



DURING CONGRESS AND IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ELECTION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I continue campaigning when I arrive at Congress?

Yes, subject to the Campaigning Guidelines.

Candidates may promote their candidacy in person and through electronic or media channels, provided they act with honesty, dignity and moderation.

Can I speak to Delegates about my Candidacy before the Congress meeting?

Yes, subject to the Campaigning Guidelines - and only up to the point the Congress meeting formally opens.

In-person campaigning is permitted; however, you must not put pressure on another person, offer an improper benefit, make misleading statements or otherwise seek to influence voting improperly. Once the meeting itself opens, a stricter self-promotion rule applies (see "What happens once the formal Congress meeting begins?" below).

Can I ask a Delegate to support me?

Yes, asking for support is normal campaigning.

However, you must not use pressure, intimidation, money, gifts, services or other benefits to influence voting behaviour or obtain an electoral advantage.

Can I give a Delegate a gift?

Only within strict limits.

Gifts or benefits between to voting Delegates are prohibited, other than items of purely nominal value (up to EUR 30) given, for example, as a token of friendship.

Regardless of value, a gift, service or other benefit must never be offered or accepted where it is intended to influence voting behaviour or obtain an electoral advantage.

Can I provide hospitality to Delegates?

Keep it modest and never linked to a vote.

The same EUR 30 threshold and no-influence rule from the previous question apply here too. A coffee or a shared meal in ordinary circumstances is unlikely to raise concerns; covering someone's travel, accommodation or a more substantial evening out is not permitted.



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Can I hand out flyers or printed campaign material at Congress?

No.

All campaign materials must be produced and distributed in digital form only. Flyers, posters and paper manifestos are expressly prohibited.

Can my National Federation promote me at Congress?

No, once your nomination has been submitted.

A National Federation may nominate a Candidate but must not subsequently provide financial, material or promotional support to that Candidate.

What happens once the formal Congress meeting begins?

A stricter self-promotion rule applies.

You must not speak about yourselves as a Candidate, or ask or allow anyone to speak in support of your Candidacy, or against another Candidate's, during the Election Congress meeting, except as the Rules specifically provided for.

Can somebody else make a speech supporting me during Congress?

No, not even in a well-meant show of support.

You must not ask or allow anyone to speak in support of your Candidacy, or against another Candidate's, during the Election Congress meeting, except as the Rules specifically provided for.

Can I make a presentation before the vote?

Yes, if you're running for President, Vice-President, Treasurer or the Executive Board.

You will get equal time before the vote to present your credentials and your vision and objectives for the role.

Once all presentations are done, the chairperson of the Election Committee explains the voting procedure.

Does that presentation apply to Technical Committee Candidates?

No, Technical Committee Candidates are not part of this presentation round.

Can I criticise another Candidate during my presentation?

No.

Candidates are required to focus on their own ideas and achievements and to refrain from making comments about other Candidates.

Personal attacks, intimidation and behaviour damaging the reputation of others are also prohibited.



INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Who is responsible for the election procedure?

Several bodies, each with a defined role.

The BIU Board is responsible for the correct conduct of the elections.

The chairperson of the Election committee controls the Election Congress meeting and procedural matters.

The voting system and conduct of voting are checked and monitored by the tellers, and election votes are counted confidentially by the BIU Board and the tellers.

Is the vote secret?

Yes, as the general rule.

Elections are conducted by secret ballot, using ballot papers or certified electronic voting devices.

The only exception: Where the number of Candidates equals the number of positions to be filled, Congress may instead decide by Simple Majority to vote by show of hands or acclamation (Rule 14.4 Rules of Congress)

What should I do if I see or experience improper conduct?

Report it to the BIU or to any of the Tellers straightaway.

The sooner it's raised, the sooner it can be looked into.

What happens if I breach the rules?

It can cost you your candidacy.

A breach may be referred to the BIU, which can suspend your campaign or remove you from the ballot. Serious conduct, particularly bribery or improper influence, can also lead to disciplinary or criminal proceedings.