



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

**Voting regulations for the election of the host city for the XXV
Olympic Winter Games in 2026**

Pursuant to the Olympic Charter, in force as from 9 October 2018 (hereafter the "OC") and, in particular, Rules 18.3, 18.4 and 18.5 and Paragraphs 5.1 and 6 of the Bye-law to Rule 18 thereof:

1. The vote for the election of the host city for an Olympic Games is chaired by the IOC President or, if he is prevented from doing so, the Chair of the meeting (hereafter "President").
2. Voting will be held by secret ballot. Electronic voting equipment will be used. However, if technical imperatives require it, the President may decide to use a different form of secret ballot.
3. The quorum required for an IOC Session is half the total membership of the IOC plus one.
4. The decision of the IOC Session on the election of the host city is taken by a majority of the votes cast.
5. The reliability, security and accuracy of the voting process will be tested and monitored by an independent specialised expert company.
6. The President shall appoint three scrutineers and designate one Chairperson amongst them.
7. The Candidate Cities shall be submitted by the IOC Executive Board to the vote by the IOC Session.
8. A separate voting number for each Candidate City will be drawn by lots under the supervision of the Chairperson of the scrutineers; such numbers will identify each Candidate City for the entire voting procedure.
9. The names of those members who must refrain from taking part in the vote pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 of the Bye-law to Rule 18 of the OC will be communicated to the IOC Session immediately before the voting.
10. Each member has one vote. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
11. The Candidate City which obtains the majority of the votes cast is elected.
12. If there is a tie, the Session will vote again. Should there still be a tie, the President will decide.

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13. When a city is elected, the Chairperson of the scrutineers will inform the President that this is the case. The President will indicate that the election is over, and that the name of the elected city will be announced at the announcement ceremony. When the elected city has been announced by the President at the announcement ceremony, the complete results of the voting will be made available.
 14. The result of the election will be recorded in the form of minutes signed by the scrutineers. The sealed envelope, containing the name of the elected city, will be kept in the custody of the Chairperson of the scrutineers, and will be presented to the President at the announcement ceremony. The President will open the envelope at the announcement ceremony and read out the result.

Date: 19 June 2019

Read and approved by the President:



Thomas BACH