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# Voting procedure for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™



## **PREAMBLE**

By the deadline of 13 December 2019, FIFA had received four bids in relation to the bidding process for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition:

- a joint bid by Football Federation Australia and New Zealand Football;
- a single bid by the Brazilian Football Association;
- a single bid by the Colombian Football Association; and
- a single bid by the Japan Football Association.

The following steps will take place in accordance with the decision-making process approved by the FIFA Council in March 2019:

- (i) The FIFA general secretariat shall evaluate the bids received (either based on the bid documentation alone or following site inspections and subsequent evaluation). The outcome of this evaluation shall be published in a public report known as the "Bid Evaluation Report" scheduled for May/June 2020. If a bid is determined to have failed to meet the minimum hosting requirements based on the results of the technical evaluation, the FIFA general secretariat shall be entitled, and reserves the right, to deem the bid as not eligible for consideration by, or presentation to, the FIFA Council.
- (ii) The FIFA Council shall review all eligible bids (not disqualified as a result of (i) above) and the Bid Evaluation Report and vote on the matter of awarding the right to host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition. This vote will take place at the FIFA Council meeting scheduled for June/July 2020.

The present document will define in more detail the voting procedure to be followed by the FIFA Council in connection with awarding the right to host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition.

## **I. PROCEEDINGS AT THE FIFA COUNCIL MEETING**

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

1. The FIFA Council shall review all eligible bids and the Bid Evaluation Report and vote, based on its best judgement and taking into consideration the defined criteria for the selection decision as set out in clause 3.3.2 of the Bidding Registration, on the selection of the host(s) of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition. If no bids are submitted to the FIFA Council, the vote will not proceed.

### **B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

2. In the event that a member of the FIFA Council has a conflict of interest, the member will not perform their duties in connection with the vote. This includes participating in any debate or voting in connection with this agenda item. The member will remain in the room during the entire agenda item.

3. Members of the FIFA Council will, in particular, be considered to have a conflict of interest if they, in addition to their role as a FIFA Council member, represent a member association (or have represented a member association since the bid submission deadline of 13 December 2019) whose bid is part of the vote.
4. Members of the FIFA Council who will not perform their duties owing to a conflict of interest will notify the FIFA general secretariat immediately and no later than one week prior to the date of the vote.

### **C. PROCEEDINGS**

5. Proceedings with regard to this agenda item of the FIFA Council meeting will be opened by the chair of the FIFA Council. The chair will confirm the eligible bid(s) based on the Bid Evaluation Report. Following this, any members of the FIFA Council who will not participate in any debate or vote owing to a conflict of interest will formally excuse themselves from the debate and vote on this agenda item.
6. Following the introduction by the chair, each bidding member association will be given the opportunity to present their respective bid to the FIFA Council. Such presentations shall be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each (per bid) and shall be presented in alphabetical order (by country name).
7. Following the presentations, the FIFA Secretary General or a representative of the FIFA general secretariat designated by the FIFA Secretary General will provide a short report. Such report will include, in particular, a summary of the results of the evaluation of the bids and the Bid Evaluation Report.

### **D. VOTE**

8. The voting part of the agenda item of the FIFA Council meeting will be introduced with a detailed explanation of the voting procedure by the FIFA Secretary General.
9. Voting may be conducted by electronic means and may be administered remotely.
10. In accordance with art. 9 par. 5 of the FIFA Governance Regulations, if a vote is needed on any matter, a majority of the valid votes cast is required for a decision to be adopted. Each member of the FIFA Council, including the FIFA President, has one ordinary vote. Invalid votes, electronic votes manipulated in any way and abstentions will be disregarded when calculating the results. In addition, if a FIFA Council member does not vote for any of the options, this will be counted as an abstention.
11. At the conclusion of each ballot, if one of the bids receives a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast, the respective member association(s) will be awarded the right to host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition. The other bids will be deemed rejected by FIFA. This decision is final.

12. In the event that a ballot involves more than two bids and a simple majority is not reached by any bid, the bid with the lowest number of votes in that ballot will be eliminated. If two or more bids receive the same lowest number of votes, only the bid that received the lowest overall weighted score in the technical evaluation of the Bid Evaluation Report will be eliminated.
13. In the event that a ballot involves only two bids and both bids receive the same number of votes, a further ballot will be taken. If, at the conclusion of such further ballot both bids again receive the same number of votes, the bid with the highest overall weighted score in the technical evaluation of the Bid Evaluation Report will prevail and the respective member association(s) will be awarded the right to host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ final competition.
14. Following the decision, proceedings with regard to the agenda item will be concluded.
15. The result of each ballot and the related votes by the members of the FIFA Council shall be made public on [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com) shortly after the conclusion of the FIFA Council meeting.

## **II. FINAL PROVISIONS**

16. The present procedure is issued in the four official languages of FIFA: English, French, German and Spanish. If there are any discrepancies in the interpretation of the different versions of this procedure, the English text is authoritative.
17. This procedure was approved by the Bureau of the FIFA Council on 11 May 2020.