

## **Preamble of the International Society of Sport Psychology**

ISSP is a leading international and inclusive organization focused on the development of the field of sport, exercise, and performance psychology in all regions and cultural areas of the world, promoting professional impact in international communities.

We, the members of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP), recognize the importance of supporting and safeguarding sport, exercise, and performance: supporting them by advancing scientific, educational, and philosophical knowledge that promotes optimal outcomes, and safeguarding them against threats to ethical integrity and the well-being of participants.

Sport, exercise, and performance psychology, as both a discipline and a service, is flourishing in many countries and gaining increasing recognition worldwide. With the continued development of competitive athletic programs and grassroots sport and physical activity initiatives across continents, the role of the ISSP becomes increasingly essential. Sport and physical activity serve as universal connectors, transcending political, economic, occupational, and educational divides. In its many forms, sport and physical activity profoundly influence the lives of countless individuals and groups, both directly and indirectly. Sport, exercise, and performance psychology are pivotal in educating individuals and communities about the psychological benefits of sport and physical activity. These benefits extend beyond athletes and participants, positively impacting spectators, communities, organizations, and nations.

The challenges for the ISSP, broadly speaking, are to:

- (1) Assimilate a body of knowledge of potential functional use in sport and physical activity settings.
- (2) Provide a medium for the exchange of ideas from individuals and groups representing different countries.
- (3) Contribute to performance potential of sport participants, athletes, teams and organizations.
- (4) Contribute to the impact of physical activity initiative on participants and communities.
- (5) Formulate ethical guidelines for conduct of sport and physical activity programs.

(6) Develop means by which sport and physical activity participants are protected against psychological and moral damage.

Such functions are enhanced when efforts among people and countries are integrated and coordinated. Mutual collaborations and understandings depend upon a unifying body or organization. It was with this perception that ISSP was formed in 1965. ISSP encourages sport, exercise, and performance psychology scientists and field workers worldwide to share ideas and to work together, to advance science as well as to promote excellence and decency through sport and physical activity. The ISSP believes in promoting peace and understanding among people from all countries. It does not tolerate any form of discrimination and marginalization. Through the ISSP such goals can be realized.

The ISSP extends its hand to psychologists, scientists, educators, coaches, athletes, participants, consumers, and anyone else concerned with the advancement of sport, exercise, and performance psychology, globally.

ISSP also takes initiative in promoting programmatic and scientific activities that can be considered within a broad cultural, political, and geographical mosaic.

The ISSP endorses scholarly activity of individuals as well and the formulation of national and regional organizations oriented to improving the science and practice associated with sport, exercise, and performance psychology. It respects the sovereignty of its individual members, and the membership countries represented in the ISSP.

Whether initiating or supporting scientific and professional thrusts, the ISSP is committed to continually upgrading standards related to sport, exercise, and performance psychology research, information, services, programs, and guidelines.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

Revision of Statutes (2025)

### **Article 1 – Name and Headquarters**

The name of the society shall be The International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP). It is the world organization devoted to the promotion of scientific objectives and professional practice among all members of all nations in the research and development of sport, exercise, and performance psychology. The official headquarters of ISSP is the geographic location where the President resides.

ISSP aims at being a leading international and inclusive organization focused on the development of the field of sport, exercise, and performance psychology in all regions and cultural areas of the world, promoting professional impact in international communities.

### **Article 2 – Purpose**

The International Society of Sport Psychology has the following aims:

- a) To support and promote scientific research in sport, exercise, and performance psychology and its application, interpretation, and dissemination.
- b) To be a leading international and inclusive organization focused on the development of the field of sport, exercise, and performance psychology in all regions and cultures of the world, promoting professional impact in international communities.
- c) To organize a regular World Congress and International Conference and to support the organization of symposia devoted to topics in sport, exercise, and performance psychology.
- d) To handle the relations between national and international organizations of psychology that are related to sport, exercise, and performance sciences.
- e) To facilitate the information, documentation, and dissemination of services with respect to sport, sport, exercise, and performance psychology.
- f) To oversee and coordinate the official publications of the ISSP, and,

- g) To advise and facilitate the establishment of other continental, regional, and national societies of sport, exercise, and performance psychology.

### **Article 3 – Administration**

- a) The administration office of ISSP is the General Secretary.
- b) The official language is English. Other languages in addition to English may be used at international congresses at the discretion of the organizing body.

### **Article 4 – Membership**

- a) The ISSP shall provide for **three** types of membership:

#### **1. Individual Members**

Individual members shall be those persons with a professional scientific and / or practical interest in sport, exercise, and performance psychology.

#### **2. Group Members**

Group members shall consist of associations that represent the interests of sport, exercise, and performance psychology. These associations must be formally organized, with established statutes and a defined membership list. These organizations should also be in good standing.

#### **3. Organizational Affiliates.**

Organizational affiliates shall consist of groups organized within a federated structure. These groups may include entities such as professional organizations, academic institutions, or other collectives aligned with the mission and values of the ISSP. For example, in cases where a small country lacks a dedicated sport, exercise, and performance psychology professional organization, a group of teachers or professionals from a university may join the ISSP as an organizational affiliate.

### **Article 5 – Officers**

The elected officers of ISSP shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary General, and Treasurer elected by the membership.

a) The President shall assume the following duties:

1. Maintain the headquarters of the ISSP.
2. Preside at meetings of the Managing Council (MC) and General Assembly.
3. Receive the reports and announce the program of activities of ISSP.
4. Be responsible for organizing and conducting all official business of the ISSP.
5. Serve as the Chairperson of the committee organizing the program for the ISSP World Congress and the ISSP International Conference.
6. Conduct advanced site visits, either independently or as the leader of a committee, to assess and ensure the suitability and appropriateness of proposed locations for the World Congress and International Conference, as necessary. Alternatively, the ISSP President can delegate this responsibility to another officer, ensuring thorough evaluation and alignment with ISSP standards.
7. The President shall preside at the ISSP World Congress and the ISSP International Conference.
8. Liaise with other world professional organizations or delegate this task to other members of the Executive Committee.
9. Establish the organizational structure of the Society, assigning oversight of specific committees to each member of the Executive Committee.
10. The President shall become the immediate Past President after completing his/her/their 4-year term as President, unless re-installed for a second term.

b) The Vice Presidents shall assume the following duties:

1. Oversee a set of committees as determined by the organizational structure proposed by the President and approved by the MC.
2. Assume the duties of the President when necessary, as selected by the Managing Council.

3. Coordinate the efforts to promote and uphold the ISSP's ethical standards by addressing member concerns and developing resources on ethical practices.
4. Coordinate the development and oversight of continue professional development and educational programs to advance member expertise.
5. Coordinate the management of the ISSP Registry, ensuring its development, maintenance, and alignment with high professional standards.
6. Coordinate the identification and selection of venues for World Congress and the International Conference and collaborate with Local Organizing Committees to ensure successful planning and execution.
7. Coordinate the efforts to promote cultural awareness and inclusivity by facilitating initiatives and resources that reflect the diversity of the ISSP community.
8. Serve as the liaison with editors of ISSP publications to ensure timely dissemination of high-quality knowledge and research.
9. Coordinate efforts to recruit and retain members by addressing membership needs, enhancing services, and implementing initiatives to strengthen the ISSP community.

c) The Secretary General shall assume the following duties:

1. Oversees a set of committees as determined by the organizational structure proposed by the President and approved by the MC.
2. Collaborates with the President to manage correspondence and administrative duties related to meetings, minutes, circular letters, and elections.
3. Facilitates communication with the membership, ensuring effective engagement and dissemination of information.
4. Coordinates and oversees the Society's social media presence by implementing strategies to enhance visibility, increase engagement, and promote ISSP activities globally.

- 156 5. Manages the overall administration of the Society, ensuring smooth operations  
157 and adherence to organizational goals.

158 d) The Treasurer shall assume the following duties:

- 159 1. Oversee a set of committees as determined by the organizational structure  
160 proposed by the President and approved by the MC.
- 161 2. Maintain all financial records, ensuring accurate documentation and reporting  
162 of the Society's financial activities.
- 163 3. Manage fee collection and oversee other financial matters as determined by  
164 the Managing Council (MC).

165 e) The Past President shall assume the following duties:

- 166 1. Oversee a set of committees as determined by the organizational structure  
167 proposed by the President and approved by the MC.
- 168 2. Chair the Awards and Nomination Committee, overseeing and coordinating  
169 the selection and induction of new members into the ISSP World Hall of  
170 Fame.
- 171 3. Coordinate the selection and nomination process for ISSP Fellows.
- 172 4. Coordinate the selection and nomination process for ISSP Awards.

173 f) The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, immediate Past President, and the  
174 Treasurer shall comprise the Executive Council and be responsible for transacting  
175 business between the MC meetings.

176 g) The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, the Treasurer, and the immediate Past  
177 President, will oversee and coordinate the activities of the committee(s) under their  
178 purview as determined by the organizational structure proposed by the President,  
179 approved by the MC and indicated in the ISSP Organigram posted on the ISSP Website.

180 **Article 6 – Managing Council**

- a) The MC of the ISSP shall consist of no more than 15 elected members and 1 Past President if there is an immediate one, and provide a geographical, socio-cultural and gender balanced representation.
1. The MC will be composed of one President, three Vice Presidents, one Past President, one Secretary General, one Treasurer (n=7; also referred to as Executive Officers), and nine members at large.
  2. The officers and members at large of the MC shall be elected by the membership of the ISSP every 4 years.
  3. The immediate Past President shall be a member of the MC for only one term of four years, unless the current President is successfully elected to serve a second term, thus opting to serve consecutive terms.
  4. The results of the election shall be announced at the General Assembly of ISSP as well as posted on the ISSP website and communicated to the membership via email.
- b) The ISSP Managing Council (MC) shall be composed of members representing all regions of the world, particularly the six continents of Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Oceania and Europe, to ensure global inclusivity and diversity.
- c) The Managing Council (MC) shall convene at least once a year in person and online biannually, quarterly, or as determined by the President and shall assume the following duties:
1. Act on behalf of the ISSP membership in all matters arising between meetings of the General Assembly.
  2. Plan, develop, and control the budget in accordance with the programs approved by the MC and the General Assembly.
  3. Determine the congress site for the next World Congress and International Conference and plan the scientific program of the World Congress and International Conference.

4. Inform the ISSP membership (i.e., via the website) on the activities of the ISSP and events that arise between meetings of the General Assembly.
  5. Discuss, facilitate, and accommodate all ISSP matters where decisions must be made between meetings of the General Assembly.
  6. Appoint official ISSP delegates to other related international societies.
  7. Appoint official ISSP delegates to represent the Society and lead ISSP initiatives when appropriate or when officers or members of the Managing Council are unavailable to attend.
  8. Approve the organizational structure of the Society, assigning oversight of specific committees to each member of the Executive Committee.
  9. Provide insight and feedback on the President's proposed organizational structure for the Society and vote on its approval.
  10. Delegate to a local committee or another appropriate body the powers necessary to organize each World Congress and International Conference.
  11. Facilitate amendments to the Statutes. Written motions shall be submitted to the MC for discussion and approved before being submitted for a vote by the membership through electronic means. Decisions shall require a simple majority of all votes, whereupon the amendments will become effective.
- d) Each elected member of the MC is expected to attend all online MC meetings and at least one in-person MC meeting as well as the World Congress and the International Conference.
1. MC members are expected to attend the in-person Managing Council Annual Meeting. If more than one in-person MC meetings will be scheduled, all MC members will have to attend at least one.
  2. Should a person be unable to attend the (or one of the) in-person Managing Council Annual Meeting(s), the MC member may participate through videoconference or teleconference into the meeting for specific components where their presence and contribution will be needed to address the relevant

agenda items. All members attending in person and remotely will be eligible to vote.

3. If a MC member misses more than one in-person meeting during their elected term, the President will address the matter with them directly to discuss the potential implications for their continued service on the Managing Council (MC). Should this collaborative discussion result in the individual choosing to step down from their role on the MC, the members of the Executive Committee, with the President's approval, will collectively identify and invite a member from the general body of the MC to serve in an interim capacity. The Executive Committee (EC) may consider a runner-up from the most recent election, taking into account regional representation and the expertise needed to ensure the effective continuation of ongoing projects. If the individual stepping down is a member of the Executive Committee (EC), the remaining EC members, with the President's approval, will identify and invite a suitable candidate from the Managing Council to serve in the interim role. Preference will be given to MC members who have completed at least one term on the MC. Alternatively, the Executive Committee (EC) may consider a runner-up from the most recent election, taking into account regional representation and the expertise needed to ensure the effective continuation of ongoing projects. The interim member, whether on the MC or EC, will carry out the responsibilities of the role until the next formal election. All ISSP members will be promptly informed of any interim appointments to the Executive Committee or the Managing Council.

4. If the President chooses or is required to temporarily step down from their role, the President may designate a member of the Executive Committee to assume President's responsibilities. In the event of the President's incapacitation (e.g., due to illness), an Executive Committee member shall automatically assume the President's duties to ensure continuity of leadership. To maintain organizational stability, the Past President should oversee and facilitate this transition, assisting in the selection of the appropriate Executive Committee member to assume the role.

- 266 5. In circumstances where a Managing Council (MC) or Executive Committee (EC)  
267 member is unable to fulfill their duties and needs to step down, a structured  
268 process will be followed to ensure a full MC composition. If an EC member steps  
269 down, the remaining EC members, with the President's approval, will appoint a  
270 suitable interim replacement from the MC. Priority will be given to an individual  
271 active in the MC with prior MC term experience, considering regional  
272 representation and expertise relevant to ongoing initiatives. If an MC member  
273 resigns, the current MC members, with the President's approval, will identify and  
274 appoint an interim replacement from the most recent ISSP Election who was not  
275 originally elected. All interim appointees will serve until the next formal election,  
276 and all members will be promptly informed of the transition.

#### 277 **Article 7 – General Assembly**

- 278 a) The General Assembly shall be comprised of all members who are present at the meeting.  
279 b) The General Assembly shall convene every four years on the occasion of the ISSP World  
280 Congress to:
- 281 1. Accept reports of the President and the Treasurer.
  - 282 2. Receive the announcement of the elections.
  - 283 3. Transact any official business scheduled for consideration and voting by the General  
284 Assembly such as amendments to the Statutes other than those voted on and approved  
285 by the membership through electronic means. A simple majority of those members  
286 present shall approve the transaction.
  - 287 4. Transact any additional business matters that arise. Voting procedures will be as in the  
288 elections document (Article 9).

#### 289 **Article 8 – Annual Subscription**

- 290 a) Individual membership dues must be paid annually to the Treasurer in U.S. Dollars by  
291 January 1 of each year. Membership fees are determined based on professional standing  
292 and are regularly reviewed and updated in line with recommendations from the ISSP  
293 Managing Council (MC). Individual membership benefits include:

- A subscription to the electronic version of the International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology.
- Discounted access to ISSP pay-per-event activities and professional development initiatives.
- Discounted fee for the ISSP World Congress and International Conference
- Exclusive access to members-only resources available on the ISSP website.

The types of individual memberships available are:

1. Full-Time Student Membership

2. Professional Membership

**\*\* Reduced rates for individual membership may be available with documented needs submitted in writing to the ISSP President and Treasurer.**

- b) Group membership fees shall be determined by the size of the group. Group membership applicants should contact the ISSP Treasurer to apply for relevant group membership.

#### **Size of Group**

The group president must supply a membership list to the MC with the application for membership. Fees are based upon professional standing and regularly updated.

The possible Group memberships are:

1. Small Groups (10-50 members)

2. Mid-size Groups (51-100 members)

3. Large Groups (101+ members)

4. Organizational Affiliates

- c) The fiscal year of the ISSP shall begin each January 1 and end December 31 of the same year.
- d) Membership fees for Group members and Organizational affiliates shall be identical and may be adjusted upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, subject to approval by a simple majority of the MC.

#### **Article 9 – Elections**

a) Nominations

1. Any member of ISSP who is entitled to vote can submit nominations for the election of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General, Treasurer, and members at large of the MC.
2. Nominations for the President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and all other members at large must be received in writing by the Secretary General by the deadline advertised on the ISSP website and advertised to the entire membership via email. All Nominees must agree in writing to stand for election.
3. If the Secretary General seeks election as a president, vice-president or member at large, the Treasurer will handle the nomination of the Secretary General and any other MC member competing for the same position. If the Treasurer is in a conflict of interest, the President will become responsible for the oversight of the electoral process.
4. If the President seeks re-election, the Past President appoints the members of the Election Committee among the MC members who are not seeking reelection and are at the completion of their terms will be asked to assume responsibility for the oversight of the electoral process.
5. All nominations must be proposed/supported and seconded by two ISSP members in good standing, not including the nominee.
6. To be considered for election, each nominee must submit the required information to the ISSP President, Treasurer, and General Secretary, by the deadline advertised on the ISSP website and advertised to the entire membership via email.

b) Eligibility:

1. Any ISSP members in good standing can nominate themselves or be nominated to serve as a member-at-large of the Managing Council.
2. To serve as an officer, a person must first serve at least one term on the MC as a member-at-large.

3. The President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and MC members at large may be elected for two successive terms. One term is four years.
  4. A MC member-at-large may be elected to one of the officer positions after serving a minimum of one term but also after serving two terms.
  5. A MC member may serve a maximum of 16 years not counting the Past Presidents, who can exceed this length of time to serve actively for one or two terms. Hence, if a sitting president will seek re-election, the past president may be asked to continue in this role for an additional 4 years.
- c) Voting:
1. All individual members shall be entitled to one vote after two years of consecutive membership during the 2 years prior to the ISSP World Congress. Note that purchasing memberships cannot count retroactively in relation to voting (e.g., attempting to purchase a previous year's membership).
  2. Individual members will be able to vote either online before and during the World Congress. In case of double vote, the member's vote will be nulled.
  3. Group members shall be organizational affiliates of ISSP with no voting rights. (See Appendix for more information on election procedure.)
- d) Election Results
1. The entire voting process will be overseen by the Chair of the Election Committee.
  2. The ISSP President will appoint the Past President as the Chair of the Election Committee.
  3. If the Past President is unavailable and the President is not seeking re-election, the current President may assume the role of Chair of the Election Committee and oversee the election procedures.
  4. If the Past President is unavailable and the President is seeking re-election, the responsibilities of the Past President shall be delegated to the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

- i. In this case, the Past President shall appoint the Chair of the Election Committee from among members of the Executive Committee who are not seeking re-election and are nearing the completion of their final term.
  - ii. If no member of the Executive Committee is eligible, then the Past President shall appoint the Chair of the Election Committee from among members of the Managing Council who are not seeking re-election and are nearing the completion of their final term.
  - iii. If no member of the Managing Council is eligible, then the Past President shall appoint the Chair of the Election Committee from among the ISSP members who are not seeking re-election. Preference will be given to members who have previously been member of the ISSP Executive Committee and/or Managing Council. The selected member must be approved by the current Managing Council via simple majority of votes.
5. The appointed Chair will assume responsibility for overseeing the electoral process, ensuring its integrity and fairness.
6. The Chair of the Election Committee may choose to appoint an ad hoc Election Committee of ISSP members with no vested interest in the election and must not be candidates for the election. The committee's size will be at the Chair's discretion, and its members will oversee and validate the online voting process.
7. The online voting platform will collect and tabulate votes automatically. The Election Committee will verify the results and ensure process integrity between 5:00 p.m. on the day before the General Assembly and be completed by 12:00 noon the next day. The Election Committee Chair will oversee and verify the electronic tally to confirm the successful candidates.
8. The voting period for the ISSP MC election will be announced on the ISSP website and communicated to all members via email. The election will remain open for 30 days, during which members will receive periodic reminders about their voting rights. The voting period will conclude at least two months before the General Assembly through electronic means, thereafter, conferred at the General Assembly.

#### **Article 10 – World Congress and International Conference**

- a) The ISSP World Congress should take place every four years, normally after the Olympic year.
- b) The ISSP International Congress should take place every four years in the interim years between World Congresses.
- c) The site of the World Congress and International Conference is to be selected by the MC.
- d) Any person or group within ISSP may apply to act as a host. Congress applications must be submitted to the President of ISSP as well as the Chairperson of the Site and Relationship Committee in writing, presenting all necessary information regarding the organization and facilities, and budget.
- e) The Local Organizing Committee in coordination with the ISSP MC will establish the World Congress and International Conference structure, speakers, and fees. Congress and conference fees will be required of all who attend. Members of ISSP may have a reduced Congress and Conference fees.

#### **Article 11 – ISSP Publications**

- a) *The International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology* is the official publication of ISSP.
- b) The editors of official publications shall be endorsed by the MC.
- c) Other related sport psychology publications may also be sponsored by ISSP by recommendation of the MC.

#### **Article 12 – ISSP Academy of Science**

- a) The ISSP Academy of Science shall serve as a body that recognizes and promotes excellence in research, education, and practice in the field of sport and exercise psychology globally.
- b) The ISSP President will oversee the activity of the ISSP Academy of Science.
- c) The ISSP President will oversee the ISSP Academy of Science Selected Writing Collection. This initiative aims to identify and curate manuscripts from IJSEP

submissions, fostering their refinement and alignment with the latest developments in the field. These manuscripts will be updated to incorporate current literature and further developed to provide fresh, impactful insights on specific topics, thereby driving continued growth and innovation in sport and exercise psychology.

d) The ISSP President in collaboration with members of the Publication Committee and of the Managing Council will propose collection of articles to include in the ISSP Academy of Science. The editors of ISSP Academy of Science publications shall be endorsed by the MC.

e) The ISSP Academy of Science shall promote international collaboration by fostering connections among researchers, practitioners, and institutions to advance the global development of sport and exercise psychology.

f) The ISSP Academy of Science shall oversee the recognition of outstanding scientific achievements, including the presentation of awards and honors during ISSP Congresses or other official events.

g) The ISSP Academy of Science shall provide an annual report to the ISSP Managing Council summarizing its activities, achievements, and plans.

## APPENDIX

### Election Procedure

#### Eligibility to Vote and Nominate

1. The election process shall be structured to guarantee full geographical representation, whereby members from all six continents active in the ISSP, comprised of Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Oceania and Europe, have representation on the ISSP MC.
2. All individual members of ISSP who have maintained membership for the two years prior to the World Congress (i.e., year previous and current year) are eligible to vote.
3. Any ISSP member in good standing can nominate themselves or be nominated to serve as a member-at-large of the Managing Council (MC).
  - a. Members nominated by a third party must provide a written agreement to stand for election.

#### Nomination Process

4. A call for nominations for positions on the MC will be posted on the ISSP website and advertised to all ISSP members via email during the year of the General Assembly.
5. Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary General by the deadline advertised on the ISSP website and shared with the membership via email.
6. Based on the principle of full geographical representation, the nomination process for ISSP MC members may require careful attention to ensure a balanced distribution of candidates across all world regions. Efforts should be made to encourage nominations from underrepresented areas to facilitate fair and inclusive representation in the election process.
7. In accordance with the principle of full representation, efforts should be made to encourage nominations from candidates with diverse backgrounds, including, but not limited to, diversity in gender, race, ethnicity, and ability, for all ISSP MC positions.

8. Each nominee must submit the following information in a single Word document to the ISSP President, Treasurer, and Secretary General by the advertised deadline:

- A headshot to share with the membership.
- A 250-word biography.
- A 250-word position statement.
- A 60-word short statement for online communication.
- Clear specification of the position being applied for.
- (If applicable) A link to their university and/or practice website.

Note: Longer statements will not be accepted.

9. All nominations must be proposed/supported and seconded by two ISSP members in good standing, not including the nominee.

#### **Election Preparation**

10. Statements of nominees will be posted on the ISSP website and shared with eligible members via email when voting begins.
11. Voting ballots for all categories of MC officers and members-at-large will be posted on the ISSP website. Eligible members will also receive voting instructions via email, sent to the address associated with their ISSP profile.
12. After the nomination period, the ISSP President will appoint the Past President as the Election Committee Chair, as per the timeline advertised on the ISSP website and communicated via email.
- If the Past President is not available for this responsibility, the Past President will appoint another Election Committee Chair. In this case:
    - i. The Chair must be a member of the ISSP Executive Committee (EC) who is not nominated for any MC position.
    - ii. If no EC member is eligible, the role will be assigned to an MC member who is not nominated for any position.
13. The Election Committee Chair may establish an ad hoc Election Committee comprising ISSP MC members with no vested interest in the election.
- The Election Committee Chair will determine the number of committee members, who will oversee and validate the online voting process.

## **Voting Process**

14. Eligible members will receive an email with all the information about the nominees for each position, each nominee's information and the information associated with each MC position available.
15. Eligible members will cast their votes via the ISSP website using their member login credentials. The secure online voting platform will be accessible through a dedicated, exclusive voting link.
  - The electronic system will automatically collect and tabulate votes.
  - Only members who have maintained membership for two consecutive years (the year before and the year of the election) will be eligible to vote.
16. The voting period for the ISSP MC election will be announced on the ISSP website and communicated to all members via email. The election will remain open for a period of 30 days, during which members will receive periodic reminders about their voting rights.
17. The voting period will conclude at least two months before the General Assembly and/or World Congress, whichever comes first.

## **Verification of the Results**

18. In determining the elected members, geographical representation shall take precedence over a simple majority vote to ensure that the ISSP MC reflects a balanced global composition.
19. In the event that a candidate from an underrepresented region does not secure a simple majority required for election, the nominee with the lowest number of votes from an already represented region shall be replaced by the highest-ranking candidate from the underrepresented region.
20. Through this mechanism, the Election Committee Chair shall ensure that the ISSP MC is composed of members from all areas of the world, reinforcing the organization's commitment to equitable global representation.

## **Announcement of the Results**

- 537 21. The Election Committee Chair will oversee and verify the voting process to  
538 ensure its integrity.
- 539 22. Successful candidates in each category will be determined by a simple majority of  
540 votes once the condition of all continents' representation is met.
- 541 23. The results will remain confidential until the Election Committee Chair  
542 announces them through electronic means, thereafter, conferred at the General  
543 Assembly.
- 544 24. Elections will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast by eligible ISSP  
545 members.

