



2024 FIVB VOTING MANUAL

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The purpose of the present document is to describe the procedure that will occur for the FIVB elections that will take place at the 39th FIVB Congress in Porto, Portugal (hereinafter the “Elections”).
- 1.2** This is a text of guidelines and not a regulation. Please refer to the applicable provisions of the FIVB Constitution and to the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress.
- 1.3** This Manual has been reviewed and approved by the FIVB Advisory Electoral Committee (“A.E.C.”), which is responsible for supervising the FIVB Secretariat in making all necessary preparations for the election procedure if there is more than one candidate in accordance with Article 5.1.3 c) of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress. This Manual is designed to transparently explain the procedure for voting.

2. ELECTRONIC VOTING

- 2.1** Electronic voting will be used at the 2024 FIVB World Congress. At the outset of the Congress, the Secretary of the Congress explains the electronic voting process to the Delegates of the National Federations (NFs).
- 2.2** Documentation will also be provided for how to use the electronic voting devices as well as additional explanations as may be required from the service provider responsible for managing the electronic voting platform.
- 2.3** Prior to any voting, the Secretary of the Congress shall verify that the required quorum is present and announce to the Delegates the required majority (e.g. a 2/3 majority of the NFs accredited with a right to vote is required for Constitution amendments) as provided in Article 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress.
- 2.4** Only an affirmative exercising of a vote, either in favour or against a resolution, shall be counted towards all majorities (e.g. simple, two-thirds and three quarters) under the FIVB Constitution or the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress. For the avoidance of doubt, non-votes, such as abstentions or blank votes, or invalid votes shall not be used for purposes of calculating all majorities required under the FIVB Constitution or the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress.

3. PRE-VOTING ELECTION PROCEDURE

3.1 The order of the Elections is defined by Article 11.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress as follows:

1. Election of the FIVB President
2. Election of the FIVB Board of Administration (Constitutional Quota)
3. Election of the FIVB gender-in-minority positions on the FIVB Board of Administration

3.2 Each candidate for the FIVB President and the FIVB gender-in-minority positions on the FIVB Board of Administration have the right to make a ten (10) minute presentation of his or her candidature. The content of said presentation shall be in line with Articles 11.2.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress and 13.4 of the FIVB Code of Ethics.

3.3 The Secretary of the FIVB Congress shall ensure that a break is held prior to the start of the election procedure to allow for the set-up of the Congress room.

4. SECRET BALLOT VOTING PROCEDURE

4.1 In accordance with Article 11.1.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress, the elections of the FIVB President and the two gender-in-minority members of the FIVB Board of Administration shall be held by secret ballot unless the number of candidates corresponds to the positions to be filled, in which case the election may be conducted by acclamation (see below Article 5). In the event that there are more candidates than the number of positions for either the FIVB President or the gender-in-minority members then the following voting procedure shall apply.

4.2 Persons involved

The persons involved in the elections are:

- six (6) members of the Advisory Electoral Committee ("A.E.C.")
- five (5) Scrutineers (one from each Confederation)
- Secretary of the Congress
- Other Members of the Credential Verification Commission
- Candidate Observers (if any)
- Electronic Voting Service Provider (Lumi)
- Independent Audit Company (PricewaterhouseCoopers)

4.3 Casting a vote

- 4.3.1** Voting shall be conducted via electronic voting at the respective seats of the Delegates in accordance with the same procedure used for voting on motions.
- 4.3.2** During the break to set-up the approved voting procedure referred to in para. 3.3, measures shall be taken to ensure that each National Federation's place or screen is private and a randomized electronic voting card shall be placed at each National Federation place.
- 4.3.3** Upon the Delegates return from the break, the Secretary of the FIVB Congress shall announce that the elections shall commence. After the presentations of the respective candidates, he will then request that each Delegate places the randomized electronic voting card for the elections in the voting device. National Federations with proxies shall receive two randomized voting cards.
- 4.3.4** The Delegates shall then commence with the electronic voting at their seats. A voting area will be provided if Delegates prefer to not vote at their seats. The Delegates will cast their votes electronically for each election in accordance with the order defined in Article 3.1 above.
- 4.3.5** Delegates shall not act in any manner that compromises the secret ballot process, such as taking pictures of their vote, informing others of their vote, etc.
- 4.3.6** The Scrutineers shall witness the voting process from a location around the Congress Hall where the Scrutineer cannot see the vote casted.

4.4 Election results

- 4.4.1** After completion of the voting process and before the display of the results, the Scrutineers shall verify with the Electronic Voting Service Provider and the Independent Audit Company that the number of votes cast corresponds with the number of Delegates registered by the Credential Verification Commission, the proxies recognized by the Credential Verification Commission and the abstentions through a failure to appear.
 - 4.4.1.1** If the number of the votes cast is greater than the number of Delegates registered by the Credential Verification Commission, the proxies recognized by the Credential Verification Commission and the abstentions through a failure to appear, the Election is immediately declared invalid and must be repeated.
 - 4.4.1.2** If the number of votes cast matches the number of Delegates registered by the Credential Verification Commission, the proxies recognized by the Credential Verification Commission and the abstentions through a failure to appear and/or to vote, then the Secretary of the Congress shall confirm with the Scrutineers, the Electronic Voting Service Provider and the Independent Audit Company that he can proceed with closing the Elections. Only if all three confirm that he can proceed, the Secretary of the Congress will declare the elections closed and ask the electronic voting company to display the results.

- 4.4.2** Once the Elections have been completed, the Election Protocol is signed by all Scrutineers and the Independent Audit Company. It is then given to the members of the A.E.C. for their review and confirmation, recorded by their signature at the end of the document.
- 4.4.3** Once the votes have been cast and the verification process has been concluded, the Electronic Voting Service Provider shall display the results of the votes cast. If the required majority is reached, then the Secretary of the Congress shall announce that the election has been concluded. If the required majority is not reached, then a second round of voting will be conducted in accordance with the Expedited Secret Ballot Voting Procedure.
- 4.4.4** In accordance with Article 11.2.9 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress, the Electronic Voting Service Provider shall provide FIVB Secretariat with documentation containing a complete and forgery-proof copy of all electronic voting data (without reference to any specific National Federation in accordance with the secret ballot rules), and that this documentation will be kept at the FIVB headquarters for a period of at least ninety (90) days. The data registered in this way must preserve the traceability of every vote cast.

5. VOTING BY ACCLAMATION PROCEDURE

- 5.1** In accordance with Article 11.1.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress, the elections of the FIVB President and the two gender-in-minority members of the FIVB Board of Administration shall be held by secret ballot unless the number of candidates corresponds to the positions to be filled. In the event that the number of candidates corresponds to the number of positions then the following voting procedure may be applied.
- 5.2** The Secretary of the Congress shall call for a vote by acclamation and if there are no objections, then he shall proceed with the vote by acclamation.
- 5.3** The Secretary of the Congress shall then ask the Delegates to clap their hands if they wish to vote in favour of electing the candidate by acclamation.

6. DISPUTES

Any issue/controversy/dispute arising during the conduct of Elections or the determination of the Election results shall be definitely determined by the A.E.C., according to the FIVB Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the FIVB Congress.