



UNITED WORLD
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CONGRESS PROCEDURE RULES



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Article 1 - Congress delegates

As per the UWW Constitution, each member nation may only have three delegates at the Congress, only one of whom shall have the voting power and the right to speak. Where three delegates register for the Congress, at least one of them shall be a woman.

Article 2 - Convening and registration

At least 120 days ahead of the Congress, the UWW Administration will notify all affiliated National Federations of the date and location of the Congress, the logistical details, and a call for candidates.

A copy of the rights to vote must be received by the UWW Administration for verification, 7 days before the Congress at the latest.

On the day and at the time set by UWW, the national representatives must hand over their powers to the Congress secretariat.

The powers must indicate the name and position of the person having the right to speak and to vote on behalf of the National Federation concerned.

In order to be valid, the power must be signed by the President or the Secretary General of the National Federation concerned, and include the official stamp of the National Federation, thereby proving its authenticity.

The powers must be presented in writing on the official letter-head paper of the National Federation concerned.

Article 3 - Conduct of the congress

The Congress is conducted by the UWW President, or if absent, by an appointed Vice-president or by the Secretary General.

If decided so by the UWW President, the Congress may be made available on livestream for non-attending members.

Article 4 - Working bodies

The Congress shall appoint its own working bodies upon proposal by the UWW President.

Article 5 - Conditions for participation

Each affiliated National Federation must be up to date with all its financial obligations with UWW and shall not be subject to any disciplinary suspension. In these conditions, it will have the right to one vote at Congress.

National Federations which are granted technical assistance by UWW for at least one athlete in the competition where the Congress takes place may also apply for technical assistance for one delegate to the congress. The conditions described above apply.

Article 6 - Right to vote

The rights to vote of the UWW Bureau members and affiliated National Federations are not transferable. Consequently, any entitled party who is absent (Bureau member or National Federation) cannot vote by proxy.

Article 7 - Agenda items

Only the items on the agenda shall be discussed by the Congress.

However, in exceptional cases, the Congress may discuss a question not on the agenda, provided this is decided by vote by 2/3 of the attending members holding the right to vote.

Article 8 - Voting

The Congress decides on the voting procedure, whether the vote shall be secret or open, according to its own opinion.

In case the vote is secret, the voting booths or electronic voting will be used.

In case of a personal matter and for elections, the vote must obligatorily be secret.

The President does not take part in open votes, but has the casting vote in case of a tie.

If a secret vote ends in a tie, the matter in question is considered as rejected. Nevertheless, according to the UWW Constitution, if the vote for electing members of the UWW Bureau ends in a tie for the last post to fill, another ballot is compulsory, except in case of withdrawal from the involved candidates.

Article 9 - Elections

On the first ballot, are elected the candidate-s (men or women) who have obtained half of the votes cast plus one vote.

On the second ballot, are elected, at the relative majority, the applicant(s) having obtained the highest number of the votes.

In case of tie, the outgoing candidate will be elected. If there is a tie between two or more outgoing candidates, the oldest candidate will be elected.

Any ballot paper which is incomplete or spoiled, or which bears more names than the number of positions to fill shall be considered as void.

In compliance with the Constitution, the number of seats in the UWW Bureau comprises a minimum of seats reserved for women.

The eligibility of the candidates as per the Constitution shall be verified by a nomination commission composed of members of the Legal Commission and of different nationality from any of the candidates.

Appendix one provides an example of the running of elections. The rules provided for in the Constitution regarding the eligibility prevail.

Article 10 - Validity of decision

Decisions are made by the Congress by a majority according to the provisions of article 11 of the UWW Constitution, whereby the decisions are considered valid by a majority of the votes cast.

Article 11 - Rules of debates

The debates are held successively, according to the agenda.

The Congress President reports in this order or he requests the reporter of the matter in question to speak.

Each report on the questions placed on the agenda shall not last more than ten minutes.

On each question, following the order of the requests previously submitted, the Congress President allows Congress members to give their opinion.

Each intervention shall not last more than five minutes.

One delegate only per nation may speak concerning each question placed on the agenda, and he may do so only once.

After all interventions have been concluded, the reporter of each question has a right to respond for maximum 10 minutes.

Article 12 - Conclusion

The Congress President concludes the debate on each question after possible application of the provisions of the above article 11. The concluded debate shall not be resumed.

Article 13 - External speakers

In the event that particular information is needed concerning a question placed on the agenda, the Congress may allow individuals who are not members of the UWW to speak.

Article 14 - Application

The application and interpretation of the present Rules fall within the competence of the Congress.

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(Adjustments made to appendix I following approval of the Constitution amendments in June 2024; previous amendments December 2023, November 2019 and September 2014).

Appendix I

The voting devices are distributed in the congress room during the debates (generally after a break and before the agenda item related to elections).

The chairperson of the election commission must verify that all delegates with voting rights have received their voting device.

1) Rules as per the Constitution and Congress Procedure Rules:

According to the mandate duration, 6 seats for a full term (6 years) are renewed every two years by the Congress.

Candidates may be present incumbents and/or new candidates (the eligibility rules as the Constitution apply).

In this configuration, each delegate can vote for up to 6 candidates (vote for 1 candidate, 2 candidates, 3, 4, 5, or 6 candidates). The voting devices are programmed to not allow for more votes than the number of candidates.

To be elected on the first round, a candidate must have an absolute majority of the votes cast, which is “half of the valid votes + 1”.

If all seats are not filled on the 1st round, a second round is organized.

On the second round, a simple majority applies (the candidates with the most votes are elected).

Rules regarding ties: in case of a tie between two incumbents or a tie between two new candidates, the older candidates will be elected.

In case of a tie between an incumbent and a new candidate, the incumbent will be elected.

Rules regarding the nationality: as provided by the Constitution, only 1 candidate per country can be elected. In elections where there are two candidates of a same country, the one with the most votes will be elected.

Rules regarding women’s representation: as provided by the Constitution, at least 5 seats among the elected members are reserved for women. The rules regarding the election of the seats reserved for women are provided in the Constitution.

- 2) The election rules according to the open positions and the valid candidacies received must be clearly explained to the Congress before the opening of the votes.
- 3) The names are of the candidates and their nationality are read to the Congress and displayed on screens. The candidates are allowed a two minutes time to present their candidacy.
- 4) The chairperson of the elections commission must ask the candidates before each tour whether they maintain their candidacy or withdraw it.
- 3) The functioning of the voting device must be clearly explained and a voting test must take place before the actual elections.
- 4) Any protest must be filed directly to the elections commission.