



World Boxing Congress

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From: World Boxing Ethics Committee
To: Candidates for the 2026 World Boxing
Elections, Member Federations,
Delegates and Voting Delegates

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Topic: Practical Guide to Congress – Q&A

This document provides practical guidance and direction about the essential aspects of the World Boxing Congress, including participation, accreditation, speaking rights, voting and elections. It is based on the World Boxing Statutes in force since 1 July 2026 (hereinafter: *the Statutes*, accessible [here](#)) and the World Boxing Election Process & Voting Regulations adopted on 30 April 2026 (hereinafter: *the Voting Regulations*, accessible [here](#)). Where relevant, the applicable Statutes article is indicated.

The Ethics Committee looks forward to your cooperation in this year's elections to ensure that they are free, fair and transparent and conducted in accordance with both the letter and spirit of the Statutes and Voting Regulations. Just as athletes are required to play by the rules so are those who aspire to run, govern and lead this important international federation.

Should you have any questions arising from the information in this Notice, please email elections@worldboxing.org.

I. Participation at a glance

The table below provides an overview of the main categories of participants and their rights at Congress. It is a practical summary: the detailed rules are set out in the following sections and in the Statutes.

Participant	Attend	Speak	Vote
Full Member in good standing*	Yes <i>Up to three Delegates</i>	Yes <i>Through its Delegates</i>	Yes <i>One vote per Full Member via its Voting Delegate</i>
Full member not in good standing*	Yes <i>As a guest only, subject to invitation</i>	No	No

Associate Member in good standing*	Yes <i>Up to three Delegates</i>	No	No
Associate Member not in good standing*	Yes <i>As a guest only, subject to invitation</i>	No	No
Endorsed Member	Yes <i>As a guest only, subject to invitation</i>	No	No
Candidate for election	Yes <i>If eligible and approved by the Vetting Panel</i>	According to the election procedure and any directions from the Ethics Committee	No <i>Unless separately accredited as a Full Member's Voting Delegate</i>
Executive Board member	In their institutional capacity	According to their role and the agenda	No <i>Unless separately accredited as a Full Member's Voting Delegate</i>
Guest / observer	According to their accreditation which is subject to invitation	No <i>Unless invited by the chair</i>	No
Companion / member of a delegation's entourage	If accredited	No	No

* A Member is in good standing if its membership fees and any other amounts due to World Boxing have been paid by 21 October 2026 (Statutes Art. 6.13.viii for Full Members; Statutes Art. 6.15.ix for Associate Members).

II. Delegations

1. How many people may attend Congress?

Each Full Member or Associate Member in good standing may be represented by a **maximum of three Delegates** at Congress (Statutes Art. 7.2, read in conjunction with Arts. 6.12.iv and 6.14.iii).

In practice:

- A delegation may have one, two or three Delegates.
- There is no obligation to send all Delegates on-site; one or more Delegates may attend Congress online.
- A delegation comprised of three Delegates must include both a man and a woman. A delegation of one or two people does not need to be gender-balanced (Statutes Art. 7.2.i.).

2. Who can be a Delegate?

A Delegate must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- have the nationality of the country or territory represented; or
- have permanent residence there; or
- work for the Member represented (Statutes Art. 7.2.ii.).

No Delegate may be appointed solely as a translator (Statutes Art. 7.2.iii.).

A Delegate does not need to be the President or Secretary General of the Member Federation.

3. When and how to appoint the Delegate(s)?

The names of the Congress Delegates must be communicated to World Boxing no later than 21 October 2026 (Statutes Art. 7.4).

The notification should also identify the Voting Delegate of each Full Member.

4. What if a Delegate cannot attend?

A Delegate who cannot attend Congress cannot be replaced or represented by another person, unless force majeure applies (Statutes Art. 7.6).

The Member should notify World Boxing as soon as possible, explain the circumstances and provide any supporting information. World Boxing will decide in its sole discretion as to whether the Member may replace the Delegate or not.

III. Voting Delegates

1. Who can vote?

Only **Full Members in good standing** are entitled to vote.

Associate and Endorsed Members are not entitled to vote.

2. Who casts a Full Member's vote?

Each Full Member must designate one of its Delegates as its Voting Delegate, who is the only person authorised to cast the Member's vote (Statutes Art. 7.3).

The nominated Voting Delegate will be checked as being the correct person prior to any vote being cast and no substitutions are permitted.

3. How many votes does a Full Member have?

Each Full Member has **one vote**, regardless of how many Delegates are present (Statutes Art. 11.11).

4. Can the Voting Delegate be changed?

The Voting Delegate must be one of the Member's notified Delegates. If the originally designated Voting Delegate cannot attend, the Member should contact World Boxing as early as possible.

Any change will be considered only where force majeure applies (Statutes Arts. 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6).

World Boxing will decide in its sole discretion as to whether the Member may replace the Voting Delegate or not.

5. Can an Executive Board member also be a Voting Delegate?

Yes.

In that case, the person concerned should be seated at all times with their Member's delegation when acting as Voting Delegate, including during votes, and is not permitted to be seated on the podium with the other Executive Board members.

IV. Endorsed Members

1. Can an Endorsed Member attend Congress?

Yes.

Representatives of Endorsed Federations may attend Congress as **guests**, subject to invitation.

2. Do Endorsed Members have Delegate or voting rights?

No.

Representatives of Endorsed Members:

- do not have Delegate or Voting Delegate status;
- do not have the right to speak;
- do not have the right to vote.

V. Accreditation

1. What happens if a person has several roles?

A person may have more than one role, for example Delegate, Voting Delegate, Candidate or Executive Board member.

Where this happens, the highest relevant role will be shown on the accreditation. This is an administrative rule only: it does not create, remove or transfer any right to speak or vote.

2. Can a candidate also be a Voting Delegate?

A candidate may, in principle, also be a Voting Delegate.

However, Member Federations are strongly discouraged from nominating their candidates as Voting Delegates. This will help avoid any perception that a candidate could use their voting role in a way that affects the fairness, or the appearance of fairness, of the election. Where a candidate is also a Voting Delegate, this should be declared to World Boxing no later than 21 October 2026 so that the necessary accreditation arrangements may be put in place.

3. Can a companion attend Congress?

A companion or other member of a delegation's entourage may attend only if accredited.

A companion:

- does not have Delegate or Voting Delegate status;
- does not have the right to speak;
- does not have the right to vote;
- may access only those areas or sessions to which their accreditation gives access.

This is an administrative and hospitality category. It does not confer any right to represent a Member Federation or to participate in Congress in any manner.

4. Can a (Full or Associate) Member that is not in good standing attend Congress?

A (Full or Associate) Member that is not in good standing may be able to attend Congress, but only as a **guest**, subject to invitation.

In that case:

- its representatives will not be accredited as Delegates or Voting Delegates;
- they do not have the right to speak on behalf of the Member;
- they do not have the right to vote.

VI. Speaking rights

1. Who may speak at Congress?

Only Delegates of **Full Members in good standing** have the right to speak at Congress (Statutes Art. 7.5 read in conjunction with Art. 6.12.iv).

The chair of Congress may invite any person to speak where appropriate and in his sole discretion.

2. Who chairs Congress?

World Boxing's President chairs Congress, except for elections, which are chaired by the Chair of the Ethics Committee.

If the President has a conflict of interest on any agenda item, a Vice President will assume the chair for the duration of the discussion on that item (Statutes Art. 7.7).

VII. Quorum

1. What is the Congress quorum?

For an ordinary Congress, the quorum requires:

- more than half of the Full Members with voting rights (*i.e.* Full Members in good standing) to be represented by at least one Delegate; and
- more than half of the Executive Board to be represented (Statutes Art. 7.11).

2. Is the quorum based only on Delegates who are on site?

No.

A Full Member counts towards the quorum if at least one of its Delegates takes part in the Congress, either in person or online (Statutes Art. 7.11).

VIII. Voting

1. How does voting work?

Each Full Member in good standing has one vote which must be cast by the Voting Delegate (Statutes Art. 11.11).

Proxy voting and voting by mail are not allowed (Statutes Art. 11.13).

2. What majority is required for decisions?

Unless otherwise stated, decisions require a **Simple Majority** of votes validly cast by those present, entitled to vote and voting (Statutes Art. 11.10).

A **Special Majority** of at least two-thirds is required for:

- Approval of an application for Membership (Statutes Art. 6.10);
- Amendments to the Statutes and the Competition Rules (Statutes Arts. 7.12.xi and 16);
- Addition of (late) new items to the agenda of Congress (Statutes Art. 7.17);
- Expulsion from Membership (Statutes Art. 14.9); and
- Removal of an Executive Board member (Statutes Art. 14.14).

3. What happens if there is a tie?

If a vote is tied, a new vote is held.

If the tie persists, the President decides the outcome of the vote, except for elections where further rounds of votes are held (see below - Statutes Art. 11.12).

IX. Elections

1. Who conducts the elections?

The Ethics Committee conducts the elections.

During the election process, the Executive Board vacates the stage (Voting Regulations Arts. 1 and 14).

2. How is the vote organised?

Elections are held by **secret ballot** (Voting Regulations Art. 10).

Electronic voting is used (Voting Regulations Art. 10).

Each vote will be allowed a specified amount of time during which votes can be cast by Voting Delegates online or in person. The amount of time will be announced prior to each vote or round of voting.

A test vote will take place before the first vote (Voting Regulations Art. 10).

Three scrutineers, with no conflict of interest in the election, oversee the process (Voting Regulations Art. 11).

3. How is the ballot order determined?

If there is more than one candidate, the ballot order is decided by a public draw conducted by the Chair of the Ethics Committee (Voting Regulations Art. 11).

4. How are results determined?

Each Full Member has one vote cast by the Voting Delegate.

Abstentions, blank or spoiled votes, and non-participation are not counted for the required majority (Voting Regulations Art. 12).

Those voting online are required to pay attention to the amount of time specified for the casting of votes so that their votes are counted.

A candidate is elected by Simple Majority (Voting Regulations Art. 13).

5. What happens if no candidate obtains the required majority?

Where there are more than two candidates for a position and no candidate obtains the required majority, further rounds of voting are held.

In each round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and does not take part in the following round (Voting Regulations Art. 15.a).

6. What happens if the last two candidates are tied?

If the last two candidates obtain the same number of votes, a new round of voting is held. If they remain tied after that second round, a third and final round is held.

If the two candidates are still tied after the third round, the Chair of the Ethics Committee will draw the names from a hat. (Voting Regulations Art. 15.b).

7. How are the results of the elections communicated?

The chair of the scrutineers communicates the result of each round of voting in writing to the Chair of the Ethics Committee, who announces the results to Congress (Voting Regulations Art. 16).

If no candidate is elected at the end of a round, the Chair of the Ethics Committee asks for the results to be displayed and announces the name of the candidate who will not take part in the following round. That person's name will be removed from the list of candidates (Voting Regulations Art. 16).



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As soon as a candidate obtains the required majority and is elected, the Chair of the Ethics Committee announces the name of the elected candidate for the relevant position. The elected candidate may then take the floor for a short statement (Voting Regulations Art. 16).

The full results of all rounds of voting are published as soon as the results have been announced (Voting Regulations Art. 16).

