



## **1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

The purpose of the Rules of Conduct is to outline the rules that shall govern election campaigning and to provide guidelines for dealing with campaign violations, complaints, sanctions, and appeals. These Rules are meant to ensure fairness, keep order, and preserve the integrity of the election, whilst ensuring that each candidate that meets the established eligibility criteria has an equal opportunity to be elected.

Candidates may promote their candidature, with dignity and moderation, in compliance with the present Rules of Conduct, the FEI Statutes, FEI Internal Regulations and the FEI Code of Ethics (<http://www.fei.org/fei/regulations/general-rules>).

## **2. PROMOTION OF THE CANDIDATURE**

From the call for candidacies until the end of the election, candidates may promote their candidatures.

Candidates running for the position of FEI Athlete Representative must respect all other applying candidates.

Candidates are responsible for completing the FEI Curriculum Vitae form as well as the Rules of Conduct and submitting these documents to [athlete2014@fei.org](mailto:athlete2014@fei.org) no later **31 March 2014, 23h59 CET**.

No material (i.e. gifts, t-shirts, caps, etc.) or financial inducement in exchange for votes is permitted.

The FEI Nominations Committee ensures compliance with the present Rules of Conduct.

## **3. COMMUNICATION BY THE FEI**

Prior to the election, the FEI will publish the Curriculum Vitae forms (with candidates' photographs). The FEI is also responsible for communicating the Election Process.

Any statement or document sent to the FEI following 31 March 2014 will not be displayed.

The FEI is responsible for all communication with the media.

## **4. SANCTIONS**

In the event of any infraction of the present Rules of Conduct, the following sanctions will be applied, depending on the severity and type of infraction; sanctions can be cumulative:

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- a) A confidential warning;
- b) Withdrawal of the candidature;
- c) Withdrawal of the candidate's right to stand for election in the future.

In the event of a repeat infraction, the second sanction will automatically be more severe.

The FEI Nominations Committee has the authority to impose sanctions

**5. PROCEDURE**

The candidate concerned by an infraction has the right to be heard, in writing or orally at his/her discretion, by the FEI Tribunal.

If the right to be heard is exercised by means of a written document, this must be submitted within the deadline set by the Nominations Committee. If the right to be heard is exercised orally, the candidate may be accompanied by one person of his/her choice; a brief record of such hearing is produced, and a copy given to the candidate.

The concerned athlete's National Federation (NF) must be informed in all cases.

Any sanction shall be the subject of a written and grounded decision. Decisions imposing sanctions b to c of Article 4 are made public.

For any measure or sanction, the candidate concerned is informed before it is made public. The NF is also informed. This information may be communicated orally or by electronic mail. If the information is communicated orally, a brief record is established and a copy given to the candidate or NF concerned.

Read and approved

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**Date**

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**Discipline**

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**Family name, First name**

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**Signature of candidate**