

# **World Capoeira Federation Election Rules**

## **1. General Provisions**

1.1. These rules govern the election process within the World Capoeira Federation (WCF), ensuring transparency, fairness, and democratic principles.

1.2. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot or an open (face-to-face) vote, based on the recommendation of the Management Board and subject to approval by the General Conference.

1.3. The election process shall adhere to international best practices while aligning with the WCF Statutes.

## **2. Election Types**

### **2.1. General Elections**

- Conducted every four years by the General Conference, starting in 2022.
- Elects all members of the Management Board and the Chair of Supervisory Commission.

### **2.2. Interim Elections**

- a. Conducted by the General Conference or the Management Board when a position becomes vacant before the next scheduled General Elections.
- b. The elected candidate serves the remainder of the term.

## **3. Eligibility and Nominations**

3.1. Only Full Members with an eligible mandate, meaning those who have fulfilled their membership obligations, including fee payments, and are not suspended, may nominate candidates and vote in elections.

3.2. Each Full Member may nominate one candidate per vacancy.

**3.3.** The same person may be nominated for multiple positions. In such cases, their candidacy will be considered in the order of vacancies listed in the Appendix, unless they are elected to one of those positions, at which point their remaining candidacies shall be withdrawn.

3.4. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a. Experience in institutional and organizational management.
- b. At least a basic understanding of Capoeira, including its cultural heritage and its advancement as a sport within the Olympic Movement.
- c. No convictions for serious crimes.
- d. A minimum of three years of membership in the WCF to ensure familiarity with its values, policies, and operational framework.

## **4. Voting Procedure**

4.1. The Management Board must inform the members of the World Capoeira Federation about the elections, including the date, location, and format (online or face-to-face), at least three months before the General Conference.

4.2. The election process shall be overseen by an Election Committee, appointed upon the recommendation of the Management Board and approved by the General Conference.

4.3. The voting procedure shall follow these steps:

- a. Verification of eligible voters.
- b. Distribution of ballots or organization of open voting.
- c. Voting shall be conducted in the sequence outlined in the Appendix.
- d. The collection and counting of votes, in the case of a secret ballot, shall be conducted under the supervision of independent observers.

4.4. Candidates receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes from Full Members participating in the current General Conference with a mandate shall be declared elected, in accordance with Articles 5.6(d) and 5.8 of the Statutes of the World Capoeira Federation. In cases where the two-thirds calculation results in a decimal, the number shall be rounded up if the decimal is 0.5 or higher and rounded down if it is below 0.5.

4.5. If no candidate receives at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes from Full Members, a second round of voting shall be conducted among the top two candidates with the highest number of votes. If the tie persists, the election shall proceed to a final round, where the candidate receiving a simple majority shall be declared elected.

4.6. The results of the voting shall be officially declared by the Election Committee immediately following the completion of the vote count and verification process, ensuring transparency and clarity for all members.

## **5. Representation and Diversity**

5.1. The elected Management Board and Supervisory Commission should, where possible, include representatives from different continents to ensure global representation.

5.2. Efforts will be made to promote gender and regional diversity, where feasible.

## **6. Election Disputes**

6.1. Any disputes arising from the election process shall be submitted in writing to the Election Committee within seven days of the election results.

6.2. The Election Committee shall review and issue a decision within 14 days.

6.3. Appeals may be submitted to the General Conference for final resolution.

## **7. Final Provisions**

7.1. These Election Rules shall come into effect upon approval by the General Conference.

7.2. Amendments may be proposed by the Management Board or Full Members and must be approved by a majority vote at the General Conference.

**Elected Positions by the General Conference according to the Statutes of the World Capoeira Federation:**

**Management Board (maximum 12 members):**

- President – 1 vacancy
- First Vice-President – 1 vacancy
- Vice President on International Relations – 1 vacancy
- Technical Vice president – 1 vacancy
- Vice president on Discipline and Culture –1 vacancy
- Secretary General – 1 vacancy
- Chair of the Council of Masters – 1 vacancy
- Member of the Management Board – 5 vacancies

**Supervisory Commission:**

- Chairperson – 1 vacancy

The allocation of vacancies shall be suggested by the Management Board, taking into consideration the current activities of the World Capoeira Federation, and shall be subject to approval by the General Conference.