

Regulations related to the IOC Athletes' Commission

IOC GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE CREATION OF A NOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Guidelines)

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that "*athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs*", the IOC encourages NOCs to form their own athletes' commissions.

Further to the recommendation 40 of the Olympic Agenda 2020, the Guidelines below must be followed by the NOCs when forming their commissions.

In line with these Guidelines, each NOC can establish the terms of reference and powers of its own Athletes' Commission.

1. MISSION

The mission of an NOC Athletes' Commission (hereafter "Commission") is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the NOC.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Commission are to:

- a. Consider issues related to athletes and to provide advice to the NOC;
- b. Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- c. Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations, including the appointment of arbitrators to the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS); and
- d. Maintain contact with the IOC Athletes' Commission.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

- a. The Commission has a minimum of five members who are nationals of the country of the NOC in question. They must be at least 16 years of age, and have never received any sanction in relation of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- b. The Commission is composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are participating at a national level (at least) in a sport on the Olympic programme, or have done so within the previous four years.
- c. Both sexes must be represented within the Commission, and, when applicable, there should be a reasonable balance between summer and winter sports practised in the country.
- d. The majority of the members of the Commission are elected by their peers.
- e. The Chair of the Commission must be a member who has been elected to the Commission by his or her peers.
- f. The length of the term of office is four years. It may be re-elected/renewable.
- g. The following are ex officio members of the Commission in their respective countries and have the right to vote at the meetings of the Commission:
 - The members of the IOC Athletes' Commission; and
 - The members of the Athletes' Commissions of the NOC Continental Associations.

4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE NOC

The Commission is represented at the NOC General Assembly by at least two of its members, elected by the Commission, who will have the right to vote within this Assembly. The Commission is represented within the NOC's Executive Body by at least one member, elected by the Commission and approved by the NOC General Assembly, who will have the right to vote within this Executive Body. This person must be a member of the Commission who has been elected to the Commission by his or her peers.

5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

- a. The Commission meets at least once a year;
- b. The NOC is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

These IOC Guidelines relating to the creation of an NOC Athletes' Commission have been amended and approved by the IOC Executive Board on 8 June 2015, in Lausanne.