



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

REPORT – 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Electoral Commission (hereinafter, the ELC), composed of Roberto Rivello (Chairman of the Constitutional Commission), Yolander Persaud (Chairwoman of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission) and Allen Priest (Chairman of the Verification Commission), met today in Samarkand, examined and discussed the following agenda items, and unanimously adopted the decisions below.

REQUESTS RELATED TO NOMINATIONS OF NEW DELEGATES

After the publication of the final list of Member Federations entitled to vote and their Delegates, the ELC received requests from some Member Federations regarding changes to their designated delegates.

In accordance with art. 3.6 of the Electoral Rules, all deadlines for the submission of these nominations and/or for replacing a Delegate with the President, or a President with the Delegate, have expired. Consequently, these requests must be rejected as inadmissible, and the final list of the Member Federations entitled to vote and their Delegates is confirmed.

CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING ZONAL ELECTIONS

Several Member Federations requested clarification on points related to Zonal Elections, noting that no specific rules have been approved for their respective Zones to date.

The ELC can observe what follows:

- In accordance with art. 26 of the Electoral Rules:
 - o “The elections for Zonal President shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly”;
 - o “These elections shall be organised directly by the Member Federations belonging to the respective Zones”;
 - o “The elections for Zonal Presidents shall be made by secret ballot, except when there are no more candidates than positions to be filled”.

- Art. 15 and 17 of the Electoral Rules are likewise applicable to these elections, therefore:
 - “The *quorum*, that is the minimum number of voters needed for a valid election, shall be 50 % of the total number of Member Federations having right to vote”;
 - “For the elections regarding a single position, an absolute majority of the votes cast, not counting abstentions, shall be required, if not otherwise provided by these Electoral Rules. If there is a tie, the voting is repeated until the tie is broken”.
 - It means that, for instance, if a Zone comprises 5 Member Federations, the *quorum* is 3; if 3 votes are cast, resulting in 1 abstention and 2 valid votes for candidate X, candidate X is duly elected.
- Before the election, when there are more than two candidates, it may be established that if no candidate achieves a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated prior to a second round of voting, and so on.
- If *quorum* is not reached, the Zonal election must be postponed.
- In accordance with art. 33.1 of the FIDE Charter “the management of each Zone is assigned to a Zonal President, who has the responsibility to coordinate the activities of the Member Federations in the Zone”, therefore:
 - In exceptional cases where there is a lack of *quorum* or no valid candidacies during the 2026 Samarkand FIDE Congress, the Zonal election can be postponed to a later date by the Zonal President elected in 2022, whose mandate shall be extended accordingly. The Zonal President shall also establish a new deadline for the submission of candidacies and communicate this decision to the FIDE Council as soon as possible, preferably prior the conclusion of the current FIDE Congress.

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