

2022 ELECTION TO DELEGATE OF THE FC BARCELONA SUPPORTERS' CLUBS ADVISORY COUNCIL

ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

FOREWORD

As stated on the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Regulations approved in January 2022, the positions of the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council delegates must be held via free, direct and equal suffrage by the penya presidents of each Territorial Associations (zone), with majority of vote once candidatures have been submitted and admitted.

FC Barcelona calls to election to delegates of the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council, and through this call the electoral procedure and calendar must be specified.

The timeline between the call to election and voting day is that of a minimum of 30 natural days and a maximum of 45.

1. TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AREAS

1.1. TERRITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS

It is understood that a Territorial Association is the geographical area that gathers all official supporters' clubs for proximity and natural connection.

1.2. AREAS

Official supporters' clubs within **area 1** are distributed into 18 geographical zones:

AREA 1

- <u>ZONE 1</u>. BARCELONÈS EAST (Barcelona (east), Badalona, Sant Adrià de Besòs and Santa Coloma de Gramenet).
- **ZONE 2. BARCELONÈS WEST** (Barcelona (west) and l'Hospitalet de Llobregat).

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- ZONE 3. EL VALLÈS.
- ZONE 4. EL MARESME.
- ZONE 5. EL BAIX LLOBREGAT.
- ZONE 6. L'ANOIA, L'ALT PENEDÈS AND EL GARRAF.
- ZONE 7. EL BAGES, EL BERGUEDÀ AND LA CERDANYA.
- ZONE 8. OSONA AND EL RIPOLLÈS.
- ZONE 9. L'EMPORDÀ AND CATALUNYA NORD.
- ZONE 10. EL GIRONÈS, LA SELVA, LA GARROTXA AND EL PLA DE L'ESTANY.
- **ZONE 11**. **TERRES DE L'EBRE** (el Baix Ebre, el Montsià, la Terra Alta, el Baix Maestrat and la Ribera d'Ebre).
- **ZONE 12**. **TARRAGONA NORTH** (l'Alt Camp, el Baix Camp, la Conca de Barberà, el Priorat, el Tarragonès and el Baix Penedès).
- ZONE 13. PONENT NORTH (l'Alt Urgell, l'Alta Ribagorça, la Noguera, el Pallars Jussà, el Pallars Sobirà, el Solsonès and la Vall d'Aran), LA FRANJA NORD and ANDORRA.
- ZONE 14. LLEIDA SOUTH (les Garrigues, el Pla d'Urgell, la Segarra, el Segrià and l'Urgell) and LA FRANJA CENTRAL.
- ZONE 15. COMARQUES DE CASTELLÓ.
- ZONE 16. COMARQUES DE VALÈNCIA AND LA MARINA ALTA.
- ZONE 17. COMARQUES D'ALACANT.
- ZONE 18. BALEARIC ISLANDS.

Official supporters' clubs within *area 2* are distributed into 11 geographical zones (19 to 29):

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AREA 2

- ZONE 19. ANDALUCÍA, CEUTA AND MELILLA.
- ZONE 20. MURCIA.
- ZONE 21. CASTILLA LA MANCHA.
- ZONE 22. EXTREMADURA.
- ZONE 23. MADRID.
- ZONE 24. CASTILLA Y LEÓN.
- ZONE 25. GALICIA.
- ZONE 26. ASTÚRIAS AND CANTABRIA.
- ZONE 27. EUSKADI / EUSKAL HERRIA.
- ZONE 28. ARAGÓN, LA RIOJA AND NAVARRA.
- ZONE 29: CANARY ISLANDS.

AREA 3

- **ZONE 30:** This zone gathers all official supporters' clubs outside Spain.

2. CANDIDATURE

2.1. BASICS

- Elections will follow a binary system with a unique winner method.

Candidature form must state the name of the candidate to represent the correct Territorial Association as delegate of the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council.

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Candidates must have the support of at least 20% of official penyes within the Territorial Association. Those supporters' clubs backing a candidate must state name and surname of their president, ID number, the society their represent and position.

Supporters' clubs can back one candidate only. In case of duplicity, both will be considered void.

- Candidates willing to run for delegate of the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council must inform the Supporters' Clubs Department (penyes@fcbarcelona.cat) so as to receive the electoral procedure and the form to submit the necessary supports according to the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Regulations.
- Those candidates with the necessary supports will be admitted as eligible candidates.
 The list of candidates will be sent to all official supporters' clubs within the Territorial Association, and also available at the Social Area of FC Barcelona, and published on the FC Barcelona website.
- If only one candidature runs for election or the Electoral Board admits one candidature only, there will be no voting. The Electoral Board will proclaim the new delegate. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the candidate belonging to the oldest supporters' club -according to the Register of Official FC Barcelona Supporters' clubs- will be proclaimed delegate.
- In case there is no candidate, or no candidate is admitted as eligible, the Electoral Board will appoint a delegate in charge of carrying out all purposes as representative of this zone.
- If two or more candidates are admitted to election to delegate of the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council, the one to get more votes is the one to be elected as delegate.

2.2. REQUIREMENTS

- The following requirements must be met in order to become a candidate to delegate of the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council:
 - a) Be the President or Vice President of any of the supporters' clubs in the area
 - b) Be of legal age and in use of full civl rights
 - c) Be a member of FC Barcelona

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Any delegates of the Advisory Board, the Supporters' Clubs Council or the Supporters' Clubs World Confederation Council who hold or have held this position for eight years or longer may not submit their candidature for elections convened within this timeframe.

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3. ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

- Elections must be held via call to e-vote managed and scheduled by FC Barcelona.
- FC Barcelona will provide the penya presidents of each Territorial Association all the information to cast their vote.
- The voting act will be controlled by the person appointed by the Electoral Board, which automatically belongs to the polling station, as well as the observing personnel appointed by each of the candidates running for election.
- Votes can be casted online only, using the system supplied by FC Barcelona.
- If only one candidature runs for election or the Electoral Board admitts one candidature only, there will be no voting. The Electoral Board will proclaim the new delegate. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the candidate belonging to the oldest supporters' club -according to the Register of Official FC Barcelona Supporters' clubs- will be proclaimed delegate.
- The candidate to get more votes is the one to be elected as delegate.

The minute of winning candidate proclamation issued by the Electoral Board must be certified and sent to the other candidatures within three days.

4. VOTING SYSTEM

Each penya will cast their vote via their president throughout the e-vote supplied by FC Barcelona.

Each voter can vote one candidature of their zone.

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4.1. E-VOTE

- Each supporters' club president, registered on the official FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs database, will receive a personalized announcement via e-mail so as to cast their e-vote during a specified timeline.
- The aforementioned announcement will be sent via e-mail enclosing a link which will allow voters to cast their ballot in two steps:
 - Double factor electronic identification
 - Voting.
- Once e-voting deadline is due, the members of the Electoral Board and the Polling Station shall download the reports and the voting results.

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5.1. CONCEPTS AND PURPOSES

- The electoral process will be conducted and assessed by the Electoral Board, which is composed by the person or persons appointed by Board of FC Barcelona. The Electoral Board has the following functions and purposes:
 - a. Knowing and solving and queries or claims submitted.
 - b. Admitting or refusing candidatures and its proclamation
 - c. Deciding over any incident occurred during the electoral process that may constitute infraction or deviation of the current electoral regulations, or that may affect the principles of public exposure, equality of opportunities, freedom, non-discrimination and secret voting – which shall be present throughout the whole electoral process- whether asked by any supporters' club or candidate, or by its own initiative,
 - d. Publish results of the elections as well as carry out the legally established communications.
 - e. And, in general knowing and solving all claims submitted by penyes or candidates throughout all the electoral process.

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- All claims must be submitted before the Electoral Board within three days counting from the fact and notifying the fact which is the object of the complaint. The Electoral Board's resolution, which is mandatory, must be dictated within three days.
- The agreements of the Electoral Board foreclose available administrative relief.

5.2. MEMBERS

- The Electoral Board must be composed by two persons appointed by the Board of FC Barcelona. Once appointed, the Electoral Board is set, they appoint amongst them a president and a secretary. The members of this Board are as follow:

President: Mr. Josep Ignasi Macià Gou

Vice president: Mr. Antonio Escudero Martínez

Secretary: Ms. Anna Aznar Berruezo

Member: Mr. Enric Bosch Moya

The members' ombudsperson can also take part as an observer, with a voice but without a vote.

6. COUNTING

- Once finished the voting act, the members of the polling station must carry out the vote countin.
- The encrypted files of the e-vote system are downloades, so as to access the counting of the votes casted per each candidature.
- Once the counting is over, the candidate to delegate of the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Advisory Council to get more votes is proclaimed winner.
- In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the candidate belonging to the oldest supporters' club -according to the Register of Official FC Barcelona Supporters' clubs- will be proclaimed delegate.

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CALENDAR ELECTIONS DELEGATE OF FC BARCELONA SUPPORTERS' CLUBS ADVISORY COUNCIL											
	JUNE				JULY						
1	We				1	Fri					
2	Thu				2	Sat	\				
3	Fri				3	Sun	\				
4	Sat				4	Mon					
5	Sun				5	Tue					
6	Mon				6	We	SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES AND SUPPORTS ENDS		15 DAYS		
7	Tue				7	Thu					
8	We				8	Fri					
9	Thu				9	Sat					
10	Fri				10	Sun					
11	Sat				11	Mon	ADMITTANCE OF CANDIDATURES	PUBLISHING OF CANDIDATURES			
12	Sun				12	Tue					
13	Mon				13	We		7/			
14	Tue				14	Thu					
15	We				15	Fri	/- //				
16	Thu				16	Sat					
17	Fri				17	Sun					
18	Sat				18	Mon					
19	Sun				19	Tue					
20	Mon				20	We					
21	Tue			0 DAYS	21	Thu	E-VOTING		30 DAYS		
22	We	CALL TO ELECTION TO ALL PENYES	CREATION OF ELECTORAL BOARD	START	22	Fri	E-VOTING				
23	Thu				23	Sat					
24	Fri				24	Sun					
25	Sat				25	Mon					
26	Sun				26	Tue	WINNING CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED	ELECTORAL BOARD			
27	Mon	SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES BEGINS	penyes@fcbarcelona.cat		27	We					
28	Tue				28	Thu					
29	We				29	Fri					
30	Thu			9 DAYS	30	Sat					
				2	31	Sun			40 DAYS		

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