Preamble[1]

At the 1932 International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) in Zurich, a resolution was adopted that at each ICM, two gold medals should be awarded to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement. Professor J. C. Fields, a Canadian mathematician who was Secretary of the 1924 Congress, later donated funds establishing the medals, which were named in his honor. The first Fields Medals were awarded at the ICM in 1936 in Oslo, Norway. In 1966 it was agreed that, in light of the great expansion of mathematical research, up to four medals could be awarded at each ICM.

Statutes

1. The Fields Medal is awarded every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Mathematicians to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement for existing work and for the promise of future achievement.

2. The Fields Medal is awarded to an individual mathematician whose 40th birthday must not occur before January 1st of the year of the ICM at which the Fields Medals are awarded.

3. No more than four Fields Medals are awarded at one ICM.

4. The award consists of gold medal bearing the profile of Archimedes and a cash amount of CAD 15,000.

5. The Fields Medal Committee that decides the recipients of the Fields Medal, is chosen by the Executive Committee of the International Mathematical Union and is normally chaired by the IMU President. It is asked to choose at least two, with a strong preference for four, Fields Medalists, and to have regard in its choice to representing a diversity of mathematical fields. In its deliberations, the Committee has to abide by the IMU Guidelines regarding conflicts of interest. The name of the Chair of the Committee is made public, but the names of other members of the Committee remain anonymous until the award of the prize at the Congress.

6. Nominations for this award have to be submitted to the Prize Committee Chair. Any nomination should contain the name and affiliation of candidate, the candidate's date of birth, as well as a description of the work that qualifies the candidate for the award, written in terms that are accessible to mathematicians of different backgrounds, including references to the candidate's important publications. Nominations are confidential, and must not be disclosed to the candidate. Self-nominations are strongly discouraged. The committee is free to consider mathematicians not nominated.

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[1] More details on the early history of the Fields Medal can be found in O. Lehto's *Mathematics Without Borders*, Springer 1998.

7. No person can receive more than one IMU Award[2]. An exception is that an individual can receive the Leelavati Prize in addition to one other IMU Award.

8. No person can receive an IMU Award or be an ICM Emmy Noether Lecturer while serving on the IMU Executive Committee.

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[2] Fields Medal, IMU Abacus Medal/Rolf Nevanlinna Prize, Carl Friedrich Gauss Prize, Chern Medal Award, and Leelavati Prize.