



OCA ELECTION RULES

Preamble:

It is in the interest of the OCA, of all NOCs members of OCA and of all candidates for a position in OCA that the respect of the fundamental ethical principles of Olympism shall prevail during the whole election process.

In particular, it is essential that equality, fairness and proper behaviour be observed by all candidates in mutual respect.

These Election Rules aim to implement the principles set out in the OCA Constitution and in the Olympic Charter, to ensure that elections are conducted in a proper and fair manner.

Rules:

1. The present OCA Election Rules have been established by the OCA Election Committee and approved by the OCA EB. They apply to all elections to be held by a General Assembly of OCA.
2. The Election Committee is responsible for the process and overall conduct of any OCA election, before and during the General Assembly. The Election Committee may retain the assistance of advisers and/or of service providers, to ensure the proper fulfilment of its duties.
3. In advance of any General Assembly at which elections shall be held, the Election Committee will circulate to all member NOCs a copy of the present Election Rules as well as the specific Election Guidelines. The Election Guidelines shall indicate the relevant electoral calendar and other specific details for each election, as appropriate.
4. The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted by the candidate himself/herself and his/her NOC with dignity and moderation. The conduct of every candidate shall be in compliance with the OCA Constitution, the IOC Olympic Charter, the OCA Ethics Code and the IOC Code of Ethics.

5. The election process starts from the date of the deadline for the receipt of the nominations set out in the applicable Election Guidelines. The campaign of the candidate shall start only after the announcement of the confirmation of the eligibility of the candidate by the Election Committee.
6. The candidates shall pass the Eligibility Check by the Election Committee. Candidates are required to fulfil the Eligibility Check and submit the Eligibility Questionnaire, duly and truthfully completed.
7. Candidates that have been previously convicted by a final decision of any intentional offence corresponding to a violation of the rules of the OCA Ethics Code and/or of the IOC Code of Ethics or of any criminal code are to be declared not eligible.
8. The Election Committee shall carry out the Eligibility Check. It is entitled to request from a candidate additional information, if appropriate. Once the Eligibility Check is completed, the Election Committee shall pass a decision on the eligibility of the candidate concerned. The Election Committee will confirm the eligibility of the candidates that have successfully passed the Eligibility Check.
9. If the Election Committee finds that a candidate has violated the present Election Rules or if the Election Committee is satisfied that there has been undue interference by a government in favour of a candidate, the Election Committee will declare such candidate as not eligible. In case a NOC is involved, the relevant NOC will lose its right to vote at the respective election.
10. The candidate whose nomination has not been accepted will be provided a period of 7 days to appeal to a 3 member Appellate Committee formed by the President OCA specifically for this purpose.
11. The candidates and/or their respective NOCs and/or any organization belonging to the NOC are prohibited to offer any gifts of whatever value to any NOC and/or individual recognized by the OCA belonging to the Asian Olympic Movement.
12. The candidates and/or their respective NOCs and/or any organization belonging to the NOC and/or the candidates' respective governments are prohibited to give or promise any type of support (financial or of other nature), including establishing fund or charity outside of the official IOC and/or OCA Solidarity Programs.
13. The candidates' respective governments and/or other public agencies or entities are prohibited to interfere, directly or indirectly, with the whole election process.
14. The candidates shall reject any form of undue interference by governments and/or other public agencies or entities. Candidates shall be aware that governments and public agencies or entities are prohibited to unduly interfere in the whole election process.

be entitled to withdraw his/her candidature before the commencement of the election.

15. Each candidate for the position of OCA President is allowed a maximum of 15 minutes at the General Assembly for his speech and presentation before the election.
16. The elections will be carried on in accordance with the OCA Constitution and by secret ballot. The Election Committee will appoint scrutineers to assist and count the votes. Only the delegate nominated by the respective NOC as voting delegate will be allowed to cast the vote on behalf of his/her NOC.
17. No photo cameras, mobile phones or any other photo capturing device will be allowed inside the polling booth. If a delegate is found with such a device or clicking a photo, his/her vote will immediately be declared null.
18. Any dispute shall be settled by the Election Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the OCA Constitution.
19. All attendees to an OCA General Assembly, including the EB Members, the NOC delegates as well as all the candidates are bound by the OCA Constitution, the IOC Olympic Charter, the OCA Ethics Code, the IOC Code of Ethics and by all the decision taken in this respect by the IOC and/or OCA and their different organs.

Date:

For the OCA Election Committee

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Chair,
OCA Election Committee

Annex: Eligibility Questionnaire