



IAAPT RULES 2023

20.CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EXECUTIVE Committee members and any other meeting participants will comply with IAAPT's conflict of interest policy, and any other relevant policies, at all times.

- 20.1 20. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. (COI) Policy Disclosure of interests, conflicts of interest and potential bias. Conflicts of interest commonly arise and do not need to present a problem to World Physiotherapy (WP) provided they are effectively managed in a transparent way.
- 20.2 The issue is not the integrity of the person concerned but the management of any potential to profit or benefit from a person's position within the IAAPT Executive Committee (EC) or for a person to be influenced by conflicting loyalties. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest can damage the associations reputation so conflicts need to be managed carefully.
- 20.3 Types of interest that need to be declared. Relevant interest may be financial or non-financial. They may also be direct or indirect. Examples are: A company, university or organisation of which the EC member is a director, employee or shareholder is being considered for a contract. Non-financial interests may arise when an EC Member benefits from the location of a congress or awarding of accreditation status.
- 20.4 The chair prior to deliberations of the IAAPT Executive Committee requests disclosure of real or potential COI to be declared, or as they arise, so a decision is made as to whether the COI is manageable or not. "Does anyone have a new COI to declare or a previously declared conflict which is no longer active?"? In the latter case the EC member concerned should absent themselves from the meeting or from the discussions and voting when an issue about which they have a COI is discussed. The individual must disclose the nature of that interest as soon as practicable. Any disclosures will be recorded in the IAAPT Executive Committee minutes.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The IAAPT Executive Committee is reminded that the discussion and agenda documents are confidential regarding COI and must not be disclosed outside of the IAAPT Executive Committee.

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