

## THE ETHICS COMMISSION GUIDELINES

The Ethics Commission of the IOC issued guidelines concerning the proper conduct of candidates for the Presidency of the IOC following its meeting in Lausanne on 2 April. Drawing from the IOC Code of Ethics and Rules 20 and 25 of the Olympic Charter, the new guidelines outline what is expected from the candidates when they interact with other IOC members, third parties, the media, other candidates, and the IOC administration. "Of course we trust the candidates, but we took it upon ourselves to issue guide-

lines so it is clear to each candidate what behaviour falls inside and outside the lines of proper conduct," commented Judge Keba Mbaye, chairman of the Commission (pictured below). As a consequence of any proven breach of the guidelines, the Ethics Commission will on its own authority publicly denounce the action or issue a warning to the candidate in question. Any interested party will be allowed to bring an alleged breach of the guidelines to the attention of the Commission. The Commission developed the guide-

lines upon its own initiative during its meeting attended by Robert Badinter, former president of the French Constitution Court; Charmaine Crooks, IOC member and a five-time Olympian; Kurt Furgler, former president of Switzerland; Chiharu Igaya, IOC member, silver medallist, and a corporate director; and Sir Ninian Stephen, former high court justice and governor general of Australia. The meeting was chaired by Judge Kéba Mbaye, IOC vice-president and former vice-president of the International Court of Justice.



The IOC Ethics Commission,  
In view of Rules 25 and 20, paragraphs 1.3 and 2.7, of the Olympic Charter,  
In view of the Code of Ethics,  
Considering that it is in the interest of the IOC and the candidates for the presidency of this institution that, dur-

ing the campaign (for which each candidate chooses the ways and methods that he/she intends to use), respect for the "universal fundamental ethical principles", one of the foundations of Olympism, should prevail;  
Considering that it is essential that, during this campaign, equality be observed between the candidates and an atmosphere of mutual respect prevail amongst them;

Considering that, without calling into question the confidence that the candidates enjoy, the drafting and publication of directions derives from the need to ensure a degree of harmonization in their conduct and to prevent any excesses which their supporters might in good faith be led to commit;

### Enacts:

During the period preceding the elections and as from the date of notification of the present directions, the following Rules shall be applied.

### I - GENERAL CONDUCT OF CANDIDATES

1. - Each candidate has the right to promote his/her candidature, subject to respecting the provisions of the present directions.
2. - The promotion of a candidature shall be conducted with dignity and moderation.

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**3. -** The conduct of the candidates shall comply with the provisions of the IOC Code of Ethics.

**4. -** If a candidate intends to give any information on his/her plans as a future IOC President, he/she shall present it in the form of a document marked 'confidential'.

## II - RELATIONS WITH IOC MEMBERS

### 1. - Trips

Candidates shall limit the number of trips that they are called upon to make with a view to promoting their candidature in order to avoid excessive expenditure, a factor of inequality amongst the candidates.

### 2. - Meetings

No meeting or gathering of any kind may be held in the framework of promoting a candidature.

### 3. - Gifts

Candidates may in no case and under no pretext give presents or offer donations or gifts, or grant advantages of whatever nature.

### 4. - Promises

No candidate may enter into any promise or undertaking to be performed, whatever the timing of such performance, for the direct or indirect benefit of a member, a group of members, an organization or a region.

### 5. - Visits

All visits by members to candidates on whatever pretext must be avoided.

### 6. - Declarations

As the voting is secret, members are prohibited, individually or collectively, from announcing in any form whatsoever their intention to vote or from any invitation to vote for a candidate.

## III - RELATIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES

### 1. - Instructions

Candidates may not accept mandatory instructions from any public or private, natural or legal person.

### 2. - Undertaking

Candidates may not enter into any form of undertaking with any natural or legal person likely to affect the freedom of decision or action of the future IOC President.

### 3. - Assistance

No direct or indirect assistance, be it financial, material or in kind, may be given to candidates by a third party. If offered such assistance, the candidate concerned has the duty to refuse it, and to inform the Ethics Commission accordingly.

## IV - RELATIONS WITH THE MEDIA

### 1. - Publications

While candidates may make declarations or give interviews, no publicity of any form may, with their consent, be devoted to them. Furthermore, no means of public communication may, on their initiative or with their consent, be produced or against a candidate.

### 2. - Propaganda

No use, free of charge or in return for payment, of the services of a journalist or the media may be made in order to place a candidature at an advantage or a disadvantage.

## V - RELATIONS WITH OTHER CANDIDATES

### 1. - Respect due to candidates

Each candidate shall, in the framework of promoting his/her candidature, respect the other candidates, the IOC

members and the IOC itself. Such obligation is a requirement for members.

### 2. - Prejudice to a candidature

No spoken word, written text or representation of any nature likely to harm the image of another candidate or cause him/her prejudice may be produced by a candidate.

### 3. - Understandings

No understanding, coalition or collusion between candidates with the intent to influence the result of the vote is allowed.

## VI - RELATIONS WITH THE IOC ADMINISTRATION

### 1. - Support

No support or service in relation to a candidature may be requested from an agent of the IOC administration, or from a department or other section of such administration.

### 2. - Concealed propaganda

Concealed propaganda in the form of technical meetings or other events is prohibited.

## VII - BREACHES OF THE DIRECTIONS

### 1. - Competent body

Any interested party shall bring any breach of the present directions to the attention of the Ethics Commission, which will undertake an inquiry.

### 2. - Sanctions

If there is proof of a breach of the present directions, the Ethics Commission may make observations or issue a warning to the candidate in question which will be made public.

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