

## **RULES FOR CANDIDATES**

### **Candidates shall:**

1. comply with the ATF Constitution;
2. conduct their candidacy with honesty, dignity, moderation and respect for their opponents;
3. not insult or demean their opponents, or do anything else with malicious intent or bad faith that may harm the image of any opponent;
4. respect and not seek to exert any improper influence over the democratic process (such as making promises in exchange for votes);
5. not seek or use any financial, political or other support for the Candidacy from ATF partner or supplier;
6. not directly or indirectly solicit or accept any benefits of whatever nature intended to influence decisions within their authority once elected, or which may reasonably be perceived as intending to have that effect;
7. not offer, give or accept gifts or hospitality (directly or indirectly) to or from any official or representative of a member national association or anyone involved in the ATF or other governing body of tennis.
8. not give or offer (directly or indirectly) to any Member any benefit or service of any kind that a reasonable person might construe as an attempt to influence the vote of that Member.
9. Not engage in any act, collaboration or collusion by or between Candidates with the intent to defraud or manipulate the result of the vote, including but not limited to:
  - 9.1 bullying, intimidation or coercion of others (whether voters or another Candidate); or
  - 9.2 being a part of, or knowing beneficiary of, any order or instruction attempting to mandate the way one or more Members must vote;
10. Unless in the ordinary course of their business as an existing Official, not receive individual or special support or services from the ATF, or ATF staff, including any consultants, agents or advisors engaged by the ATF, beyond general administrative support and services provided to ensure that Candidacies are conducted in a fair, open and consistent manner.
11. If an existing Director, Officer, or Committee Member:
  - 11.1 continue to carry out their official duties during their Candidacy, including scheduling meetings with members on a basis consistent with the ordinary course of their business as an Official, during which the Candidate may refer to their Candidacy in a purely factual manner but not campaign.
  - 11.2 not, in their existing capacity, organize or participate in meetings or events or social functions with Members solely or mainly for the purpose of promoting their Candidacy;

12. respect the following duties of ATF staff:

12.1 to maintain a strict duty of neutrality between Candidates;

12.2 to limit their relations and communications with Candidates strictly to the performance of their duties as ATF staff; and

12.3 unless in the ordinary course of their business with an existing Official, not to provide any additional support or services to a Candidate, beyond general administrative support and services provided to all Candidates; and

13. in case of any clarification, candidates may seek guidance from the ATF Office at [Manpreet.kandhari@asiantennis.com](mailto:Manpreet.kandhari@asiantennis.com) with a copy to the Election Commissioner at [david.howman@sportintegrity.co.nz](mailto:david.howman@sportintegrity.co.nz)