



INTERNATIONAL LIFESAVING FEDERATION

2028 LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE 1: SCOPE OF APPLICATION

These rules of conduct apply to bidding regions-cities-organisations wishing to host the Lifesaving World Championships and to their National Lifesaving Federations (NLFs), as well as to any person or organisation acting on their behalf, hereafter called “bidding organisation”. In the absence of any provision to the contrary, these rules are applicable until the end of the candidature procedure, which is at the moment that the host city is officially appointed by the ILS Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2: THE ILS EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The ILS Event Management Committee is empowered to supervise the bidding period.

ARTICLE 3: PRINCIPLES

The bidding organisations have the right to promote their candidature subject to these rules of conduct. The promotion of a candidature must take place with dignity and moderation. The conduct of the bidding organisations must conform strictly to the provisions of the ILS Constitution and Bye Laws and its implementing provisions.

ARTICLE 4: INTERNET

The bidding organisation may create their own web site in the bidding period for informative purposes only.

ARTICLE 5: PROMOTION

The bidding organisation is authorised to promote its candidature in their territory. The territory must be understood in a restrictive manner excluding, inter alia, diplomatic representations abroad.

All forms of promotion at an international level (for example newspaper or magazine articles or television programmes) are forbidden to bidding organisations wishing to organise the Lifesaving World Championships.

Only after the ILS acceptance of the host organisation, the organisation may undertake promotion at an international level. The bidding organisation must ensure that any person or organisation acting on their behalf respect these restrictions.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS AND EVENTS

A) INTERNATIONAL EVENTS HELD OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY

The bidding organisation will refrain from taking advantage of any international event held outside their territory. Bidding organisations must not, under any circumstances, organise exhibitions,

receptions or meetings, public or private, in relation to the candidature. An exception is for those individuals and organisations directly involved in preparing a bid. Subject to the ILS Event Management Committee's consent, bidding organisations may participate in international meetings or events on condition that the organisers offer each bidding organisation equal opportunities to promote their candidatures. The methods used must take into consideration the need to limit the costs for the bidding organisations, while avoiding, in particular, presentation tables, exhibition rooms and registration costs. The bidding organisations may be invited to events organised by the ILS, its Regional Branches and its associations.

B) INTERNATIONAL EVENTS HELD IN THE COUNTRY

The bidding organisations will refrain from taking advantage of any international event held in their territory. Upon publication by the ILS of the list of bidding organisations, the ILS Headquarters will provide a list of international sports competitions and of meetings of organisations recognised by the ILS to be held in their territory from that date until the date of the election of the Host Organisation. Any addition to this list of meetings and competitions must be previously submitted to the ILS Event Management Committee for review.

ARTICLE 7: GIFTS

No gift shall be given to or received by third parties.

ARTICLE 8: VISITS BY THE ILS BID EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The ILS On-Site Inspectors will pay an inspection visit to each bidding organisation. The Inspectors will determine the period and the programme of the visit and submit same to the ILS Event Management Committee for approval. The programme that is submitted to the ILS Event Management Committee shall include detail with respect to all meals and entertainment, which shall be limited. The details of this will be provided to the bidding organisations in due time. The bidding organisation may organise working visits by lifesaving experts if these visits are necessary for the preparation of the candidature. These experts may however not belong to the ILS Board of Directors or to the ILS Event Management Committee and must be approved in advance by the ILS Event Management Committee.

ARTICLE 9: OTHER TRIPS AND VISITS

There will be no visits by ILS Board Members to the bidding organisations, or from the bidding organisations to ILS Board Members, for the promotion of their candidature. If an ILS Board Member must travel to a bidding organisation for any reason, the purpose and duration of the visit must be approved in advance by the ILS Event Management Committee. The bidding organisation may not take advantage of this occasion for the promotion of its candidature, nor cover the costs and other expenses linked to such a visit, in particular, travel, meals, accommodation and entertainment costs.

ARTICLE 10: ASSISTANCE TO NLFs

If there is a National Lifesaving Federation within the country of a bidding organisation, the ILS Headquarters will contact that NLF for a list of existing NLF aid programmes, and require that NLF to submit any new programmes proposed during the bid process to the ILS Event Management Committee for its approval. If a bidding organisation is planning a sports development programme, by giving equipment or operational assistance, the programme must be placed under the responsibility of the ILS Event Management Committee, which alone has authority to determine the rules of allocation.

ARTICLE 11: PROMISES AND COMMITMENTS

A bidding organisation must ensure that, in its file and at its presentation to the Board of Director's Meeting, it gives only such undertakings which is included in the document. All persons presenting a bid or a part of a bid must be certified by the bidding organisation and speak on behalf of the organisation. All oral promises to the Board of Directors are considered firm commitments. All bidding sessions will be voice and/or video recorded. If an undertaking appears disproportionate, explanations can be requested.

All promises must be included in the bidding documents and be in writing. All promises and commitments must be duly signed by a person that can commit the bidding organisation by his/her signature. No additional promise can be made after the bidding document is submitted.

ARTICLE 12: ELECTION OF THE HOST ORGANISATION

The ILS Board of Directors will elect the host organisation. The Event Management Committee will ensure that the election procedures are completed properly.

ARTICLE 13: RELATIONS BETWEEN BIDDING ORGANISATIONS

Each bidding organisation must, in all circumstances and at all times, respect the other bidding organisations, as well as ILS Board Members and the ILS itself. The bidding organisations must refrain from making any comment, spoken or written, or portrayal of any nature, likely to tarnish the image of a rival bidding organisation or be prejudicial to it. In a spirit of fair play, any comparison with other bidding organisations is strictly forbidden. No agreement, coalition nor collusion between bidding organisations aimed at influencing the result is permitted.

ARTICLE 14: INTERPRETATION

The bidding organisations may seek the guidance of the ILS Event Management Committee on the interpretation of the present text. Any written interpretation will be brought to the attention of all of the bidding organisations.

ARTICLE 15: SANCTIONS

Any violation of the present Rules of Conduct may be brought to the attention of the ILS Event Management Committee, which will proceed with an inquiry. Such referral must be confirmed in writing.

Where proof of a breach of the present rules is established, the ILS Event Management Committee may make observations or issue warnings to the bidding organisation, which will be made public. In the event of a very serious or repeated violation, the Committee may also propose to the ILS Board of Directors the withdrawal of the candidature. If violations are proved to be attributable to the Bidding Organisation concerned, the ILS Event Management Committee may propose to the ILS Board of Directors to prohibit the Bidding Organisation from submitting any future candidatures for a specified period by the Board of Directors of ILS.