



ATHLETES' COMMISSION RULES

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1. The commission

- 1.1. As per the IFSC Statutes (V. Bodies, Article 36) "the IFSC Athletes' Commission provides a permanent liaison between active Athletes and the IFSC".
- 1.2. Composition and functioning of the Athletes' Commission are described in the present regulations and are approved by the Plenary Assembly.
- 1.3. As described in the IFSC Statutes (Article 24 and 25) two representatives are elected by the Athletes' Commission as officers of the Executive Board of the IFSC.

2. Goal of the commission

- 2.1. Through its work, the commission shall constantly try to reach the highest standards in different areas, such as:
 - i Fight against doping
 - ii Development of Sport Climbing, as sport for all on an international level,
 - iii Monitor that IFSC events ensures physical, moral, and mental health of all IFSC Athletes,
 - iv Promote and implement IFSC social and environment responsible programs and actions.
- 2.2. In that perspective the commission shall:
 - i Participate in and help the work of the Sport Department
 - ii Give recommendations to the IFSC's Executive Board regarding the development of the IFSC.

3. Place of the commission within the IFSC organisation

- 3.1. The commission is an IFSC body and therefore members shall follow the IFSC statutes, internal procedures and dispute resolutions tools defined by the IFSC.
- 3.2. 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. Upon request, the AC members should be granted a full access pass if attending as an AC member.
- 3.3. In addition, as per the article 33 of the IFSC Statutes, one member of each Technical Commissions is appointed by the Athletes' Commission.
- 3.4. In the specified Technical Commission the Athletes' Commission member is in charge of participating, and bringing the Athletes' perspective in debates as well as defending the Athletes' Commission positions.



- 3.5. In the Athletes' Commission the member appointed in a Technical Commission is responsible of reporting the outcome of the Technical Commission's work.
- 3.6. The appointment proposal of the Athletes' Commission members in the different Technical Commissions is to be made in collaboration with the Sport Department.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. 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

- 4.1. The President is in charge of:
 - i Leading the work of the Athletes' Commission.
 - ii Finalizing the discussion of the Athletes' Commission by defining an official position of the Athletes' Commission or a decision when needed.
 - iii Participating and representing the Athletes in the Executive Board meetings.
 - iv Representing the IFSC Athletes during IFSC events and non IFSC events, seminar, forums.
- 4.2. The President should have an established experience of the international climbing competitions and if possible a first experience in representing the Athletes.

Vice President

- 4.3. The Vice President is a member of the Athletes' Commission who is voted as the second member on the EB. The Vice President will be in charge of all the duties of the President in case they are unavailable or unable to perform their duty.
- 4.4. The Vice President must be of different gender than the president and is strongly recommended to be of a different continent. In the case where there is no member of different gender, the position shall remain open until a member is elected or appointed of a different gender. If a new President is elected of a different gender, the AC should hold Vice President elections immediately.

Member

- 4.5. A member can be mandated by the Athletes' Commission President for specific mission.
- 4.6. A member shall refer to the Athletes' Commission President and/or Vice President prior to any action of representation in and out of the IFSC events.
- 4.7. Each member must be seriously involved within the Commission and display an active presence or the President can decide with the Executive Board to replace her/him.

General

- 4.8. The number of position available within the Athletes' Commission is up to 13 including the President.



- 4.9. Members and President of the Athletes' Commission are elected for a 4 year term.
- 4.10. 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

- 5.1. The Athletes' Commission is an equal opportunity body, the achievement of this should be encouraged by the IFSC, consequently:
- 5.2. If possible, half (50%) of the members of the Athletes' Commission shall be female athletes.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. All disciplines shall be represented within a minimum of 1 position per discipline.

6. Internal rules and other duties

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. The Athletes' Commission members that are part of a Technical Commission shall be active in the Technical Commission works.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. If a member is convinced of doping or any serious fault, then his/her exclusion shall be declared and his role replaced if necessary.
- 6.6. Each year the Athletes' Commission shall give a report on its activity to the Executive Board, this report has an informative role.

7. Election

- 7.1. 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.

Election schedule

- 7.2. The election takes place during the World Championships, between the opening and the closing ceremony.
- 7.3. 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.

- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. The President position is open every 4 year unless the president is resigning.
- 7.6. Members being in their on-going term can candidate for the President position if open.

Candidates

- 7.7. The candidates to the Athletes' Commission should comply with the following requirements:
 - i To have never been convicted of doping, match fixing, or any serious fault sanctioned by the IFSC or national federation disciplinary commissions.
 - ii To be at least 18 year of age during the election year.
 - iii Have competed as an athlete in at least one IFSC sanctioned event in the previous 4 years.
- 7.8. For the President position, an experience in representing the athletes, at a national and/or international level is a plus.
- 7.9. 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.
- 7.10. 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.

Voting Procedure

- 7.11. Voting forms will show per discipline all approved candidates with a mention for those standing for the President position (if relevant).
- 7.12. To vote, an athlete has to be registered (and compete) for the World Championships, which is hosting the election.
- 7.13. Voting athletes can vote for as many athletes as there are spots open on the commission; the voting form shall not be altered of any other mark.
- 7.14. 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.
- 7.15. 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.
- 7.16. A candidate needs at least one vote to be elected.
- 7.17. In case of equality between two candidates, the process that shall define the prevailing candidate is the following:
 - i Candidate that allow the best situation in regards to the representation rules
 - ii A vote of current members shall be organised inside the commission (in this case the publication of the elections' final result shall be postponed).
 - iii Athletes Commission President declaration, unless the President is one of the tied candidates and





- unless the President is of the same country as one of the candidate.
- iv Athlete Commission Vice President declaration if above statement is true, unless the Vice President is one of the tied candidates and unless the Vice President is of the same country as one of the candidates.

- 7.18. As soon as the tie is broken, the process shall stop and the chosen candidate shall be declared elected.
- 7.19. 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.

Other elections processes

- 7.20. Elections opening and closing has to be monitored by either one current member of the Athletes' Commission or one IFSC Executive Board member.
- 7.21. All elections period shall be monitored by either an IFSC official or staff member.
- 7.22. 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 or one IFSC Executive Board member.
- 7.23. The result list shall be signed by the above persons and published by the IFSC right after, unless the results require a vote of the commission's current members on tied candidates.
- 7.24. In case of two World Championships which are not taking place at the same date, provisional results of the first World Championships have to be kept confidential until the end of the last event. If some athletes participate in the two World Championships, they only vote one time.
- 7.25. *The IFSC staff will be in charge of registering the ballot papers' number and the names of voters, then a member of the Athletes' Commission will sign this information and make sure of keeping votes secret and securely stored.*

Vice President Election

- 7.26. When the Vice Presidents' term has expired, the AC shall hold (just after the World Championships) an internal election to elect a new Vice President.
- 7.27. Members of a different gender of the new or current President may candidate for the Vice President position. All members of the AC that are not running for the Vice President position may vote.
- 7.28. If there is only one candidate, they require only one vote in favour to be elected.
- 7.29. If there are two candidates, the member with more votes shall be elected, in the case of a tie the President will be the deciding vote.
- 7.30. If there are three or more candidates, the procedure will be at least a two stage process. Stage 1 will be an election between the 3 candidates. The 2 candidates with the most votes will then go head to head in a secondary phase of the election. The AC member(s) who did not make the top-2 is also allowed to vote in this final. In case of ties, the Presidents will be the deciding vote.
- 7.31. If (in stage 1) there is one candidate with the highest votes, and 2 or more candidates with a tied 2nd place vote, there will be an intermediate stage 2 procedure to see which one of those candidates will go head to head with the candidate with the highest votes. The AC will look at the candidates all tied for 2nd and have a separate election for those candidates. The current "leader" in the election cannot vote. Every round in this separate election will eliminate at least one candidate until there is a head to



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head for this 2nd position. Whoever wins this smaller head to head will then go head to head with the member from the first sentence of this section.

Non-elected members

7.32. 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. These appointed members must follow the same guideline of requirements in “candidates” above.

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