



Pan American Taekwondo (PATU)

Election Bylaws

2025

INTRODUCTION

It is in the interest of **Pan American Taekwondo (“PATU”)** and **World Taekwondo (“WT”)** and the candidates seeking to become PATU officers, that during the campaign an atmosphere of mutual respect is maintained and that fundamental universal ethical principles are respected.

In consideration of this and in accordance with Article 2.4.1 and 5.8 of the PATU Bylaws and Article 9.4 of the WT Bylaws for the purpose of the 2025 elections, all procedures, interpretation and application, including candidate nominations, campaigning and voting requirements shall be determined by the ADHOC Elections Committee. Any inquiries regarding interpretation or to report possible violations should be submitted to the ADHOC Elections Committee for final decision.

PART I: CAMPAIGN & CANDIDATES

1. Official to be elected

1.1 The General Assembly shall elect the officers as determined in Article 5.8 of the PATU Bylaws.

2. Candidates and Information regarding the candidates:

2.1 Documents: The Candidate Nomination Form, Comprehensive Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy (Candidate Packets) approved by the ad hoc Elections Committee shall be published in accordance with the timeline set forth in Article 5.8 of the PATU Bylaws, pursuant to the powers of the ADHOC Elections Committee.

2.1.1 Upon publication the Candidate Packet shall become Appendix I and shall be considered an integral part of these bylaws.

2.2 Character: Individuals under sanction by WT or an MNA or UC or who have been found guilty of acts of corruption or who are otherwise deemed to be of questionable integrity are not eligible as candidates for PATU officer.

2.2.1 This determination may be contested by the candidate under clear error/abuse of discretion standard.

2.2.2 Disqualification of a potential candidate under this rule shall be made by determination of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee.

2.3 A list of candidates declared eligible by the Ad Hoc Elections Committee shall be circulated by PATU in accordance with the timeline determined in the PATU bylaws. For the purpose of the 2025 council elections, the timeline is set forth in the PATU Bylaws..

2.4 Information on candidates will be distributed to all MNAs by electronic communication.

2.5 . Candidates are allowed to have their own social media presence but are not allowed to campaign or communicate using PATU's social media accounts (directly or indirectly), nor may they use the PATU or WT logo or other identifying marks other than those specified in this document.

3 Campaign

3.4 Each candidate may promote his or her candidacy, subject to compliance with the provisions of these guidelines.

3.4.1 In order to ensure a level playing field and to minimize costs, candidates shall refrain from holding official meetings for election purposes, including meetings by electronic media.

3.4.2 The promotion of the candidacy shall be conducted with dignity and restraint. Each candidate shall, in promoting his/her candidacy, respect other candidates, PATU, PATU and WT Members.

3.4.3 Candidates shall address their campaigns to PATU members. The candidate may give interviews to the media, as long as the candidate maintains ethical standards and respect towards PATU, WT and the other candidates.

3.4.4 Candidates shall refrain, at all times, from discrediting campaigns. The candidate shall not utter, write or produce any representation of any kind likely to unjustifiably damage the image of another candidate or cause prejudice.

3.4.5 Candidates shall refrain from giving gifts or other amenities in connection with their campaigns.

3.4.6 No candidate shall enter into secret agreements or commitments to be made, regardless of the time in which they are made, for the benefit, directly or indirectly, of a PATU member, region or associate.

3.4.7 Candidate conduct shall comply with the PATU Code of Integrity.

4 Campaign Assistance

4.4 4.4 No assistance, whether financial, material or otherwise, directly or indirectly, shall be given to the candidate in connection with his/her candidacy. If such assistance is offered, it is the duty of the candidate to refuse it and inform the PATU Integrity Committee.

4.5 4.5 This rule does not prevent the expression of private opinion or intent. But the authorities of the national federations, their representatives and delegates shall not announce to the public, in any form, their intention to vote for a particular candidate. They shall refrain from making any kind of public statement, and shall not present

their support for the candidacy, in any public form whatsoever.

PART II: ELECTION DATE

5 Election Process

5.1 Election Process: The election process (including the technology to be used), election day details (including voting guidelines and scenario planning) as approved by the Ad Hoc Elections Committee, shall be published along with the list of eligible candidates no later than 30 days prior to the designated election date (article 5.8.9.1. PATU Bylaws). The president has appointed the ad hoc committee, in accordance with article 5.8.9 of the PATU bylaws.

5.1.1 Upon publication, the election procedures shall become Appendix II and shall be considered an integral part of these bylaws.

5.2 In either case the following applies:

5.2.1 The Ad Hoc Elections Committee shall ensure that the results of the elections, including the number of votes, are published immediately at the close of the PATU General Assembly elections.

PARTE III INTEPRETATION AND APPLICATION

6 Interpretation of these regulations.

6.4 Any questions on the interpretation of these bylaws and related rules shall be submitted to the Ad Hoc Elections Committee for final resolution.

7 Violations to these bylaws.

7.4 Any interested party may bring an alleged violation of these regulations to the attention of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee, who shall investigate in accordance with the procedure determined by said Committee.

7.4.1 The report of alleged violations must be submitted to the PATU Office of Legal Affairs at the following email address: legal@panamericantaekwondounion.org.

7.5 If a violation of these regulations is proven, the Ad Hoc Elections Committee has the power to take the following actions:

7.5.1 Issue an observation, privately or publicly.

7.5.2 Issue a warning letter, in which case it shall automatically be public.

7.5.3 Issue a letter of censure, in which case it shall automatically be public.

7.5.4 Issue a recommendation to revoke the candidate's nomination, in which case it shall be referred to the PATU Legal and Integrity Committees.

7.5.5 Issue a recommendation for other sanctions, in which case it shall be referred to the PATU and/or WT Legal and Integrity Committees as appropriate.