



## **NOMINATION PROCESS FOR USSF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT**

The following process is promulgated pursuant to Bylaw 401: Officers, and has been approved by the Nominating and Governance Committee (the “**Committee**”), Effective as of September 1, 2017.

### **1. Eligibility:**

Candidates for the office of President or Vice President of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc. (“**USSF**”) must meet the following requirements:

To be eligible:

- 1.1. the candidate must submit to and pass a background check to be completed by the vendor selected by the Committee;
- 1.2. the candidate shall have been proposed by an Organization Member or an Athlete member of the Board of Directors and be supported by declarations of support from at least three (3) Organization Members and/or Athlete members of the Board of Directors. (Being proposed as a candidate by an Organization shall be understood as a declaration of support.) Each Organization Member may not present declarations of support for more than one individual. Declarations of support must be on letterhead of the Organization Member and signed by an officer, director, or senior executive of the Organization Member;
- 1.3. the candidate must be proposed by Organization Members by the deadline specified in the USSF Bylaws;
- 1.4. If a declaration of support is received for more than one candidate from the same Organization Member, all declarations from that Organization Member shall be considered invalid.

### **2. Submission of candidatures:**

- 2.1. Candidates either directly or through Organization Members, must notify the USSF CEO/Secretary General, in writing, of a candidature for the office of USSF President or Vice-President no later than sixty (60) days prior to the National Council meeting (“**NCM**”) as provided in Bylaw 401. The notification shall include the declarations of support required by Section 1.2, above.
- 2.2. The USSF CEO/Secretary General shall forward all candidatures without any undue delay to the Committee for examination and for passing a decision on admission of the candidate.
- 2.3. Upon receipt of the proposed candidature, the Committee shall require the proposed candidates to complete a background check authorization form. The Committee will complete the background check within thirty (30) days of receiving the authorization form. Should the candidate submit the authorization form more than six months before the Annual General Meeting, the Committee will repeat the background check within thirty (30) days of the NCM.
- 2.4. The Committee shall announce the candidature upon review of the background check to confirm compliance with the USSF Bylaws.

### **3. Campaign.**

- 3.1. Candidates shall conduct campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for the USSF and its members.
- 3.2. The Committee shall oversee the creation of a list of registered delegates, which list will be made available to all requesting candidates at the same time, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the NCM, provided each requesting candidate executes and returns an appropriate release and indemnity agreement in favor of USSF and agrees to use the delegate list information solely for the purpose of the USSF campaign and for no other purpose. Updated lists of registered delegates shall be provided to the candidates sixty (60) and thirty (30) days prior to the NCM.
- 3.3. In conducting the campaign, all candidates shall comply with the Bylaws and Policies of USSF and all applicable law.