

Candidate Pack

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The Election Oversight Panel will provide practical guidance and advice to candidates to enable everyone to conduct their campaigns in accordance with the Rules.

Candidates should regularly check the Election 2019 page on the IAAF website for updates and info about the conduct of campaigns, including reporting on matters coming before the EOP for investigation.

The following questions and answers might help to deal with some initial queries.

Campaign Expenditures

Q: What period is covered by the limits on campaign expenditure?

A: These limits apply to expenditure from January 1, 2019 until the end of the 2019 Election Congress. For Area Association President candidates, the limits apply from 6 months before the election, or any earlier date imposed by an Area Association.

Q: My Area Association/ government/MF provides funding for me. Does that have to be included in the limits?

A: Yes.

Q: I will need to travel a lot in order to campaign for election as a Council member. Is Euro 25k the total limit allowed to spend on both campaigns?

A: Yes, unless the Election Oversight Panel agrees otherwise.

Q: What if I run for Area president, and then decide to run for Council? Does the Euro 25K limit still apply for both campaigns?

A: Yes, unless the Election Oversight Panel agrees otherwise.

Promotion of Campaigns

Q: When can I start to campaign?

A: You may start to campaign unofficially at any time. You must do so with honesty, respect and moderation in all your spoken and written statements. But you will not be permitted to actually stand for election until you have been declared eligible by the vetting panel and following the submission of a Candidate Pack and approval to stand by the Election Oversight Panel.

Q: Can I promote my candidacy by having my Area Association organize a time for me to speak at their meeting?

A: You cannot participate in public forums, debates or meetings unless these are organized or approved by the Election Oversight Panel. Any approval will be conditional on providing equal exposure to all candidates seeking election to the position so all candidates seeking election have the same opportunity to participate.

Q: I would like to finish my campaign by speaking to MF delegates attending the Election Congress up to the time of the election vote. Can I do that?

A: Yes, but only within time limits established by the Election Oversight Panel.

Gifts

Q: If I have only given or received gifts during the 12 months before the Election Congress that comply with the Conflicts, Disclosure and Gift Rules, do I still need to disclose these to the Ethical Compliance Officer?

A: Yes, all gifts, even those that comply with the Conflicts, Disclosure and Gift Rules, must be disclosed to the Ethical Compliance Officer, except gifts and exchanges of courtesy that are nominal (i.e. that have no or little commercial value). You can report the gifts by using the form [here](#).

Q: As a candidate, can I offer any gifts to individuals who will vote in the election?

A: No, you cannot offer any gifts, directly or indirectly, to anyone voting in the election if you are a candidate, unless these are gifts of nominal value (with no or little commercial value).

Vetting

Q: I have already been vetted, and determined to be Eligible, because I'm an existing IAAF Official. Do I need to be vetted again in order to stand for election?

A: If you have already been vetted, the Vetting Panel will offer a fast track to simply bring your disclosures up to date and reconfirm your Eligibility.

Compliance

Q: What do I do if I see another candidate acting in violation of the rules?

A: You should report any violations of the rules to the Election Oversight Panel (EOPanel@iaaf.org) who will determine if any action needs to be taken. This may include referral to the Athletics Integrity Unit for disciplinary consideration.

