



From: World Boxing Ethics Committee
To: Candidates for the 2026 World Boxing Elections & Member Federations

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Election Notice No 1

Topic: Campaigning and campaign expenditure

The World Boxing Ethics Committee welcomes candidates and their nominating Member Federations to its first communication about the upcoming elections to be held at the Congress in Panama on 20 November 2026

The Ethics Committee was appointed at an Extraordinary Meeting of Congress in July this year. Its members are Ms Margot Foster – Chair (AUS), Mr Norihide Ishido (JPN), Ms Kirsty Burrows (ZIM) and Mr Daniel Pitt (GBR – Athletes Committee).

The Campaign Period for the 2026 World Boxing elections commenced on **1 May 2026** and concludes on the day of the elections. The Ethics Committee oversees the conduct of the election process and compliance with the Election Process & Voting Regulations.

The election process is intended to ensure fairness between and amongst candidates, especially for those who do not currently hold current roles and those who have a benefit from incumbency.

This Notice provides candidates with practical directions for the conduct of their campaigns. Candidates are expected to comply with both the letter and spirit of the Election Process & Voting Regulations and the World Boxing Code of Ethics.

If you have any questions arising from this Notice No 1 or any other campaign-related matters, please send them to the Ethics Committee at elections@worldboxing.org

1. Campaign conduct

Candidates must promote their candidature **with dignity and moderation** and must respect other candidates and all World Boxing Members.

Campaigning must not be prejudicial to another candidate or World Boxing Member. Candidates must not compare themselves with other candidates when promoting their candidature.

Candidates may describe their experience, qualifications, skills, views and reasons for seeking election.

All conduct from the declaration of the Campaign Period start date of 1 May 2026 is relevant to the consideration of a candidate's behaviour from that date until the date of the election irrespective of the date of submission of the nomination form.

2. Promises and commitments

Candidates must not make promises, commitments or undertakings about what they will do if elected.

This prohibition applies to statements made orally, in writing, on social media, in campaign material, in candidate videos and in any candidature document. It applies regardless of when the proposed action would occur.

3. Candidature documents

Candidates may prepare and distribute a candidature document to World Boxing Members.

Any such document must comply with the Election Process & Voting Regulations and must not contain promises, commitments or undertakings.

You should submit your material to the Ethics Commission if in any doubt about whether or not it complies.

4. Gifts and benefits

Candidates must not give a present or token of friendship, offer a donation, or grant any advantage or benefit of any nature or value to a World Boxing Member.

This prohibition applies whether the benefit is provided directly by the candidate or on the candidate's behalf.

Candidates may exchange items of minimal or no commercial value such as pins, pens, mugs, or a cup of coffee.

5. Third-party involvement

World Boxing partners and sponsors, media rights holders, and governments or governmental agencies of a candidate's country, including embassies, must remain neutral. They must not support a candidate or interfere in the election process.

A candidate's NOC may provide an endorsement in writing only in circumstances where the candidate has a direct and current connection with it. The endorsement must be factual and written in moderate terms. Consistent with the Election and Voting Regulations the candidate will be responsible for what is published by the candidate.

Prior to publication the candidate must seek approval of the wording from the Ethics Committee.

The NOC is not permitted to publish the endorsement via its own media and it is prohibited from providing any other in-kind or financial support during the Campaign Period and must not interfere in the election process.

6. Member Federation Support

Candidates' own Member Federation may provide reasonable in-kind support, but any expenditure by the Member Federation on the campaign must be accounted for in the candidate's spending limit of CHF15,000.

In-kind support must be accounted for where the candidate is provided with material campaign support which has an identifiable financial value. This could include the use of staff and staff time to create a website or post campaign material to social media sites; the use of facilities, equipment or services which would otherwise have to be purchased or hired; and design and printing of campaign material eg brochures and business cards.

7. Campaign expenditure

A maximum expenditure limit of **CHF15,000** applies for the duration of the Campaign Period.

The limit includes expenditure on accommodation, air and ground travel, campaign marketing, and similar expenses.

Candidates are responsible for managing their expenditure and ensuring that the limit is not exceeded.

8. Additional expenditure for increased flight costs

A candidate may apply for approval to incur up to an additional **CHF3,000** to meet possible increases in flight costs, particularly having regard to instability in the Middle East.

Approval must be sought and obtained **before the additional expenditure is incurred**. There is no guarantee that approval will be granted simply because an application has been made.

A candidate will be in breach of the rules and subject to investigation and possibly penalty should the expense be incurred before approval is granted.

9. Expenditure records and reporting

Candidates must keep receipts and other supporting evidence for campaign expenditure.

Campaign expenditure must be reported to the Ethics Committee:

no later than seven days before the elections – on 13 November 2026; and

within 28 days following the conclusion of Congress.

World Boxing will provide the reporting format.

Candidates should record expenditure as it is incurred rather than reconstructing their expenditure at the end of the Campaign Period.

10. Candidate status

A person may campaign during the Campaign Period but is not entitled to stand for election until declared eligible by the Vetting Panel and their Candidate Nomination Form has subsequently been approved by the Ethics Committee.

Candidates must not represent themselves as having been formally approved to stand for election before those processes have been completed.

11. Candidate videos and forums

From **23 September 2026**, candidates for Vice President and Executive Board Member may upload a video to the Congress website in accordance with specifications to be provided by World Boxing.

Subject to the number of candidates approved by the Ethics Committee, two online forums will also be organised for Vice President and Executive Board Member candidates to address Members and voting delegates. The forums will be conducted in a no-question format.

All statements made in candidate videos and forums remain subject to the campaign rules set out in this Notice.

12. Questions and prior guidance

Candidates who are uncertain whether proposed conduct, expenditure, travel, third-party support or campaign material complies with the Regulations should seek guidance from the Ethics Committee **before proceeding**.

The Ethics Committee is here to assist you so that you can conduct your campaign in accordance with the Election Process & Voting Regulations and to ensure a fair election. You are asked to do no more than you ask of the athletes who you seek to serve: play by the rules.

Questions should be directed to:

World Boxing Ethics Committee
elections@worldboxing.org