



RULES OF CONGRESS

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Specific Definitions

The words and phrases used in these Rules that are defined terms (denoted by initial capital letters) shall have the meanings specified in the Constitution and the General Definitions, or (in respect of the following words and phrases) the following meanings:

“Absolute Majority” has the meaning given to it in the Constitution namely: means a resolution passed by 50% plus 1 of the valid votes cast by those present and entitled to vote (Article 86.1).

"Agenda" means the items of business for the Congress meeting as described in Rules 4 and 5.2 of these Rules.

"Congress meeting" means a meeting of Congress including an Ordinary Congress meeting or a Special Congress meeting.

"Elections" in these Rules, means, the elections of the President, Vice-Presidents and Individual Council Members.

"Electronic Voting System" means the technology by which electronic voting is undertaken, usually tabulating software (if at a meeting at which delegates are present in person or virtually) and other appropriate software (if a resolution is being put to the Member Federations pursuant to Rule 16 below).

“Highest Polling Candidate” means the candidate in an Election who receives the highest number of valid votes cast in a round of voting, by those present and entitled to vote.

“Lowest Polling Candidate” means the candidate in an Election who receives the lowest number of valid votes cast in a round of voting, by those present and entitled to vote.

“Open Voting” has the meaning given to it in Rule 10.3, and **“Open Vote”** has the same meaning.

“Scrutineers” means the persons specified in Rule 12.

“Secret Ballot” has the meaning given to it in Rule 10.6.

“Simple Majority” has the meaning given to it in the Constitution namely:

means a resolution passed by 50% of the valid votes cast by those present and entitled to vote (Article 85.1).

“Special Majority” means a resolution passed by at least two thirds (2/3rds) of the votes cast by those present, entitled to vote and voting.

"Verifying Company" means the representative of the contracted independent electronic voting system certification company or entity, who shall be present at the Congress meeting.

“Virtual Congress” means a meeting of the Congress (whether Ordinary or Special) which is held with delegates attending virtually rather than delegates being present in person or a hybrid meeting where some delegates attend in person and some attend virtually.

"Voting Delegate" means the Delegate or, if more than one Delegate from a Member Federation, then one Delegate who is present at a Congress meeting, who is designated by

their Member Federation to vote on behalf of the Member Federation at that Congress meeting. It shall also include any change to the Voting Delegate as specified in Rule 7.2.

1. Overview

- 1.1 According to Articles 24.1 and 25.1 of the Constitution, Congress consists of the Member Federations represented by up to three (3) delegates each. Congress is the highest authority of World Athletics and the sport of Athletics worldwide.
- 1.2 Article 26.5 of the Constitution provides that the procedure for meetings of Congress shall be as specified in the Constitution and the Rules of Congress.
- 1.3 To the extent the Constitution does not provide for the procedure for Congress meetings, these Rules of Congress shall apply.

2. Application of these Rules

- 2.1 These Rules apply to all Member Federations, Area Associations, World Athletics Officials, Delegates and all other persons attending any Congress meeting.

3. Convening Congress

- 3.1 The Chief Executive Officer shall (unless Council shall otherwise stipulate a shorter time period in exceptional circumstances) give not less than twelve (12) months written notice of each Ordinary Congress meeting to all Member Federations and Area Associations in accordance with Article 30.2.

4. Agenda and Running Order

- 4.1 The Agenda for an Ordinary Congress meeting shall contain the items of business specified in Article 31.1.
- 4.2 The order in which items on the Agenda proceed at a Congress meeting shall be decided by the President, but will usually be as follows:
 - 4.2.1 Opening and welcome by the President;
 - 4.2.2 Roll call and first announcement of voting strength of the Member Federations;
 - 4.2.3 Apologies;
 - 4.2.4 Approval of Scrutineers for voting (see Rule 12 of these Rules of Congress);
 - 4.2.5 Approval of the Minutes of the previous Ordinary Congress meeting, and any Special Congress meetings held in the intervening period;
 - 4.2.6 If notified, the admission (Articles 7.7 to 7.8), suspension or sanctions (Article 13), expulsion (Article 14) or reinstatement (Article 16) of Member Federations;
 - 4.2.7 Second announcement of voting strength (which shall include any changes in membership resulting from Rule 4.2.6, above);

- 4.2.8 Presentation and approval of the Annual Council Report, which includes the audited financial statements and Auditors' reports for the preceding financial year's activities (Articles 27.1(l) and (n) and 79.5(a));
 - 4.2.9 Receipt of the annual reports from the Vetting Panel, Integrity Unit Board and the Disciplinary Tribunal (Article 27.1(k));
 - 4.2.10 If notified, approval of the World Plan for Athletics (Article 27.1(j));
 - 4.2.11 If notified, approval of the Membership Fee, and Due Date for payment (Article 27.1(r));
 - 4.2.12 Elections (if an Election Congress) (Article 36):
 - a. President (Article 36.4);
 - b. Vice Presidents (Article 36.5);
 - c. Individual Council Members (Article 36.6) including any vacancies (Article 45.2(g)).
 - 4.2.13 If an Election Congress, approval of members of the Vetting Panel, on the recommendation of Council (Article 27.1(h)), or if there are any vacancies, then at an Ordinary Congress in accordance with the Vetting Rules;
 - 4.2.14 If an Election Congress, approval of members of the Integrity Unit Board, on the recommendation of the Integrity Unit Appointments Panel (Article 27.1(i)) or if there are any vacancies, then at an Ordinary Congress in accordance with the Integrity Unit Rules;
 - 4.2.15 If an Election Congress, approval of members of the Disciplinary Tribunal, on the recommendation of Council (Article 27.1(g)) or if there are any vacancies, then at an Ordinary Congress in accordance with the Disciplinary Tribunal Rules;
 - 4.2.16 Appointment of the Auditors, on the recommendation of the Executive Board (Article 27.1(m));
 - 4.2.17 If notified, amendments to the Constitution (Articles 27.1(b) and 82);
 - 4.2.18 If notified, grant the titles of Honorary Life President, Honorary Life Vice-President and Honorary Life Personal Members (Article 27.1(o)), on the recommendation of Council;
 - 4.2.19 If notified, grant awards for services to World Athletics and the sport of Athletics, on the recommendation of Council (Article 27.1(p));
 - 4.2.20 Closing.
- 4.3 The Agenda shall be prepared and dispatched no later than two (2) months before the Congress meeting (in accordance with Article 31.1), by the Chief Executive Officer.

5. Special Congress

- 5.1 These Rules of Congress shall also apply to a Special Congress meeting unless specified otherwise in the Constitution or these Rules.

- 5.2 The Agenda for a Special Congress meeting shall be dispatched no later than three (3) months before the Congress in accordance with Article 32.3 of the Constitution. The Agenda shall be limited to the business for which the Special Congress meeting is convened.

6. Quorum

Note: Refer to Article 33 of the Constitution.

7. Delegates and Attendees

Delegates

- 7.1 Up to three (3) Delegates of each Member Federation (appointed or elected in accordance with Article 28) may attend and speak at Congress meetings.
- 7.2 Each Member Federation shall designate one of its Delegates to be the Voting Delegate for that Member Federation at a Congress meeting and shall notify World Athletics of its Voting Delegates by the time specified by World Athletics, prior to the commencement of the Congress meeting. Only the Voting Delegate is permitted to vote. If, due to illness or other extraordinary circumstance, the Voting Delegate cannot be present during any part of the Congress meeting, a Member Federation may designate one of its other Delegates (if it has one) to be the Voting Delegate for the remainder of the Congress meeting, provided that before the Delegate can vote as a Voting Delegate:
- 7.2.1 the Chairperson must be notified in writing of such request and the reason for it, and
- 7.2.2 the new Delegate must be verified as a Voting Delegate (in accordance with Rule 12.3.1);

The Voting Delegate can only be changed once during a Congress meeting and cannot be changed a second time back either to the original Voting Delegate or to any other Delegate of the Member Federation once changed.

Attendees and Observers

- 7.3 The Attendees specified in Article 29.1 shall attend each Congress meeting.
- 7.4 In addition, the Observers specified in Article 29.3 and 29.4 may attend Congress meetings in accordance with the Constitution. This may include an independent third-party scrutineer with a professional qualification, if requested by the Chief Executive Officer, and at an Election Congress, if recommended to the Chief Executive Officer by the Election Oversight Panel.
- 7.5 Persons who are candidates for the position of President, Vice-President and Council Member, and who are not otherwise entitled to attend an Election Congress in another capacity may attend Election Congress meetings as Observers. However, no candidate may speak about himself as a candidate, or request or permit any other person to speak in support of or against a person who is a candidate, during an Election Congress meeting.
- 7.6 There shall be no persons other than those specified in the Constitution and these Rules permitted to attend a Congress meeting, including the media. (However, see

Article 29.7 and Rule 13 of these Rules for the option of broadcast of a Congress meeting)

8. Chairperson

- 8.1 The Chairperson of each Congress meeting is the President (Article 34.1) or if he or she is unavailable, the Senior Vice-President or another Vice-President (in accordance with Article 34.2).
- 8.2 In an Election Congress, the Chairperson of the Congress meeting shall vacate the chair for the period of any election of a position for which they are seeking election. For the period of such vacation, the Senior Vice-President shall assume the chair, unless they are also seeking election for the same position, in which case a Vice-President designated by the President who is not seeking election for the same position shall assume the chair.
- 8.3 The Chairperson has control of the Congress meeting and shall:
- 8.3.1 preserve the order of the meeting, which may include removing any person from the meeting who is in breach of these Rules or the Constitution;
 - 8.3.2 ensure the Constitution and these Rules are adhered to, including the rules of debate as set out in Rule 9 of these Rules;
 - 8.3.3 decide on any points of order or any other procedural matters in accordance with the Constitution and these Rules; and,
 - 8.3.4 decide on any matter of procedure during a Congress meeting where the Constitution or these Rules make no provision or insufficient provision.
- 8.4 The decision of the Chairperson on procedural matters at a Congress meeting is final and is not open to debate at the Congress meeting nor is it subject to any right of appeal.

9. Rules of Debate

- 9.1 The following rules of debate shall apply to all Congress meetings.
- 9.2 For the avoidance of doubt, Member Federations may only propose amendments to the Constitution in accordance with Article 30.2(d) and amendments may not be proposed by Member Federations at the Congress meeting itself. A Member Federation is entitled to withdraw that Member Federation's proposed amendment to the Constitution at or before the Congress meeting which is due to consider it. Further amendments to an amendment properly proposed in accordance with Article 30.2(d) shall only be permitted to be put before the Congress meeting in exceptional circumstances if the Chairperson agrees pursuant to Rule 9.3.2(c) below.
- 9.3 Motions
- 9.3.1 Overview of Process

Except for Elections, for any decision to be made on any matter at a Congress meeting the following process shall be followed:

 - a. a motion is moved (as described in Rule 9.3.2 of these Rules);

- b. the motion is seconded (as described in Rule 9.3.3 of these Rules);
- c. the motion is discussed (as described in Rule 9.3.4 of these Rules);
- d. there is a right of reply to the discussion on the motion (as described in Rule 9.3.5 of these Rules); and,
- e. there is a vote on the motion (as described in Rule 9.2.6 of these Rules).

9.3.2 Moving a Motion

- a. Except for Elections, for any decision to be made on a matter included within the agenda for a Congress meeting, a Delegate of the Member Federation or (for proposals of Council) a Council Member appointed for that purpose, must **move a motion** proposing that decision.
- b. A Delegate or Council Member who wishes to move a motion shall do so by informing the Chairperson by show of hands or notifying him via the technology provided.
- c. The Chairperson may reject a motion for a matter not included on the agenda for the Congress meeting, or for an amendment to a matter on the agenda, being put if it:
 - i. has not been properly notified to the Chairperson in writing by a Member Federation; or
 - ii. is an amendment which is not minor in nature and which changes the substance or intent of a matter which has been properly notified; or
 - iii. covers the same or substantially similar matters which either have already been dealt with, or which will be dealt with later, in the Congress meeting; or
 - iv. is unclear or ambiguous.

9.3.3 Seconding the Motion

- a. Once a motion is "moved", it must be "**seconded**" by a Delegate from another Member Federation before it can proceed.
- b. Seconding a motion shall be done by informing the Chairperson by show of hands or notifying him via the technology provided.
- c. If the motion is not seconded, the motion lapses and cannot be proposed again at the same Congress meeting.

9.3.4 Discussing the Motion

- a. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, the Chairperson shall first give the proposer and seconder of the motion an opportunity to speak in favour of the motion before opening the matter up for debate. The Chairperson shall determine the order of debate and may

terminate the debate if he or she considers the debate has run its course.

9.3.5 Right of Reply

- a. Once the discussion on the motion is completed, the Chairperson shall give the proposer of the motion the right to reply to the discussion.
- b. The right of reply must be strictly limited to the speaking on matters raised by the previous speakers on the motion and may not introduce any new matters.
- c. The mover of the motion may withdraw the motion at this time.

9.3.6 Vote

- a. Following the right of reply, the motion shall be voted on in accordance with the Constitution and these Rules.

9.4 Motions which Propose Amendments to the Constitution

9.4.1 Where a Member Federation or Council has properly notified proposed amendments to the Constitution in accordance with Article 30.2(d), the Chairperson will ask a Delegate of the Member Federation or, for Council proposals, the appointed Council Member (as applicable) to move the proposal as a motion.

9.4.2 Motions to amend Articles of the Constitution shall usually be dealt with in the order in which the applicable Article appears in the Constitution. However the Chairperson may propose motions to amend Articles to be dealt with together in blocks if, for example, the motions are about the same subject matter, or they are technical, clerical or minor in nature.

9.4.3 If there is more than one amendment proposed to the same Article of the Constitution the Chairperson shall proceed with the motions as he considers appropriate including (but not limited to):

- a. proceeding with the motions to be proposed, seconded, discussed and voted on in the order in which they were received by World Athletics; or,
- b. proceeding with the motions in such order as he considers appropriate for purposes of allowing them to be moved, seconded and discussed together, followed by a vote on each of the motions (or as they may be amended), in such order as the Chairperson decides; or,
- c. proceeding with them in any other order proposed by him and approved by a majority of the Delegates,

provided that if a motion to amend an Article is voted on by the Delegates, then no further motion dealing with the same subject can be voted on at that Congress meeting.

9.5 Amending all other Motions

- 9.5.1 A motion can be amended by a Delegate (or as applicable a Council Member appointed by Council to propose that motion) after the original motion has been moved, seconded and discussed but before it is voted on.
- 9.5.2 A motion to amend a motion shall be in writing and notified to the Chairperson before the original motion is voted on, unless the Chairperson allows otherwise.
- 9.5.3 The Chairperson may decline an amending motion for any of the reasons set out in Rule 9.3.2(d).
- 9.5.4 An amending motion cannot itself be amended, and must be voted on, before another amending motion can be moved. This does not prevent a Delegate (or as applicable a Council Member) from notifying the Chairperson of an intention to move a further amendment, once the first amending motion is resolved.
- 9.5.5 An amending motion shall be moved, seconded, discussed and voted on, in the same manner as the original motion. If the amending motion is successful, the original motion is then amended accordingly, and the original motion (as amended) will then be discussed and voted on.
- 9.6 Speaking to Motions
- 9.6.1 In order to allow a fair debate, no one should speak to the motion for more than three (3) minutes.
- 9.6.2 In speaking to any motion, speakers are to limit their comments strictly to the motion and shall not speak to irrelevant or unrelated matters, as decided by the Chairperson.
- 9.6.3 The Chairperson may stop a speaker from speaking if they are disrespectful, or make statements which are offensive to any person or contain offensive language. (See also Rule [16] where Chairperson may order a person to leave the meeting.)
- 9.6.4 Persons entitled to speak at a Congress meeting may speak in any language of the following languages for which simultaneous translations will be available:
- a. Arabic;
 - b. Russian;
 - c. Spanish;
 - d. English;
 - e. French.
- Simultaneous translations may be made from and into any other language required, provided this is notified to World Athletics well in advance of the meeting, and the costs of this are met by, or on behalf of the Member Federation requesting the additional language.

- 9.6.5 For avoidance of doubt, there is no right for a person who is a candidate for Election at a Congress meeting, to speak about themselves as a candidate, or for any other person to speak in support of or against a person who is a candidate, during a Congress meeting.

10. Voting

- 10.1 The only persons who may vote at a Congress meeting are the Voting Delegates. Each Voting Delegate is entitled to vote on each motion and for Elections.

Open Voting

- 10.2 All decisions of Congress, shall be decided by Open Voting except for:
- 10.2.1 Elections, which shall be undertaken by Secret Ballot in accordance with Article 36.1 of the Constitution;
- 10.2.2 Voting undertaken by show of hands, by voice or acclamation, if permitted by the Constitution or these Rules of Congress (see Rule 10.4); or,
- 10.2.3 Voting on any other motion where the Voting Delegates call for a Secret Ballot, in accordance with Rule 10.5.
- 10.3 **“Open Voting”** means the vote is undertaken using the Electronic Voting System and after the vote has closed on each motion the following will be displayed at the Congress meeting to all persons present at the Congress meeting:
- 10.3.1 The names of the Member Federations which voted in favour, against or abstained from voting on the motion or it was not a valid vote; and,
- 10.3.2 The voting strength, the required majority, and the outcome of the vote, including total number of votes in favour, against, abstentions and any votes that were not valid votes.

10.4 Voting by Show of Hands, Voice or Acclamation:

- 10.4.1 The Chairperson shall decide if a motion shall be voted on by a show of hands, voice or acclamation

unless:

- a. prior to the vote, there is an objection made by at least ten (10) Voting Delegates to request Open Voting using the Electronic Voting System; or,
- b. having taken the vote, the voting outcome is uncertain or inconclusive, in which case, the Chairperson shall hold the vote on the motion a second time by Open Vote using the Electronic Voting System; or,
- c. if having taken a vote using the Electronic Voting System, there is a malfunction or problem with the Electronic Voting System (as advised by the Verifying Company), the vote shall be undertaken manually using voting papers (the results of which shall be displayed at the Congress meeting in the same manner as described in Rule 10.3 or 10.6 of these Rules, as applicable); or

- d. the vote is for the following motions:
 - i. granting of the titles Honorary Presidents, Honorary Life Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Personal Members;
 - ii. granting of awards for services to World Athletics and the sport of Athletics;
 - iii. approval of the Auditors;
 - iv. approval of the members of the Vetting Panel;
 - v. approval of the members of the Integrity Unit Board; and,
 - vi. approval of the members of the Disciplinary Tribunal.

10.5 **Voting by Secret Ballot:** In addition to voting in Elections, a motion may be voted on by Secret Ballot only if:

- 10.5.1 25% of the Voting Delegates present in the Congress meeting call for a vote to be held by Secret Ballot.
- 10.5.2 If the threshold in Rule 10.5.1 is met, the motion to vote by Secret Ballot is then voted on by Open Voting; and,
- 10.5.3 the motion to hold the vote by Secret Ballot is then carried by an Absolute Majority, and if carried,

the original motion is then voted on by Secret Ballot.

10.6 **“Secret Ballot”** means voting will be undertaken in the same way as other motions using the Electronic Voting Technology, however after each vote, the votes of the Voting Delegates shall not be disclosed, and only the following will be displayed after each vote (including rounds of a vote) at the Congress meeting:

- 10.6.1 The voting strength;
- 10.6.2 The outcome of the vote;
- 10.6.3 In an Election, the total number of votes for each candidate in the Election and the order of votes from the highest to the lowest for all candidates in each vote (including any rounds of vote);
- 10.6.4 For any other motions voted by Secret Ballot, the total number of votes in favour, against and abstentions;
- 10.6.5 The number of any votes that were not valid votes.

10.7 **Open and Closing Votes:** When using the Electronic Voting System, the Chairperson shall announce when voting is open with respect to a motion or the Election of a position, and when it is closed (which shall not usually be longer than three (3) minutes), including giving a warning when there is one (1) minute left for voting.

10.8 **Abstentions:** A Voting Delegate may abstain from voting on any motion or in an Election. Such an abstention does not count in favour or against the motion in determining the requisite majority for the resolution to be passed.

Voting Majority

- 10.9 Except for Elections, all motions shall be decided by Absolute Majority, Simple Majority or Special Majority as specified in the Constitution. If a vote is held by show of hands, voice or acclamation and the required majority is not clear, the vote shall be repeated using Open Voting.
- 10.10 Unless specified otherwise in the Constitution or these Rules, in the event of a tied vote, the vote shall be lost. The Chairperson does not have a right to vote, including a casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

Voting in Elections

- 10.11 Voting to elect Council Members (including President and Vice-Presidents) shall be undertaken, by Secret Ballot in accordance with Article 36.1 of the Constitution.

11. Elections

- 11.1 The election of the President, Vice-Presidents and Individual Council Members shall be undertaken in accordance with the Constitution, and in the manner set out in these Rules (Article 36.1).
- 11.2 Election of President:
- 11.2.1 Each Voting Delegate shall vote for only one (1) candidate for President, otherwise the vote will be invalid. An election for the position of President is required even if there is only one candidate.
- 11.2.2 The candidate who receives an Absolute Majority on the first round of votes shall be declared elected (Article 36.4(a)).
- 11.2.3 If no candidate receives an Absolute Majority in the first round, (Article 36.4(b)), then a second round of voting for all the candidates for the position of President shall be undertaken, and the candidate who receives a Simple Majority, shall be declared elected.
- 11.2.4 If no candidate receives a Simple Majority in the second round, then a third round of voting shall be undertaken and the Highest Polling Candidate shall be declared elected.
- 11.2.5 If in any round, there is a tie in votes between two or more candidates, then a further round of voting shall be undertaken between the tied candidates only, and the Highest Polling Candidate shall either:
- a. be declared elected (if the tied candidates were the only candidates on the list of candidates) or,
 - b. if there are three or more candidates on the list, remain on the list for a further round or rounds of voting between the remaining candidates until there is a Highest Polling Candidate who shall be declared elected.

11.3 Election of Four Vice-Presidents:

First Elected Female Vice-President

- 11.3.1 At the 2019 Election Congress, the Voting Delegates shall first elect one female Vice President. Each Voting Delegate shall vote for only one (1) female candidate on the ballot, otherwise the vote will be invalid (Article 36.5(d)(i)).
- 11.3.2 Only the female candidates for the positions of Vice-President shall be in the ballot for voting. Any female candidate who is from the same Member Federation Country as the President shall be withdrawn from the list of candidates.
- 11.3.3 The female candidate who is the Highest Polling Candidate shall be declared elected as a Vice-President. Neither an Absolute Majority nor a Simple Majority of votes is required.
- 11.3.4 If there is a tie in votes between two or more female candidates who are the Highest Polling Candidates, then a further round of voting shall be undertaken between the tied candidates only, and the Highest Polling Candidate between them shall be declared elected. If, after this round of voting, there remains a tie between two or more of the Highest Polling Candidates, then a further round of voting between the tied candidates only shall be undertaken, until there is one Highest Polling Candidate, who shall be declared elected.

Three Other Vice-Presidents' Positions

- 11.3.5 Following the election of the first elected female Vice-President, any candidate (male or female) for the positions of Vice-President who are from the same Area (see Rule 11.3.11 below) as the first elected female Vice-President, shall be removed from the list of candidates (Article 36.5(d)(ii)).

For example, if the first female Vice-President is from CONSUDATLE, then all candidates for Vice-President (both male and female) from CONSUDATLE will be removed from the list of candidates for the remaining Vice-President positions to be elected.

- 11.3.6 Once the candidates for Vice-President who are from the same Area as the first elected female Vice-President are removed from the list of candidates, the election for the three (3) other Vice-Presidents shall be undertaken from amongst all the remaining candidates for Vice President (both male and female).
- 11.3.7 Each Voting Delegate shall vote for three (3) candidates only (Article 36.5(d)(iii)) on the ballot, (otherwise the vote will be invalid). The three (3) Highest Polling Candidates shall be declared elected, unless any two or more of them are from the same Area. In this case, the Lowest Polling Candidate/s amongst these three candidates who are from the same Area, shall not be declared elected and will be removed from the list of candidates (Article 36.5(d)(iv)). However, any of the three (3) Highest Polling Candidates who are not from the same Area shall be declared elected.

For example, if the three (3) Highest Polling Candidates for the three other Vice Presidents are: one(1) from CAA and two(2) from NACAC, then the candidate from CAA would be declared elected (as the second Vice President), and the highest polling candidate from NACAC declared elected (as the third Vice President) and the lowest polling candidates from NACAC would not be elected and would be removed from the ballot. This would leave one position to be filled by a further round of voting in accordance with Rule 11.3.8 (as the fourth Vice President using this example).

- 11.3.8 If any of the three (3) Highest Polling Candidates are removed from the ballot (due to being from the same Area under Rule 11.3.7), then a further round of voting shall be undertaken for the remaining number of Vice-President positions. Before doing so, any candidates from the same Area/s as candidates who have already been declared elected as Vice-Presidents under Rules 11.3.2 and 11.3.7, shall also be removed from the list of candidates for the ballot (Article 36.5(d)(iv)). Voting Delegates shall then vote for the same number of candidates for which there are positions remaining (otherwise the vote is invalid). The Highest Polling Candidate/s for the remaining positions shall be declared elected.

For example, if the same facts described in the example to Rule 11.3.7 applied so there is one remaining position to fill (the fourth Vice President), any remaining candidates for Vice-President from CAA and NACAC would be removed from the list, leaving only those candidates from AAA, EA and OAA (if any). Delegates would then vote for one of those candidates, and the highest polling of them would be elected as the fourth Vice-President.

- 11.3.9 If in the further round of voting in Rule 11.3.8, there are two positions to be elected, and more than one of the Highest Polling Candidates for these two positions are from the same Area, then the process in Rules 11.3.7 and 11.3.8 shall be repeated, until there is a Highest Polling Candidate elected from amongst the remaining candidates.

For example, if under Rule 11.3.8 the three Highest Polling Candidates were all from Africa, then there would only be one of them declared elected (and the others would be removed from the ballot) (as the second Vice President). In the next round of voting, there would be two remaining positions to fill, so any remaining candidates for Vice-President from Africa would be removed from the list, leaving only those candidates from NACAC, Asia, CONSUDATLE and Oceania (if any). Delegates would then vote for two of those candidates, and the highest polling of them would be elected (as the third and fourth Vice-Presidents).

- 11.3.10 In the event, there is a tie in the votes for the Highest Polling Candidate in Rules 11.3.7, 11.3.8 or 11.3.9, then a further round of voting shall be undertaken between the tied candidates only, and the Highest Polling Candidate between them shall be declared elected.

- 11.3.11 For the purposes of these Rules “from the same Area” means the Area to which the Member Federation that nominated the candidate (under Article 36.2) is assigned in accordance with the Constitution (Annexure to the Constitution).

- 11.3.12 For avoidance of doubt, for the election of all the Vice-Presidents positions, neither an Absolute Majority nor a Simple Majority of votes is required.

11.4 Election of Individual Council Members:

- 11.4.1 Following the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents, the Individual Council Member Gender Number (as described in Article 36.6(b)(ii)) shall be calculated and declared to Congress by the President.

For example, at the 2023 Election Congress the minimum number of each gender is 10. If, following the elections, the gender numbers of the elected President, Vice-Presidents, Area Presidents and Athlete Commission members on Council are 9 males and 4 females, the minimum gender numbers to be elected from the 13 individual Council positions would be 1 males and 6 females.

- 11.4.2 Any candidates for the positions of Individual Council Member who were successfully elected to the positions of President or Vice-Presidents, shall be removed from the list of candidates for Individual Council Members.

- 11.4.3 Any candidates for the positions of Individual Council Members who are from the same Member Federation Country or Territory as the President, any Vice-Presidents, or any Area Presidents shall be removed from the list of candidates for Individual Council Members.

- 11.4.4 Voting Delegates shall cast one vote for thirteen (13) candidates only, from the list of Individual Council Members. This vote must include at least the minimum number of candidates of each gender to meet the declared Individual Council Member Gender Number. Any vote which does not comply with this Rule will be invalid.

Following the example at Rule 11.4.1 above, if the minimum number of females required is 6, and a Voting Delegate only votes for 5 female candidates, the whole vote of that Voting Delegate will be invalid including votes cast for other candidates.

- 11.4.5 The thirteen (13) Highest Polling Candidates for the Individual Council Gender Number for each gender will be declared elected (Article 36.6(b)(iv)). Neither a Simple Majority nor an Absolute Majority of votes is required. The thirteen (13) Highest Polling Candidates shall be determined as follows:
- a. After the vote, all the candidates (male and female) shall be ranked in order of the number of votes they each received.
 - b. The Highest Polling female candidates, in order of ranking, of such number as are required to meet the Individual Council Member Gender Number for females, shall be declared elected.
 - c. The Highest Polling male candidates, in order of ranking, of such number as are required to meet the Individual Council Member Gender Number for males, shall be declared elected.

- d. The remaining number of the 13 Individual Council Member positions, shall be filled by the Highest Polling Candidates on the ranking list (whether male or female), excluding those elected in (b) and (c) above.

Following the example at Rule 11.4.1 above, if there are 20 candidates for the 13 positions as set out below, with the Individual Council Gender Number (ICGN) = 1 male and 6 females, the candidates to be elected would be as follows:

Ranking after the vote:

<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Candidate Gender</i>	<i>Elected</i>
1	Male	Yes (ICGN: Male #)
2	Male	Yes
3	Male	Yes
4	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #1)
5	Male	Yes
6	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #2)
7	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #3)
8	Male	Yes
9	Male	Yes
10	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #4)
11	Male	Yes
12	Male	No
13	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #5)
14	Male	No
15	Male	No
16	Female	Yes (ICGN: Female #6)
17	Female	No
18	Male	No
19	Male	No
20	Male	No

- 11.4.6 If there is a tie in votes between two or more candidates for the thirteenth position as an Individual Council Member, there shall be a further vote between those tied candidates only, and the Highest Polling Candidate between them shall be declared elected.

- 11.4.7 If there are insufficient candidates to fill the Individual Council Gender Number of each gender, the position/s for that gender shall be left vacant until the next Ordinary Congress meeting.

12. Scrutineers

- 12.1 There shall be six (6) Scrutineers (one from each Area) who shall not be World Athletics Officials, candidates in any election or appointment occurring at the Congress meeting, persons employed or contracted to World Athletics (other than as independent professional advisors), or Voting Delegates of Member Federation present at the Congress meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, observers, attendees and Delegates who are not Voting Delegates and who are not otherwise excluded by this Rule and attending the Congress meeting, may be nominated to be Scrutineers.
- 12.2 The Voting Delegates shall approve the Scrutineers (including a Chief Scrutineer) upon the recommendation of the Election Oversight Panel. The Chief Executive Officer shall

call for nominations for Scrutineers from the Member Federations at the same time as the Agenda is sent to the Member Federations and Area Associations under Article 31.1 of the Constitution. The nominations received shall be referred to the Election Oversight Panel for assessment and recommendation of the Scrutineers to the Voting Delegates.

12.3 The Scrutineers are responsible for:

- 12.3.1 allocating the voting equipment for the Electronic Voting System to each Voting Delegate including verifying them as the Voting Delegate;
- 12.3.2 overseeing the voting where Electronic Voting System is used to ensure all Voting Delegates have voted, and confirming that it is functioning adequately;
- 12.3.3 if voting is undertaken by show of hands, confirming the identity of the person voting to ensure they are the Voting Delegates, and counting the votes;
- 12.3.4 if voting is taken using manual voting papers, distributing the voting papers, overseeing the voting, collecting the voting papers and counting the votes;
- 12.3.5 if voting is undertaken by acclamation or voices, deciding the outcome of the vote. If the Chief Scrutineer considers the outcome is inconclusive or unclear, he will order a revote either by show of hands or voting using the Electronic Voting System; and
- 12.3.6 confirming the outcome of each vote and, the Chief Scrutineer informing the Chairperson.

12.4 If voting is undertaken using manual voting papers, each voting paper shall have the name of the Member Federation recorded on it, unless it is a Secret Ballot. If it is an Open Vote, after the voting papers have been collected, the votes will then be manually entered into the Electronic Voting System to display the results of the vote at Congress in accordance with Rule 10.3 or 10.6 of these Rules, as applicable.

12.5 In addition to the Scrutineers, the Chief Executive Officer may request an independent third party with a professional qualification to be present at Congress meetings to witness and verify the voting procedure and outcomes of the votes.

13. Media

13.1 Congress meetings shall not be open to the public or any representatives of the media. However, in the interests of transparency, live proceedings of the Congress meeting (or parts of it) may be viewed by the public (including representatives of the media) in an adjacent room to the Congress meeting or online, if the facilities and costs reasonably permit such proceedings, as decided by the Chief Executive Officer.

14. Call to Order and Disorder

14.1 If the Congress meeting is called to order by the Chairperson, all persons are to resume their seats and /or stop speaking as the case may be. Should any person refuse to obey the Chairperson they may be directed by the Chairperson to leave the meeting. If such direction is made, the person shall leave the meeting and will not be permitted to return during the meeting, or any period of that meeting that the Chairperson may determine.

- 14.2 The Chairperson may, at any time, require any person to leave the Congress meeting if he is disorderly, disrespectful, is breaching any of these Rules, is making statements which are offensive to any person or contain offensive language, or is otherwise acting in a manner which is disruptive or inappropriate.
- 14.3 If a person is directed to leave the meeting and he is a Voting Delegate, the Member Federation which the Delegate represents, shall lose the right to vote at that meeting, even if it has another Delegate present at the meeting.

15. Virtual Congress

- 15.1 The Council may decide in exceptional circumstances that an Ordinary or a Special Congress is held virtually rather than delegates attending in person or that it is held with some delegates attending in person and some delegates attending virtually.
- 15.2 For a Virtual Congress, the provisions of these Rules, and in particular Rules 9 and 10, may be varied by the Council and new processes shall be implemented and notified to Member Federations to reflect the practicalities of holding a Virtual Congress.
- 15.3 At a Virtual Congress, there shall be no requirement to appoint six (6) Scrutineers from each Area pursuant to Rule 12 above. The verification of the voting procedure and the outcome of the votes shall be conducted by the independent third party with a professional qualification appointed by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 12.5 above.

16. Written Resolutions passed by Member Federations

- 16.1 Pursuant to Article 26.4, Congress may make urgent decisions by written resolution on extraordinary matters (as decided by the Council) by Electronic Voting.
- 16.2 When exercising its power pursuant to Rule 16.1 above, Council shall determine:
- 16.2.1 whether a Special Majority or an Absolute Majority is required to pass any resolution proposed pursuant to Rule 16.1 above; and
- 16.2.2 the time period within which Member Federations are required to respond to the resolution being proposed.
- 16.3 At least one third of the Member Federations must respond to the resolution to achieve a quorum.
- 16.4 There shall be no requirement to appoint six (6) Scrutineers from each Area pursuant to Rule 12 above when a written resolution is put to the Member Federations. The verification of the voting procedure and determination as to whether the resolution is passed or not, shall be conducted by the independent third party with a professional qualification appointed by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 12.5 above.

17. Proceedings not Invalidated

- 17.1 Any irregularity, error, omission in notices, agendas and relevant papers for a Congress meeting and any other error in the organisation of the Congress meeting, shall not invalidate the meeting nor prevent Congress from considering the business of the meeting, provided that:

- 17.1.1 the Chairperson of the meeting in his discretion decides that it is still appropriate for the meeting to proceed despite the irregularity, error or omission; and
- 17.1.2 a resolution to proceed is put to the Congress meeting to proceed and is carried by Special Majority.

18. Minutes

- 18.1 An audio-recording shall be made of each Congress meeting and retained by World Athletics.
- 18.2 Minutes of each Congress meeting (in English and French) shall be sent to all Member Federations, within six (6) months of the date of the Congress meeting.
- 18.3 The minutes shall be held at the headquarters of World Athletics.