

# 6 IBU RULES FOR ELECTIONS

## 1. GENERAL

The Rules for Elections shall be used for elections at the Congresses.

## 2. NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be signed by the President or Secretary General of the respective National Federation.

## 3. CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS

- 3.1 The conduct of the elections is the responsibility of the Election Committee.
- 3.2 The personal presence of the candidate(s) is desired, however not mandatory.
- 3.3 Normally elections shall be conducted by casting votes in a ballot. The election must be secret if this is demanded by a regular voting member. The Congress is free to decide by simple majority to conduct elections in a non-secret poll.
- 3.4 As a rule elections shall be conducted according the sequence stated in the agenda.
- 3.5 Elections can be made separately for any function or for an entire body.

## 4. ELECTION RESULTS

- 4.1 If only one candidate is nominated for a function, the candidate is elected when receiving the absolute majority of the votes cast. If this is not the case, a second ballot must be held. If the candidate fails to receive the absolute majority also in the second ballot, a third ballot shall be held. In this third ballot the candidate shall be elected if he or she receives one third of the votes cast.
- 4.2 If there are more than one candidate to be elected for a function, the candidates shall be elected who receive the majority of the votes in the first ballot thereby reaching the absolute majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives the absolute majority of the votes cast, and there are more than two candidates, the candidate who has received

the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and the remaining candidates advance to another ballot. This procedure continues until one candidate has received a simple majority. If there is a tie with two or more candidates, a second ballot shall be made. If the result remains unchanged, the election shall be decided by a lot.

- 4.3** If there are only as many candidates as persons required for a body, the body concerned may be elected in one poll. The members of the body are considered elected if each candidate has received at least one valid vote. If a candidate is unable to obtain one valid vote, a separate election shall be organized for the function concerned.
- 4.4** If there are more candidates than positions required for a body to be elected, those candidates shall be elected who receive the majority of the votes in the first ballot thereby reaching an absolute majority of the votes cast. If a second ballot has to be made for one or more functions in a body and there are still more than two candidates, the candidate with the least votes shall be eliminated. The remaining candidates advance the next ballot. The procedure will be continued until a person has obtained a simple majority of votes cast for the function that still needs to be voted on. If there is a tie regarding a function that still needs to be voted on, a second ballot shall be organized among the tied candidates for this function. If no different result can be reached, the election shall be decided by a lot.

## 5. COUNTING OF VOTES

- 5.1** Only valid votes cast shall be counted in an election.
- 5.2** In case of an odd number of votes cast, it will be rounded to reach a two thirds majority or a absolute majority.
- 5.3** Simple majority means majority of the votes cast, even if less than 50% of the votes cast. Absolute majority means more than 50% of the votes cast.

