

To: All MNAs and Candidates

From: Elections Panel

Re: (1) Withdrawal of Candidate
(2) Voting Arrangements for General Assembly
(3) Election Rules

Date: 4 November 2025

Withdrawal of Candidate

1. The Elections Panel has received notice from Ruslana Taran (UKR) that she is withdrawing from the election. The election of two female Vice Presidents will now be contested by the five remaining candidates.

Voting Arrangements for General Assembly

2. On 30 October, the Executive Office wrote to all MNAs with details of the voting arrangements for the General Assembly. That notice is attached again for convenience.
3. MNAs are reminded that the appointment of Delegates must be made on the required form no later than **2:00pm UTC on Thursday 6 November 2025**. Late appointments cannot be accepted.
4. The Panel reminds all MNAs that their voting Delegates are required to bring their own device (such as a smartphone, tablet, or laptop) to use for voting. Please ensure your device is fully charged and capable of connecting to Wi-Fi. World Sailing will not provide voting devices (or alternatives) at the meeting.
5. Instructions for those attending remotely will be sent out closer to the meeting.
6. On Friday 7 November, the voting service provider NemoVote will be available in the main registration area of The Royal Marine Hotel. All voting Delegates must visit the Helpdesk to confirm that they have received their unique voting credentials, check they can access the NemoVote platform, and that their device is correctly set up before the meetings begin.

Election Rules

7. As the Annual Conference begins, the Panel wishes to remind all MNAs, Candidates, and their supporters of the important obligations in the Election Rules. The Panel expects MNAs to ensure members of their delegations are aware of the Rules (if they have not already done so). For your benefit, and as a reminder of your obligations, the Election Rules are at this link:

8. The Panel has had a suspected serious breach of the Election Rules referred to it. It is investigating the incident and, if the explanations given to it are not satisfactory, the Panel will report any individuals it believes may have broken the Rules to the Investigations Panel to consider misconduct charges.
9. The Panel wishes to draw the following Rules to your particular attention:
 - a. **Rule 6.1** prohibits the organisation of any public meeting intended to promote a candidacy without the prior approval of the Elections Panel. If there is doubt, the Panel is available to confirm at short notice if a proposed meeting is acceptable.
 - b. **Rule 10.2 (a) and (b)** prohibits any MNA, their representatives and delegates, Council Members, committee and commission members, other organisations (such as Continental Associations or World Sailing Classes) from announcing publicly in any form whatsoever their intention to vote for a particular candidate, requires that they refrain from making any public declaration, and requires that they do not in any way, support or oppose a candidacy in public. As ever, this rule does not prevent the private expressions of opinion or intentions.
 - c. **Rules 11.1 and 11.2** prohibit the concealed promotion of a candidacy at technical meetings or other events and any conduct that could influence the outcome of the election.
 - d. **Rule 22.1** places a positive duty on World Sailing Council, committee or commission members, World Sailing MNAs (including their delegates), World Sailing directors and officers, World Sailing staff, and Candidates, to report any alleged breach of the Rules to the Elections Panel.
10. For the avoidance of doubt, being aware of a breach (or potential breach) of the Rules and failing to report it to the Panel is itself a breach of the Rules for which misconduct proceedings may follow. Thus if you aware or become aware, between now and the elections on Saturday, of any conduct which causes you concern you should report it immediately to a member of the Panel in person or via the email below.
11. Should any MNA or candidates have any queries or reports to raise, please contact the Elections Panel via elections@sailing.org

Issued on behalf of the World Sailing Elections Panel