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Athletes Commission and Athletes Representatives Regulation



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Title 1. Principles

Article 1. The Athletes' Commission

1. The Athletes' Commission is a working committee established by the ISMF Statutes to represent the athletes.
2. Its functioning is guaranteed by the elected and appointed members, as provided in the current regulations.

Article 2. Mission

1. The mission of the Athletes' Commission is to:
 - a) represent the views and opinions of the athletes and raise their voices to the ISMF organization and administration;
 - b) support and protect the interests of all the athletes in their sporting and non-sporting career;



- c) promote and protect fair competitions;
- d) work with and support the IF in its mission to develop and promote the sport;
- e) inform all athletes about the ISMF's activities (i.e. educational tools, rules and regulations).

Article 3. Roles and Objectives of the Commission

1. The roles and objectives of the Commission are to:

- a) be the reference point for the athletes;
- b) collect athletes' opinions and needs;
- c) consider other issues related to athletes;
- d) consult with athletes in the evaluation of every issue related to them;
- e) represent the rights and interests of athletes and make related recommendations;
- f) provide feedback, information and advice to the International Federation;
- g) advise the ISMF Council and Commissions;
- h) provide information to the athletes about the ISMF's activities (educational tools, rules and regulations, etc.);
- j) update the current regulations when necessary.

2. The Commission is also committed to:

- a) promote healthy relationships between the athletes;
- b) engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- c) engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect fair competitions;
- d) support the athletes in their post-sporting career;
- e) maintain contact with the IOC Athletes Commission;
- f) work with the ISMF to adopt the Athletes Rights and Responsibilities Declaration, which was presented to and adopted by the 133rd IOC Session in Buenos Aires in October 2018 on behalf of the Olympic Movement, and incorporate it into the IFs policies and procedures. In particular, the Commission will work with the ISMF to develop mechanisms for effective remedies related to these rights and responsibilities, and to encourage athletes to make use of these mechanisms.

Title 2. The Commission

Article 4. Composition of the Commission

1. The Commission has a minimum of five members.
2. Only athletes can be members of the commission. They must be compliant with the requirements as in article 11 for all the term of the office.
3. The majority of the members of the Commission must be elected by the athletes.
4. The Commission must be composed of athletes, active and recently retired, from different geographical areas, disciplines, genders.
5. In order to ensure an equitable Commission, the ISMF President may appoint members from those proposed by the Chair of the Athletes' Commission. Appointed members must be a minority.



Article 5. Election of the members

1. The elections take place every two years on occasion of the Ski Mountaineering World Championships.
2. The elections are held under the ruling authority of the ISMF Council.
The Council guarantees the impartiality and fairness of the elections.
3. The procedure of the election is managed by the ISMF Office along with the permanent Athletes Commission members.
Information is published with necessary terms to ensure the fairness of the procedure.
4. Proxy voting and voting by post are not authorized.
5. The three candidates, no more than two for gender, who have received the largest number of votes will be elected as Members of the Commission. In case of a tie, the youngest candidate will be preferred.
6. The ISMF President will officialise the results.
With the publication of the results the elected athletes will be entitled to become Commission members.

Article 6. Nomination of the candidates

1. Every National Federation member of the ISMF can propose one or more athletes for the elections. The nominations must be sent or delivered to the ISMF Office following the procedure set up by the Office.

Article 7. Eligibility

1. To be eligible, the athletes must be compliant with the requirements in article 11.
The ISMF Office verifies the requirements before publishing the candidacies.
2. The names of the candidates will be officially published.

Article 8. Athletes with right of vote

1. Every athlete who participates in at least one race of the Ski Mountaineering World Championships has the right to vote.

Article 9. Appointment of members

1. When the composition of the Commission is inequitable or the minimum number of the members is not reached, the Commission Chair can propose one or more athletes, who must meet the conditions as in Article 11, to be appointed by the ISMF President.
The ISMF President, evaluating the situation, appoints the members he deems appropriate.
The appointed members must be the minority.

Article 10. Duration of the Mandate



1. The term of office of each elected Commission member is the four years between the ISMF World Championships in which he was elected and the second successive edition of the ISMF World Championships.
2. The term of office of appointed Commission member is that between the appointment and the second successive edition of the ISMF World Championships. It can be less in the case of filling a casual vacancy.
3. The Chair and members may be re-elected if they meet the conditions in article 11.
4. No athlete can hold more than two terms.

Article 11. Causes of ineligibility and forfeiture

1. The members must be older than 18.
2. The members must be athletes who, at the time of their election or nomination, are actively participating in international events or have done so within the previous four years. For this purpose, the international events are the ISMF World Championships and the ISMF World Cup.
3. Commission members must never have received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code.

Article 12. President and delegates

1. The Commission members elect their Chair from among those members who have been elected to the Commission. The Chair will serve in this role until the term of his mandate is over, after which the term of office may be renewed.
2. The Commission members elect their vice-Chair. He will substitute for the Chair when necessary. Chair and Vice-Chair must belong to different genders.
3. The Commission members elect a General Secretary.
4. The Commission can delegate roles and functions to one or more members. The Commission determines the content, limits and modalities for exercising the delegation; The Commission may give compulsory directives to the delegates.

Article 13. Meetings of the Commission

1. The Commission will meet at least once a year.
2. The ISMF administration is responsible for ensuring that the Commission is able to meet. The Commission General Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the meetings.
3. The decisions of the Commission are taken by an absolute majority of those present. Vote by representatives is not allowed. Abstentions and dissenters may request their vote be recorded in the minutes.



Article 14. Representation of the Commission

1. The Commission is represented within the ISMF by its Chair and Vice-Chair. They have the right to vote within the ISMF Council.

The Chair or Vice-Chair can delegate the representation within the ISMF Council to other members if allowed by the Council. In any case the delegates must be elected members.

2. The Athletes Commission is represented in each of the other ISMF Commissions by at least one of its members.

The representatives delegated by the Athletes' Commission will be validated by the Plenary Assembly as members of the other ISMF Commissions.

3. The Chair represents the Commission outside the ISMF. He can delegate another member if necessary.

Article 15. Powers and duties of the members

1. Each member of the Commission may ask information at any time to the ISMF Council and administration.

2. Each member may ask for information from the Chair and propose a Commission meeting. When two or more members ask for a meeting, the President is required to set it up.

3. The members are required to be well informed before they act or vote. Each member can ask delegated members to inform the Commission about a voting topic.

4. The members have to vote in the interest of all the athletes, even if it conflicts with their own interests.

5. The members can not receive any remuneration for their office.

Article 16. Responsibilities of the Commission

1. The members will perform their duties with diligence. They are jointly and severally liable for the acts and decisions of the Commission, except for those in case of recorded abstention or dissension.

2. The members are never liable for any economic damage caused in the exercise of their office.

Article 17. Financial Obligations

1. The travel and accommodation expenses of the Commission members in the performance of their office will be covered by the National Federations to which they belong.

The National Federations may request the ISMF for economic support if not able to cover the aforementioned expenses.

Title 3. The National Athletes' Representatives

Article 18. Nomination of the National Representative



1. Every National Federation member of the ISMF appoints, with in its national team, a National Representative of the athletes.
2. The National Federation will communicate the name and contact information of their national representative to the Athletes Commission. It will do the same in case of substitution of the representative.
3. The National Athletes' Representatives support the work of the Athletes Commission. In particular they:
 - a) are the reference for their national athletes;
 - b) collect athletes opinions and needs;
 - c) provide feedback and information to the Commission;
 - d) advise the Commission;
 - e) disseminate the information provided by the Commission to their national athletes.

Article 19. Powers and duties of the National representatives

1. The National Athletes Representatives consider the needs and opinions of all the athletes, such as national team members, amateurs, youth, masters, other, and refer questions and issues to the Commission.

Each National Representative can request, at any time, for information from the members of the Athletes Commission.

Article 20. National Athletes' Representatives requirements

1. The National Athletes Representatives must comply with the same requirements set out in Article 11 for the Commission members.

Title 4. Implementing and transitional provisions

Article 21. IOC Guide-lines compliance

1. The current regulations comply with the IOC Guide-lines approved by the IOC Executive Board on 26 March 2019 in Lausanne. The regulations meet the IOC conditions to allow the NOCs to put forward a candidate for election to the IOC Athletes' Commission.
2. In case of updates to the IOC Guide-lines, the Athletes Commission will update the current regulations.

Article 22. Regulation enactment

1. The current regulations take effect with the publication after the ISMF 2022 Plenary Assembly approval.