## FIFA presidential election is two-horse race

Despite calls to resign in the wake of the corruption scandal engulfing FIFA, incumbent President Sepp Blatter remains runaway favourite for a fifth term, with Jordan's Prince Ali Bin al-Hussein his only challenger



## Sepp Blatter, 79, Switzerland

- FIFA President since 1998, standing for fifth term
- FIFA has suffered wave of scandals during Blatter's 17-year reign, including allegations of corruption in World Cup bidding and 2011 presidential election
- He has not issued formal election manifesto but pledges to continue reform programme and steer FIFA into "clear blue waters" again
- Blatter is widely supported outside Europe, where associations have benefited financially

  Europe

  UEFA

WHO VOTES: Each of FIFA's 209 member associations holds one vote

PROCESS: Candidate addresses Congress for 15 minutes before ballot

## Prince Ali, 39, Jordan

- FIFA Asian vice-president
- Pledges to make FIFA more transparent by appointing advisory board alongside president, who would be limited to two terms
- Wants to increase number of teams participating in World Cup finals to 36 from 32, and distribute more money to poorer federations
- Proposes to restore continental rotation when choosing World Cup hosts and require bidders

to respect human rights

Prince Ali is

Asia AFC 46

UEFA's favoured candidate

**35** North and Central America *CONCACAF* 

11 Oceania. OFC

10 South America CONMEBOL

First round: Candidate needs to secure two-thirds majority (140 votes) to win election

**Second round:** If subsequent round is required then simple majority (more than 50%) is all that is required for victory

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