

To all Members of the International Masters Games Association
By email

Lausanne, 2 September 2026

Formal Calling Notice — IMGA General Assembly

Virtual meeting, Wednesday 25 November 2026

Dear IMGA Members,

Note: While the IMGA is now pursuing its activities under the World Masters Sport brand, references in this letter are to IMGA, as this remains the legal name of the association.

We are pleased to send you the formal calling notice for the IMGA General Assembly, which will be held online on **Wednesday, 25 November 2026**. A specific time, as well as an access link for those planning to attend, will be provided in due course.

This General Assembly carries particular importance. In accordance with the amended statutes adopted on 19 November 2025, this is the **first elective General Assembly** held under those statutes, at which a new IMGA Board will be elected. We encourage every Member to take part.

1. Positions to be Elected

In accordance with Articles 22.1 and 22.2.5 of the Constitution, the following positions on the IMGA Board will be filled by election at this General Assembly:

- **President** — elected by the General Assembly from among eligible candidates. Candidates for the presidency must have served as IMGA Board Members for at least four years prior to the election (Art. 22.2.2).
- **Up to three (3) Board Members** — elected from candidates proposed by IF Members. Eligible candidates are representatives of the IF Members: the president, other members of the board of the IF Member, or the chair of the IF Masters Commission (Art. 22.1). Pursuant to IMGA Board Interpretive Resolution No. 2026.02 (adopted 23 June 2026), where an IF Member does not maintain a body formally designated as a "Masters Commission," the chair, head, director, or equivalent senior official principally responsible for the IF Member's Masters activities is also eligible (see Section 4 below for documentation requirements).
- **Up to three (3) Board Members** — elected from independent candidates proposed by the IMGA Board, including at least one person with financial expertise adequate to serve as Treasurer (Art. 22.1).

At least two of the elected Board members, including the President, must be of a gender different from that of the majority of the elected Board members, in accordance with the gender representation requirements set out in Art. 22.1 and Art. 22.2.5.

Treasurer designation: Pursuant to IMGA Board Interpretive Resolution No. 2026.01 (adopted 23 June 2026), the Treasurer may be designated by the Board from among any of its elected members, irrespective of whether they were elected from the IF Member or independent candidate stream. IF Members may accordingly announce candidates for the position of Treasurer under Art. 22.2.4. The requirement that the IMGA Board's own slate include at least one candidate with adequate financial expertise remains fully applicable.

2. Electoral Commission

Pursuant to Article 22.2.1 of the Constitution, the IMGA Board has designated a **three-member Electoral Commission** of experience and good reputation, with no personal involvement in the election. The Commission is responsible for managing the entire electoral process, including the review of candidatures, the eligibility check, the conduct of the election at the General Assembly, and the declaration of results.

The Electoral Commission is composed of:

- **Laurence Burger** (Chair), BLaw, DESS, JD, Attorney-at-Law (Geneva and New York bars)
- **Andrés Constantin**, SJD, LL.M., Governance Manager (ITTF)
- **Martin Gibbs**, MA, Senior Sports Executive, Director (Sport Resolutions) and Chair, Equestrian Community Integrity Unit (FEI)

3. Key Deadlines

The following deadlines apply. Members are asked to note these carefully:

Date	Action	Constitutional Ref.
25 September 2026	Deadline for new IF membership applications (Art. 10)	D – 2 months
30 September 2026	Deadline for IF Member candidature applications (Art. 22.2.4)	D – 8 weeks
14 October 2026	Deadline for IMGA Board candidate applications to the Electoral Commission (Art. 22.2.4)	D – 6 weeks
25 October 2026	Deadline for Member proposals for the agenda (Art. 15.5, 15.7)	D – 1 month
4 November 2026	Administrative deadline for names and emails of voting delegates	D – 3 weeks
11 November 2026	Publication of the full candidate list; GA agenda and related documents sent to Members (Art. 15.5, 22.2.4)	D – 2 weeks
25 November 2026	General Assembly and elections	D

4. Candidature Procedure for IF Members

IF Members wishing to propose a candidate for election to the IMGA Board must submit a **written application to the IMGA Secretariat by 30 September 2026** (Art. 22.2.4). Please note the following:

- Each IF Member may present **only one candidate**.
- The application must specify the position sought: **President, Treasurer, or IF Member representative** on the Board.
- A candidate proposed for President or Treasurer who is not elected to that position may still be eligible for an IF Member representative position (Art. 22.2.4).
- Candidates to be proposed from IF Members' representatives must occupy the required functions within the IF Member's organisation at the time of the election (Art. 22.2.2).
- **IF Members without a formal Masters Commission:** where the candidate is proposed as the equivalent of the chair of the IF Masters Commission under Interpretive Resolution No. 2026.02, the IF Member must identify the equivalent functional position held by the candidate, provide a brief description of the structure within which that position sits, and supply documentation evidencing the candidate's appointment. The Electoral Commission will verify that the position constitutes a genuine functional equivalent.

5. Eligibility Requirements

All candidates for any position on the IMGA Board must meet and continue to meet the following requirements (Art. 22.2.2 and Art. 22.2.3):

- **Clean ethical record** — no sanctions for anti-doping rule violations, no disciplinary sanctions by a recognised sports body, and no criminal convictions carrying negative moral weight;
- **Good command of English**, orally and in writing;
- **No conflict of interest** towards the IMGA, with an obligation to declare any circumstances that could reasonably lead to a potential conflict of interest;
- **Presidential candidates** must have served as IMGA Board Members for at least four (4) years prior to the election.
- **Term limits** — no more than two previous terms of four years as Board Member (or as President for Presidential candidates).

Each candidate must submit a **declaration** formally confirming that they meet the eligibility requirements applicable to the position sought, together with appropriate **supporting documents and records**. The Electoral Commission may request additional information or explanations from any candidate (Art. 22.2.2).

Candidature applications should be sent to ga@worldmasterssport.com.

6. Member Proposals for the Agenda

Pursuant to Articles 15.5 and 15.7, Members may submit proposals for inclusion in the GA agenda. Proposals must be in writing, accompanied by a brief reasoning, and received by the IMGA Secretariat **no later than 25 October 2026**. Proposals received after this date will be included in the

agenda of the following Ordinary General Assembly, provided they are confirmed at least one month before that later Assembly.

7. New Membership Applications

International Federations wishing to apply for IMGA membership must submit their application to the Secretariat at least two months before the General Assembly, that is **by 25 September 2026** (Art. 10). The IMGA Board will examine whether the applicant meets the membership requirements, and only qualifying applications will be put to a vote at the General Assembly.

8. Delegates and Voting

Members may attend the General Assembly with a **maximum of two delegates each** (Art. 15.2). IF Member delegations should include at least one representative actively involved in Masters sport activities. Members may **not vote by proxy**. Irrespective of the number of delegates, each Member has **one vote** (Art. 19).

9. Candidature Application Form

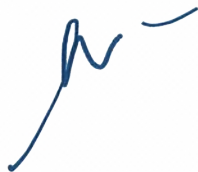
A **Candidature Application Form** is enclosed with this notice. All candidates — whether proposed by IF Members or by the IMGA Board — must complete and sign this form. The form includes the eligibility declarations required under Article 22.2.2, a declaration of interests, and a checklist of supporting documents to be submitted.

The form also contains, in its Annex, a **Data Processing Notice** explaining how the IMGA and the Electoral Commission will handle candidate personal data in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP) and, where applicable, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). By signing the form, each candidate consents to the processing described in the Annex.

The agenda and related documents will be sent to all IMGA Members by **11 November 2026**, that is two weeks before the General Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you online on 25 November and remain at your disposal for any further information or questions.

Yours sincerely,



Jens Holm, CEO
On behalf of the IMGA Board