

# Guidelines

## **-Athlete Committee -**

### From the IOC Guideline related to IF Athletes Committee

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Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Committee that *“athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs”*, the IOC encourages IFs and NFs to form their own athletes’ committees.

Further to recommendation 40 of the Olympic Agenda 2020, the Guidelines below form the framework for International Federations when forming such commissions.

Based on these Guidelines, each IF can establish the terms of reference and powers of its own athletes’ committee.

From WAKO perspective we use the IOC guidelines to define our criteria. For WAKO the committee is already established so it is only a matter of having the right priorities and focus in further work.

#### **1. MISSION**

The mission of an IF Athletes’ Commission is to:

- A. Represent the views and opinions of the athletes and ensure their voice is heard within the IF; and
- B. Inform athletes about the IF activities (i.e. educational tools, rules and regulations).
- C. Work with and support the IF in its mission to develop and promote the sport.

#### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Committee are to:

- A. Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the IF;
- 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, (for example the appointment of arbitrators by the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS);
- D. Consult with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of their respective sport and subsequently provide feedback to the IF; and
- E. Maintain contact with the IOC Athletes’ Commission.

#### **3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- A. The Commission should have a minimum of five members. They should be at least 18 years of age, and must be older than 16 years of age.
- B. Commission members must have never received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code.

- C. The Commission should be composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are participating at international level or have done so within the previous four years. The composition should reflect the disciplines of the IF.
- D. Both sexes should be represented within the Commission.
- E. The majority of the members of the Commission should be elected by their peers.
- F. The Commission members should elect their Chair from among those members who have been elected to the Commission by their peers, and the Chair may serve in this role for up to four years.
- G. The term of office of Commission members can be for up to four years, or less in the case of filling a casual vacancy. The Chair and members may be re-elected/renewed if they meet the conditions in 3.b above.
- H. The timing of the Commission member and Chair elections is recommended to be within the same year as, or a year before or after, the election of the WAKO IF Board.

#### 4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE IF

The Committee should be represented within the WAKO IF Board of Director by its Chair or at least one other member who is also an athlete who meets the conditions in 3.b above. They must be elected by the Commission and should have the right to vote within the Executive Body.

#### 5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- A. The Committee meets at least once a year;
- B. The IF administration is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Committee is able to meet.

**As an inspiration for WAKO, the IOC athletes' Commission have following mission;**  
*(for which directly can be transferred to WAKO use)*

The IOC Athletes' Commission (hereinafter "the **Commission**") serves as a link between the active Olympic athletes and the IOC. It ensures that the athletes' point of view is taken into account in the IOC's decisions.

It is the voice of the athletes within the Olympic Movement and makes recommendations to this end. Its representatives on the other IOC commissions or related bodies therefore express the athletes' point of view.

It proposes the creation within the Commission of working groups responsible for liaising with the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games to help them better meet the needs of the athletes. These groups work in full cooperation with the Coordination Commissions for the Games.

At the Olympic Games, the Commission is present within the Olympic Village and is at the athletes' disposal.

The Commission makes its recommendations/proposals to the IOC Executive Board, subject to their having been discussed within the Commission and approved by the majority of the Commission members present.

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