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ATHLETES' COMMISSION RULES

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1. The commission

As per the IFSC Statutes (V. Bodies, Article 36) "the IFSC Athletes' Commission provides a permanent liaison between active Athletes and the IFSC". Composition and functioning of the Athletes' Commission are described in the present regulations and are approved by the Plenary Assembly.

As described in the IFSC Statutes (Article 24 and 25): The Executive Board of IFSC consists of the following officers:

(...)

- One representative elected by the Athletes' Commission."

(...)

The members of the Executive Board (with the exception of the representatives of the Athletes and representatives of the Continental Councils) are elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of four years.

2. Goal of the commission

Through its work, the commission shall constantly try to reach the highest standards in different areas, such as:

1. Fight against doping
2. Development of Sport Climbing, as sport for all on an international level,
3. Monitor the IFSC events are ensuring physical and moral health of all IFSC Athletes.
4. Promoting and implementing IFSC social and environment responsible programs and actions.

In that perspective the commission will be:

1. Participating and helping the work of the Sport Department
2. Giving recommendations to the IFSC's Executive Board regarding the development of the IFSC.

3. Place of the commission within the IFSC organisation

- The commission is an IFSC body and therefore members shall follow the IFSC statutes, internal procedures and dispute resolutions tools defined by the IFSC.
- The commission's members, shall hold a license of one IFSC member national federation, however when present on the IFSC events, shall be considered as IFSC officials.
- In addition, as per the article 33 of the IFSC Statutes, one member of each Technical Commissions is appointed by the Athletes' Commission.
- In the specified Technical Commission the Athletes' Commission member is in charge of participating, and bringing the Athletes' perspective in in debates as well as defending the Athletes' Commission positions.
- In the Athletes' Commission the member appointed in a Technical Commission is responsible of reporting the outcome of the Technical Commission's work.
- The appointment proposal of the Athletes' Commission members in the different Technical Commissions is to be made in collaboration with the Sport Department.
- The list of appointed Athletes' Commission members has to be reviewed at least after each Athletes' Commission election and after each renewal of the Technical Commissions.





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- The Athletes' Commission can proceed with the exchange of its appointed members in a Technical

Commissions provided the changes are approved by the Technical Commission director.

4. Composition

The following persons compose the Athletes' Commission:

President:

He / she is in charge of:

- Leading the works of Athletes' Commission.
- Finalizing the discussion of the Athletes' Commission by defining an official position of the Athletes' Commission or a decision when needed.
- Participating and representing the Athletes in the Executive Board meetings.
- Representing the IFSC Athletes during IFSC events and non IFSC events, seminar, forums.

He / she should have an established experience of the international climbing competitions and if possible a first experience in representing the Athletes.

Vice-President:

The Vice President is a member of the Athletes' Commission who can be appointed by the President, and will be in charge of all the duties of the President in case the last is unavailable or unable to perform his duty.

The Vice-President can participate to the Executive Board meeting in replacement of the President without the voting right.

Member:

A member can be mandated by the Athletes' Commission President for specific mission.

A member shall refer to the Athletes' Commission President prior to any action of representation in and out of the IFSC events.

General:

The number of position available within the Athletes' Commission is 12 including the President.

Members and President of the Athletes' Commission are elected for a 4 year terms.

The working term of the Athletes' Commission members and President is starting after the closing ceremony of the World Championships where they have been elected and is finishing at the end of the closing ceremony of the World Championships terminating their term.

5. Representation of discipline group, gender and nationality

The Athletes' Commission is an equal opportunity body, the achievement of this should be encouraged by the IFSC, consequently:

- If possible, half (50%) of the members of the Athletes' Commission shall be female athletes.
- As many nationalities as possible shall be represented in the Athletes' Commission and in any case no more than 3 athletes per nationality shall be elected.
- All disciplines shall be represented within a maximum of 4 positions per discipline.

6. Internal rules and other duties

The Athletes' Commission meets at least once per year, in occasion of the World Championship or during a major competition where if possible all three disciplines are represented.



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The Athletes' Commission members that are part of a Technical Commission shall be active in the Technical Commission works.

The Athletes' Commission shall be present as much as possible in the different meetings of the IFSC bodies either by the presence of its president or through the presence of the Athletes members of the Technical Commission.

All official decision taken by the Athletes' Commission should be the result of a vote. A quorum of half the number of the Athletes' Commission member is requested. A simple majority is required to validate a decision.

If a member is convinced of doping or any serious fault, then his/her exclusion shall be declared and his role replaced if necessary.

Each year the Athletes' Commission shall give a report on its activity to the Executive Board, this report has an informative role.

7. Election

The election of the Athletes' Commission members shall be done during the World Championships. All the members are elected for a 4 year term but half of the Athletes' Commission members are to be replaced every 2 years.

A. Election schedule

The election takes place during the World Championships, between the opening and the closing ceremony.

Election dates related deadlines for candidacies and documents will be defined and produced by the Athletes' Commission then announced and made available by the IFSC at least one month before the first day of the world championships.

Election of Athletes' Commission member happens at each IFSC World Championships. During each election a part of the Athletes' Commission member are to be renewed.

The President position is open every 4 years unless the president is resigning.

Members being in their on-going term can candidate for the President position if open.

B. Candidates:

The candidates to the Athletes' Commission should comply with the following requirements:

- To have never been convinced of doping, match fixing, or any serious fault sanctioned by the IFSC or national federation disciplinary commissions.
- To be at least 18 year of age during the election year.
- Being a regular participant (not less than 5 international competitions during the 12 months preceding the election date) in international competitions or an experienced competition climber (in this case the candidature should be approved by a vote of the commission).
- For the President position, an experience in representing the athletes, at a national and/or international level is a plus.

Candidates are by default applying for a member position. However and in addition if the President position is open, they can candidate for this position.

Candidates shall apply as representatives of the discipline they are registered in for the World Championships hosting the election.





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For Candidates registered in several disciplines, they need to choose one of the discipline for which they are registered. It is recommended to the candidates to represent the discipline they are the most competing in.

Candidacies will be reviewed and confirmed by the Athletes' Commission before the election start. Following this the IFSC will published and announce the list of candidates.

C. Voting Procedure:

Voting forms, will show per discipline all approved candidates with a mention for those standing for the President position (if relevant).

To vote, an athlete has to be registered for the World Championships, which is hosting the election. Voting athletes shall put 3 clear marks aside to one name per discipline, the voting form shall not be altered of any other mark.

Voting form shall remain anonymous, but voting athletes are requested to sign the competition official Start-list aside their name as proof of their vote.

When election is completed, marks are counted and the candidates who have the biggest number of marks are declared elected in accordance with the representation rules set in point 5 of the present regulations.

In case of equality between two candidates, the process that shall define the prevailing candidate is then following:

1. Candidate that allow the best situation in regards to the representation rules
2. Vote of current members
3. Athletes Commission President declaration

As soon as the tie is broken, the process shall stop and the chosen candidate shall be declared elected.

Amongst the elected Athletes who were standing for the president position the one with the highest number of votes shall be nominated as president of the Athletes' Commission. Equality cases shall be managed the same way as for members.

D. Other elections processes

Elections opening and closing has to be monitored by either one current member of the Athletes' Commission and one IFSC Executive Board member.

All elections period shall be monitored by either an IFSC official or staff member.

The votes analysis shall be managed by either an IFSC official or staff member and monitored by at least one current member of the Athletes' Commission and one IFSC Executive Board member.

The result list shall be signed by the above persons and published by the IFSC right after.

E. Non elected members

In case of vacant places, once a year and in occasion of the Plenary Assembly, the IFSC President may appoint up to two members in accordance with the representation rules.

In case of need, the Athletes' Commission can decide to appoint athletes who are retired from the competition circuit. These Athletes shall however fulfil the other requirements, and cannot be President. These athletes are appointed for a two year terms and are in charge of specific missions according the needs of the Athletes' Commission.