



Election Guidelines

In anticipation of the elections that will take place during the FIA General Assembly (scheduled by the 2020 General Assembly) on **Friday, 17 December 2021**, please find below some details pertaining to the procedure which will be followed in accordance with the FIA Statutes and the FIA Internal Regulations available at <http://www.fia.com/fia-statutes-and-internal-regulations>.

In the event of a conflict between these Guidelines and the FIA Statutes and/or the FIA Internal Regulations, the latter shall be definitive.

Conditions for standing as a candidate for the Presidential Election - Eligibility

A list shall only be submitted to the General Assembly if it satisfies the following **3 cumulative conditions**¹:

1. have the support of at least 6 ACNs;
2. have the support of at least 6 Mobility FIA Members;
3. have the support of at least 6 ASNs.

An FIA Member with voting rights may only support one list submitted to the General Assembly.

Composition of the list: 11 candidates

- The President of the FIA (list leader);
- The President of the Senate;
- The Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism;
- The Deputy President for Sport;
- 7 Vice-Presidents for Sport (Middle East, Africa, North America, South America, Asia-Pacific and two Vice-Presidents from Europe) to be selected from among the candidates for the World Motor Sport Council nominated by FIA Members holding the Sporting Power.²

For each of the candidates appearing on a list (with the exception of the list leader), a **written declaration of support from the FIA Member to which she/he belongs** must be provided.

¹ Article 9.4.1 of the FIA Statutes

² The application form for the election to the World Motor Sport Council was sent by the FIA Administration to all the Presidents of the FIA Members by email on 12 July 2021.

Age limit³: potential candidates to stand for **election** must be **under 75 years of age** on the day of the election or of the re-election.

Re-election: persons holding the positions of President, Deputy Presidents and President of the Senate may be re-elected twice making a total of three terms of office, whether consecutive or not, in the same position, i.e. a maximum duration of twelve years in the same position.

Positions on the World Council for Automobile Mobility and Tourism (WCAMT) or on the World Motor Sport Council (WMSC) and on the Senate **may be held concurrently**. However, one and the same person cannot hold the following positions concurrently:

- Vice-President for Sport et Vice-President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism⁴,
- Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism and Vice-President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism⁵.

A candidate from one list may not appear on another list. If such were the case, the candidate would ipso facto be ineligible for each of the lists and after identification by the FIA Administration, the ineligible candidate should be replaced by each list leader at the latest 7 days after the observation of her/his ineligibility.

Time limit for submitting a candidature

World Councils: the deadline for the submission of candidatures is **22 October 2021**⁶.

Presidential list: the lists must be submitted **between 5 November and 26 November 2021** at the latest⁷.

Conduct of the Election Campaign

The promotion of a candidate shall be conducted with dignity and moderation, in compliance with the FIA Code of Ethics.

In promoting their candidacy, each candidate, or any person involved in their candidacy, must respect other candidates and must not be the source of any words, writings or representations likely to tarnish the image of another candidate or to prejudice them in any way.

In addition, all the candidates are invited to get acquainted with the Ethics Committee Recommendations in view of the Presidential Elections and to fully comply with them.

Role of the FIA Administration

During the election period, the FIA Administration must :

- equally support the needs of each candidate for the position of FIA President;
- provide equal exposure to each candidate within its main communication tools such as the website and publications.

As from the above-mentioned date for sending and publishing the application form (**12 July 2021**), the FIA Administration as well as all FIA Consultants shall maintain a strict duty of neutrality and equality at all times.

³ Article 7.2 of the FIA Statutes

⁴ Article 9.4.4.2 of the FIA Statutes

⁵ Article 9.4.4.3 of the FIA Statutes

⁶ Article 1.5 of the FIA Internal Regulations

⁷ Article 1.6 of the FIA Internal Regulations

The members of the FIA Administration and the FIA Consultants must limit their relations with the candidates strictly to the content of their mission.

Neutrality of the FIA President and other FIA elected officials in the exercise of their mandate

As from the date of publication of these Guidelines, the FIA President and all other elected officials of the FIA shall ((although they must carry out their duties until the end of their mandate) refrain from making any public declarations in respect of any candidate whilst fulfilling their elective role, in particular, during FIA meetings and conferences.

Voting participation

The FIA has 245 Members, of which 42 are Associate Members without voting rights, which makes a total of **203 voting Members**.

However, FIA Members that remain suspended 15 days prior to the date of the General Assembly⁸, i.e. 2 December 2021, **shall not be allowed to vote**.

In addition, **FIA Suspended Members**⁹ shall not be allowed to:

- propose a candidate on a presidential list or support a candidate in the presidential election;
- propose candidates for election to any FIA body;
- be represented in the meetings of FIA bodies;
- benefit from assistance to participate in the General Assembly week.

Status of FIA Associate Members

FIA Associate Members (Articles 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the FIA Statutes) may not vote at the General Assembly. Their representatives are not eligible for election to the WCAMT or the WMSC.

Representation and proxies

The possibility for the FIA Members to be represented or to vote by proxy at the General Assembly will depend on the format of the latter that will be decided by the World Councils (in the course of July 2021)¹⁰:

1. General Assembly meeting in person only (without remote participation/voting or remote voting before the meeting):
 - FIA Members of a same country may be represented by the same delegate provided the latter belongs to one of the Members which he represents¹¹.
 - An FIA Member which is unable to send a delegate to the General Assembly may be represented by the delegation of another country's Member; however, no delegation shall be allowed to accept more than one proxy¹².
 - Only an FIA Member with the right to vote may be represented by another FIA Member, with or without voting rights.

⁸ Articles 33.3 and 33.3.2 of the FIA Statutes

⁹ Article 33.3.1 of the FIA Statutes

¹⁰ Articles 15.10 and 16.19 of the FIA Statutes

¹¹ Article 8.2.1 of the FIA Statutes

¹² Article 8.2.2 of the FIA Statutes

- Each FIA Member may receive or give a proxy to another entity, whatever the competence of the other FIA Member.¹³
- Any FIA Member with the right to vote that wishes to be represented by the delegation of another country / of the same country must inform the FIA Administration of the fact in writing at least 8 days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly¹⁴.
- Since no Member is allowed to accept more than one proxy¹⁵, an FIA Member that receives several proxies from other countries must choose just one proxy from among those received. The other proxies must be returned as they will be considered invalid.

2. General Assembly meeting with remote participation and voting

FIA Members may not be represented.

Quorum

1/3 of the FIA Member countries entitled to vote¹⁶.

Vote through electronic data transmission

Voting at the General Assemblies will be carried out by electronic data transmission.

The provider company for the electronic data transmission voting system is **LUMI**, which already provided its services during the 2020 Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies.

Depending on the General Assembly format that will be decided by the World Councils in July, **two voting options can** be contemplated:

1. General Assembly meeting in person only (without remote participation/voting or remote voting before the meeting):
 - FIA Members will be handed out electronic devices (prepared in advance by the FIA Administration) before the General Assembly meeting.
2. General Assembly meeting with remote participation and voting:
 - FIA Members present on the meeting site will be handed out electronic devices (prepared in advance by the FIA Administration) before the General Assembly meeting.
 - FIA Members participating remotely shall use their own electronic devices.

Whether voting on site of the meeting or remotely, all the FIA Members with the right to vote shall receive, in advance and directly from the provider of the electronic data transmission voting system LUMI, their login and password required for voting.

The logins and passwords shall be sent **only** to the Presidents of the Members with the right to vote, and **only** to one e-mail address that would have been confirmed in advance by the Members.

A minimum of two test sessions shall be organised with LUMI, prior to the General Assembly, to ensure the smooth running of the voting process.

¹³ For example, an ASN may give a proxy to a Mobility Member and vice versa

¹⁴ Article 1.4 of the FIA Internal Regulations

¹⁵ Article 8.2.2 of the FIA Statutes

¹⁶ Article 11.6 of the FIA Statutes

Voting procedures

Voting in elections shall be by **secret ballot**¹⁷.

➤ **For the Presidential Election:**

Each country has in principle 24 votes, 12 for its “Sport” competence and 12 for its “Mobility” competence¹⁸.

The number of votes will be allocated according to the number of Members holding Mobility competence for each country concerned, as follows:

	<u>Number of Members</u> in the same country holding Mobility competence exclusively	<u>Number of votes*</u>
Article 3.1 Members (ACNs)	0	24 (12 in respect of Mobility)
	1	18 (6 in respect of Mobility)
	2	16 (4 in respect of Mobility)
Article 3.2 Members (Mobility)	1	12 per Member
	2	6 per Member
	3	4 per Member
Article 3.3 Members (ASNs)		12
President of the FIA Drivers’ Commission		1

* Each Member having a certain number of votes depending on the nature of the questions (general, sport or mobility), such number of votes will appear on the screen of its electronic device when casting its vote on the concerned question.

Conditions for the validity of a decision:

- **Absolute majority is required** (at least half plus one of the votes which may be cast at the General Assembly by the FIA Members present or validly represented)¹⁹.
- If no list obtains an absolute majority, only the two lists that polled the most votes will remain in contention, and a second round of voting will be carried out in which the candidates on the list that obtains a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

¹⁷ Article 1.7 of the FIA Internal Regulations

¹⁸ Article 11.8.1 of the FIA Statutes

¹⁹ Article 11.2 of the FIA Statutes

➤ **For the election of the members of the WCAMT (other than the Deputy President for Automobile Mobility and Tourism from the elected presidential list and the FIA Vice-Presidents for Automobile Mobility and Tourism)²⁰:**

- ACNs and Mobility Members (Articles 3.1 and 3.2 of the FIA Statutes) shall have 1 vote each²¹.
- ASNs (Article 3.3 of the FIA Statutes) and the President of the FIA Drivers' Commission may not vote.

➤ **For the election of the members of the WMSC (other than those persons from the elected presidential list):**

- ACNs, ASNs, and the President of the FIA Drivers' Commission (Articles 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 of the FIA Statutes) shall have 1 vote each²².
- Mobility Members (Article 3.2 of the FIA Statutes) may not vote.

²⁰ The Presidents of the Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions and 2 persons appointed by ACTA and ACTAC respectively (subdivisions of Region I), are by right Vice-Presidents of the FIA for Automobile Mobility and Tourism. Candidatures for the 18 members representing the 4 Automobile Mobility and Tourism Regions will be communicated to the FIA by the secretariat of each Region, on 22 October 2021 at the latest:

Region I – 8 members (excepting President of the Region and the 2 persons appointed by ACTA and ACTAC respectively)

Region II – 5 members (excepting the President of the Region)

Region III – 2 members (excepting the President of the Region)

Region IV – 3 members (excepting the President of the Region)

²¹ Article 11.10 of the FIA Statutes

²² Article 11.9 of the FIA Statutes