or if any position could not be filled at the elections for reasons of the gender requirements.
- 26.12 If there is more than one nomination for any of the posts of President, Vice-President and Treasurer then such posts shall be elected separately by secret ballot, such elections to be held in the sequence aforesaid.
- 26.13 The nominee who is successful by commanding a majority vote shall be appointed to the position. The unsuccessful nominee shall not be passed to other positions unless he was properly nominated for those positions.
- 26.14 Election will be by an outright majority of those voting i.e. the successful candidate must win at least 51% (fifty one per centum) of the total votes casted, regardless of the number of candidates for the particular position. If the first round of voting does not produce an outright winner, the candidate with the least number of votes will drop out (if two candidates tie for last place, they both drop out) and

further rounds of voting will take place in similar fashion until one candidate emerges as the outright winner.

- 26.15 Each person who votes shall record a vote for not more and not less than the number of vacancies.
- 26.16 Any elected member of Exco shall hold office for a period of four years until the date of the following elections, unless he or she resigns, or is removed from office by virtue of a vote of no confidence adopted by the National Council with at least a two-thirds majority, or dies, or becomes permanently incapacitated before the expiry of his or her term.
- 26.17 If sufficient cause exists, decided by the national assembly by at least a two-thirds majority vote, a formal request for the replacement of the representatives of the Special Member and Associate Members may be directed to the Special Member and Associate Member's structures, as the case may be.
- 26.18 No member of Exco shall represent any Member of any classification, at any meeting of the National Council or Exco.