

FUTBOL CLUB BARCELONA ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICIAL CALL FOR VOTING



ELECCIONS
2021



The FC Barcelona Managing Committee has agreed at its meetings on January 15 and 26, 2021, to summon all members on Sunday, March 7, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., uninterrupted, to the polling stations listed in this call, in order to cast their votes for the election of the FC Barcelona Board of Directors, as postponed from an earlier date due to the mobility restrictions in response to the epidemic caused by Covid-19.

Given that the postponement of the voting date occurred after Phase VII of the electoral process pursuant to article 40 of the FC Barcelona Statutes had already been validly concluded, in which the Electoral Board officially proclaimed the Candidates for the Presidency of FC Barcelona, the process shall resume with the electoral phase during which it was originally postponed, in accordance with the following electoral calendar.

ELECTORAL CALENDAR

From January 29 to February 9, 2021: Express request for postal vote on the club website.

From February 15 to 26, 2021: Receipt of the electoral documentation at the home and deposit of the vote at any Post office; and, for those over 65 years of age and/or affected by mobility or temporary disability, voting from their home address and waiver of the right to vote directly at the Post Office.

Until March 5, 2021: Election campaign.

March 6, 2021: Day of electoral silence.

March 7, 2021: Vote, count and proclamation of the winning candidate.

ELECTORAL INFORMATION

1- Voting will be governed by this electoral information pursuant to the FC Barcelona Statutes; the call made on December 16, 2020 which does not contradict the present procedure; and Decree 4/2021 of the Government of Catalonia that allows voting by postal mail.

All phases and actions in this election held up to the date of January 14, 2021, in which the Candidates for the Presidency of FCB, Mr. Joan Laporta Estruch, Mr. Víctor Font Manté and Mr. Antoni Freixa Martín, were officially proclaimed by the Electoral Board remain unchanged and fully valid.

2- The conditions to be a voter are:

- Be of legal age and not be legally incapacitated.
- Have been a member for a minimum of one year.
- Not have a suspended membership status.
- Be included in the current electoral roll pursuant to article 47.

The definitive electoral roll of voting members approved by the Electoral Board at its session held on December 30, 2020 remains unchanged.

3- The two statutory bodies in the process for the FC Barcelona Elections, the Electoral Board and the Electoral Table, will continue to be made up of the same members, chosen by draw before a Notary Public on December 16, 2020 and constituted on December 22 2020, which is hence fully in force and in exercise of its functions.

4- Electoral Campaign.

The electoral campaign will last until March 5, 2021:

4.1. During the electoral campaign, candidates may hold informative, promotional or propaganda events, as described and specified in the dossier delivered by FC Barcelona to each candidate.

4.2. The Electoral Board will ensure that the actions of all candidates observe the respect that their opponents deserve and uphold the principle of equal opportunities in relation to the club's facilities or services.

4.3. Pursuant to article 51, the Members' Ombudsman will send the information and publicity that the candidates wish to send to the members, via the services of the Ombudsman's Office.

5- Day of electoral silence.

Saturday, March 6, 2021 will be the day of electoral silence. All public activities involving the candidacies will be prohibited from midnight on that day and typical actions of an electoral campaign may not be performed, either directly or indirectly, such as placing posters, publishing or broadcasting propaganda in the media or making statements and giving interviews.

6- Postal Vote.

As allowed by the Temporary Provision of Decree 4/2021 of the Government of Catalonia, published in the DOGC on January 21, 2021, and given that the present electoral process had already begun at the time of the publication of the aforementioned legal provision, voting by postal mail is included as a new type of voting that is complementary to voting in person, and available to all voting members who so request it:

6.1. As of January 29 and until February 9, 2021, the members included in the electoral roll may apply for a postal vote using a form on the Club website. In order to exercise their voting rights this way, members must follow the instructions shown on the form and update their personal data. This method is not applicable to members residing in the rest of the world, except in Andorra.

6.2. Once the application has been made, the member will receive a confirmation from the Club via email.

6.3. The application for and confirmation of a postal vote implies being excluded from the electoral roll to vote in person on March 7 at the different polling stations, and this option cannot be cancelled or modified under any circumstances.

6.4. A member who has decided to vote by post must choose, according to his/her personal circumstances, one of the two following options:

a. **General:** For all members who request it, and consists of receiving the electoral information by certified mail at their address and depositing the vote at any post office. The post office will attempt to deliver the electoral documentation to the member who has requested it at their home address on a maximum of two occasions. This documentation will be delivered only to the member and voter, who must present their ID in order to receive it. Subsequently, the member will have to go to any Post Office to cast their vote until February 26, 2021.

In the event that the post office is unable to deliver the electoral documentation to the holder, it will be deposited at the Post Office branch corresponding to his/her address.

If the documentation is collected outside the established deadline, the Post Office will deliver the corresponding documentation but the member will no longer be able to cast a vote at any branch or exercise his/her right to vote in

person on the day of the elections.

b. **Home:** Reserved exclusively for members over 65 years of age and/or with reduced mobility, functional diversity, or illness, and which allows the electoral information to be received at home, and also for the casting of the vote from home, upon express application via the form published on the club website. In this case, a Post Office employee will go to the member's address to deliver the electoral documentation, the envelope and the ballot papers of the candidates, as well as an abstention ballot paper. At that same moment, he/she must return the envelope containing the ballot paper corresponding to the candidate for whom they wish to vote, which shall subsequently be delivered to FC Barcelona.

It is essential for any member who chooses this method to be present at his/her home address during the period that the postal vote period is open. The Post Office will try to deliver the documentation up to a maximum of two occasions. If on the second attempt it cannot be delivered, the documentation will be returned to the assigned Post office, to which the member must travel to cast their vote no later than February 26, 2021.

6.5. As required by article 31-bis point 4 of the Single Text of the Sports Law of Catalonia, the system enabled by the Club for postal voting guarantees proof of receipt of the vote, the identification of the voter or elector, the authenticity and secrecy of the vote, prevention of duplication of the vote and guarantee that it will be included in the final count.

7- Voting in person and polling stations.

7.1. In-person voting will take place at the following polling stations:

Polling Stations in Barcelona:

111 Electoral Tables at Camp Nou and Palau Blaugrana, C/ Aristides Maillol, s/n, 08028-Barcelona, where all members who are not specifically assigned another polling station can vote.

Polling Stations in Lleida:

2 Electoral Tables located at the headquarters of the Catalan Football Federation, C/ Riu Besòs, 8, 25001-Lleida, which is open for voting by members residing in the province of Lleida.

Polling Stations in Girona:

5 Electoral Tables at Pavelló Municipal de Fontajau, Avinguda del President Josep Tarradellas i Joan, 22- 24, 17007-Girona, which is open for voting by members residing in the province of Girona.

Polling Stations in Tarragona:

3 Electoral Tables at Poliesportiu Camp Clar, C/ Riu Siurana, s/n, 43006-Tarragona which is open for voting by members residing in the counties of Alt Camp, el Baix Camp, el Baix Penedès, la Conca de Barberà, el Priorat and el Tarragonès.

Polling Stations in Tortosa:

1 Mesa electoral located at the headquarters of the Catalan Football Federation, C/ Adrià d'Utrecht, 5, baixos, 43500-Tortosa, which is open for voting by members residing in the counties of Baix Ebre, el Montsià, la Ribera d'Ebre and la Terra Alta.

Polling Stations in Andorra:

11 Mesa electoral located at the Centro de Congressos del Comú d'Andorra la Vella, Plaça del Poble, s/n, AD500 Andorra la Vella, Andorra which is open for voting by members residing in the Principality of Andorra.

7.2. The implementation of postal voting guarantees broader participation by members based in the rest of Spain, which makes

in-person polling stations unnecessary and given the unequal mobility restrictions due to Covid-19 as regulated by the different Autonomous Communities and the impossibility of guaranteeing the exercise of in-person voting by all members on the electoral roll.

7.3. Members will be able to view the polling stations where they can vote in person on the club website.

7.4. Members who choose to vote in person will do so at the corresponding polling station based on current residence data. There will be an electoral roll for each polling station and members must vote at their corresponding station as determined by the post code that appears in their membership record.

7.5. Members will be issued recommended time slots to avoid crowding and queues in accordance with Covid-19 safety protocols. Voters must wear a facemask and adhere to any instructions issued by club staff.

7.6. Ballot papers will be produced by the club in the same format, paper type and colour for all candidates. In-person ballot papers will be distributed at the polling stations.

7.7. At the polling stations, the ballot boxes will be arranged alphabetically by the last names of the voting members.

7.8. In order to exercise their right to vote, members must be registered in the definitive electoral roll and prove their identity by showing their identity document or, in the case of foreigners, their passport.

7.9. The Electoral Table will preside and control the election event, assisted by the Members' Ombudsman.

8- Counting of votes.

Once voting has closed on March 7, 2021, the Electoral Table will check and count the votes. This will include those cast in person and those that have been received by the club in the form of postal votes.

The Electoral Board and the Electoral Table, jointly, will provisionally proclaim the winning candidacy.

9- Provision of guarantee.

The newly elected Board of Directors must formalise the promised guarantee in accordance with applicable legal regulations, and take possession of their positions within 10 calendar days following the date of the election. The budget for the 2020/21 season is available for consultation on the club website for calculation of the amount of expenditure that must be covered by the guarantee.

10- Expiry date of the mandate of the chosen Board.

The mandate of the Board of Directors that is elected will expire, at the end of its ordinary term of office, on June 30, 2026, pursuant to article 34.2 of the Club Statutes.

The foregoing is communicated for the knowledge of all FC Barcelona members.

Barcelona, 28 January 2021

For the Managerial Commission of FC Barcelona

Secretary

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