

Campaign Rules For the IBSA Executive Board Elections at the 10th IBSA General Assembly in Cluj Napoca, Romania

I. Application of These Rules

1. These rules apply to any candidate seeking to be elected, the IBSA member who nominated them and any other delegates attending the 2017 IBSA General Assembly on behalf of the IBSA member.

II. General Conduct

2. The conduct of all candidates shall comply with all other provisions outlined in the IBSA Constitution, IBSA's Bylaws, IBSA's Code of Ethics and IBSA's Harassment Policy.

3. In addition to the requirements imposed in section 2, above, each candidate and/or their respective nominating body has the right to promote the candidature of themselves or the person they have nominated, subject to the following:

- a) Nominees and/or their respective nominating body shall not campaign in any way prior to the official public announcement by the IBSA Secretary General of all valid candidates for election. For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, to "campaign" shall mean any effort or action - including (but not limited to) any contact by way of letter, email or via any form of social media- the purpose of which is to influence the decision-making process of any relevant person or group in any IBSA elections.
- b) The promotion of a candidate by any person or organisation shall always be conducted with dignity and moderation.
- c) Candidates and/or their respective nominating body shall seek the advice of the Secretary General of IBSA where any doubt about the proper interpretation of these rules may arise.
- d) IBSA shall send to all of its members a list of all approved candidates no later than four weeks prior to the date of the election.
- e) Candidates may also produce and circulate, at their own expense, materials promoting their candidacy, provided that the publication by the candidate complies with all of these rules. The candidate's document may include the branding of the candidate's nominating body, but may not include any branding or other references to any third party that might suggest endorsement of the candidate by that party.
- f) Following the IBSA public announcement of the approved nominees for election and up to midnight on the day prior to the day of formal elections process candidates shall be allowed to distribute their promotional document, including by electronic means such as email, social media (being posts on Facebook, Twitter and other similar sites) to all relevant persons or groups. All such communications must comply with these rules and in particular, sections 2 and 3 hereof. Copies of all such communications must be copied to the Secretary General of IBSA who will monitor compliance with these rules.

- g) All campaign materials distributed at the site of the General Assembly must be available in a format that is accessible to individuals who are blind and partially sighted.

III. Attendance at Meetings

4. No candidate shall attend any IBSA Committee meeting, or any IBSA Members' meeting with a view to promoting his or her candidature. The candidate may be present at the regional meeting to which their IBSA member belongs.
5. No candidate shall hold or promote a social function for the benefit of or in promotion of any person who is seeking election or any person or group who may have influence in the relevant elections with the aim, or in the framework of, promoting his or her candidature. This prohibition shall include receptions, lunches and dinners at the elections venue or any other location prior to the formal elections process, and shall also include the distribution of vouchers for drinks or meals.
6. Candidates and/or their respective nominating body may in no circumstances and under no pretext as a part of their campaign give presents, offer monetary inducements or compensation or gifts (including payment for accommodation and/or flights) or grant advantages of any kind including the promise of any valuable reward to any IBSA Member or other person or group who may have influence in the relevant elections.

IV. Treatment of Other Candidates

7. Each candidate and/or their respective nominating body shall, with dignity and consideration, and within the framework of promoting their candidature, fully respect the other candidates, the IBSA Members and IBSA itself. Personal attacks shall not be made in public about any other candidate.
8. At no time shall the candidates, their respective nominating body or any IBSA Regions body publicly announce or circulate a list of preferred candidates for election.
9. Candidates must have the intent and ambition to run for election and to be elected, and their candidature shall not have the sole purpose of disturbing another candidate's election.

V. Relationships With Third Parties

10. No candidate and/or their respective nominating body shall enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of any third party in order to influence the result of the elections or to be performed should the candidate be successful in his or her election bid.

VI. Relations with the IBSA Administration and the Local Organizing Committee for the General Assembly

11. No support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from any IBSA staff person, any IBSA Executive Board member or any member of the Local Organizing Committee.

VII. Media Relations

12. Subject to respecting the principles set out in subject to the provisions set out in these rules, candidates shall be allowed to give interviews to media on their individual candidacy. Candidates shall not however give any media statements or interviews on behalf of IBSA.

13. Candidates shall provide to IBSA Secretary General on the date of publication, a copy of any press article or with a link to any other media interview of which they are aware concerning (in whole or in part) which refers to their candidature. Where possible, reference should be provided to the publication online, with an accompanying English translation.

VIII. Enforcement

14. A breach of any of these Rules shall be investigated by the IBSA Executive Board or a committee of not less than three Executive Board members. Under no circumstances shall any investigators be running for the same office as the candidate who is being investigated. As part of the investigation process, the investigators shall, in addition to any other steps they choose to take, interview the candidate whose conduct is under review and their nominating body.

15. If a breach of these rules is determined to have occurred, The IBSA Executive Board may:

- a) impose a fine of up to 1,000 euros against the individual candidate, the nominating body or both; and/or
- b) disqualify the candidate for running for office or remove the candidate from office if the election has already been held.

16. No candidate or nominating body shall be subject to investigation or to the imposition of a penalty if they engaged in conduct that is in breach of these Rules before these Rules came into force.