

# Athletes Committee

## Preamble

This Annex AC shall set out general provisions regarding the Athletes Committee, its aims and objectives, its structure and composition, the election and appointment of its members and chairperson as well as convening of meetings. This Annex AC shall be read in conjunction with the Athletes Committee Election Regulations which foresees specific provisions on the election and appointment of the Athletes Committee members.

## **1 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ATHLETES COMMITTEE**

- 1.1 To gather information and opinions from athletes on their needs and problems with regard to the Olympic Games and ISSF Championships.
- 1.2 To voice opinions and make recommendations on these topics and forward them to the relevant bodies of the ISSF.
- 1.3 To establish contact and coordinate activities with the Athletes Committees of other international federations.
- 1.4 To participate in working groups, to ensure the best possible conditions for the training, accommodation and living conditions for the athletes as well as for the conduct of the competitions at the major international championships.
- 1.5 To support the fight against drugs and doping.
- 1.6 To establish a direct link with the athletes within the ISSF.

## **2 STRUCTURE**

- 2.1 The ISSF Athletes Committee must be composed of a Chairperson and nine (9) members, six (6) of them elected by the athletes participating in the ISSF World Championships which are held every four (4) years and three (3) members appointed by the ISSF Executive Committee.
- 2.2 In addition to the six (6) elected athletes, three (3) additional athletes (one (1) of each discipline) will be appointed by the ISSF Executive Committee as equal members of the committee in order to guarantee a balance between continents, genders and disciplines.
- 2.3 The elections by the athletes will be held during the World Championships on site or online.
- 2.4 The appointment of three (3) additional members by the ISSF Executive Committee will follow in a meeting after the athletes have elected the six (6) committee members.
- 2.5 To qualify as a candidate, an athlete must never have been found guilty of a doping offence and must have participated in either the last Olympic Games or in the previous or present World Championships.
- 2.6 The Chairperson shall be elected by and from among the nine (9) members of the Athletes Committee. After the election of the Chairperson the athlete with the highest number of votes corresponding to the Chairperson's discipline shall be adapted as tenth (10th) member of the Athletes

Committee.

- 2.7 Athletes Committee members may be re-elected/re-appointed/re-adapted. The term of office shall be in accordance with Article 4.6.3 ISSF Constitution limited to a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms of four (4) years provided that the other eligibility criteria as outlined under Article 3.1 of the Election Regulations for the ISSF Athletes Committee are met during the whole term of office.
- 2.8 The Chairperson will become a member of the Executive Committee and will participate in all meetings of the Executive Committee as a representative of the athletes with full voice and vote.
- 2.9 The ISSF Athletes Committee may hold one (1) or two (2) meetings per year.

### **3 ELECTION PROCEDURE**

3.1 The Nominations Form for Athletes Committee nominees shall be submitted by the ISSF Member Federations to the ISSF Headquarters via email as stated on the Nominations Form no later than one (1) month prior to the opening of the ISSF World Championship/Championships at which the elections are held (if elections are held at more than one ISSF World Championship as determined by the ISSF Executive Committee, the deadline shall end on the date/time one (1) month prior to the opening of the ISSF World Championship whichever is scheduled earlier in the electoral year) as stated on the published Nominations Form. Each Member Federation has a right to nominate only one candidate for election for the Athletes Committee.

The Member Federations must indicate on the Nominations Form the shooting discipline of the nominee which she/he shall represent in the Athletes Committee.

3.2 The ISSF Headquarters will establish a list of all nominated candidates including a brief biography. This list will be published on the ISSF website.

3.3 With the accreditation of all participating athletes in the World Championships, each athlete entered in the men or women categories will be issued a voting card (either paper or online/digital) showing all candidates and the information on the voting procedure. For online elections, eligible voters will receive a secure digital voting link together with the voting list and instructions on how to cast their vote online.

3.4 Each athlete may only vote for a maximum of six (6) candidates (up to two (2) of each discipline) from the voting list.

3.5 The two candidates from each discipline with the highest number of votes shall be elected as Athlete Committee members, resulting in six (6) members elected. In case of tie vote the athlete with the higher ISSF ranking at the end of election period shall be elected or/and the athlete who rounds out the gender balance.

### **4 APPOINTMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

4.1 The ISSF Executive Committee will appoint three (3) additional members to the Athletes Committee at its next meeting following the election of athletes.

4.2 The appointment will be conducted by a selection using the list of all candidates for the election.

4.3 After this meeting, the Chairperson of the Athletes Committee will be elected according to Article 2.6 of this Annex.

### **5 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

5.1 In general, the ISSF Member Federation that nominated the elected member has the responsibility of supporting the athlete's participation in committee meetings according to the Guidelines to the Constitution.

5.2 The ISSF Executive Committee will decide on any financial support for the purpose of the meeting and will fix the amount of the daily allowance for each athlete participating in the meeting.

### **6 METHOD OF COMMUNICATION**

6.1 There will be an official website for the ISSF Athletes Committee within the framework of the ISSF website. The internet can be one of the communication

tools.

6.2 Announcements will be made in the ISSF NEWS magazine.

## **7 REMARKS**

7.1 Athletes elected or appointed to the Athletes Committee must be aware of their responsibilities as representatives of the athletes.

7.2 They must make every effort to attend all meetings.

7.3 They should be motivated to contribute to the shooting sport and the Olympic Movement.

7.4 They should also be responsible for the education of young athletes.

7.5 They should be educated in respect of positions as representatives, or officials, in both international and national federations during the duration of their appointment as members of the Athletes Committee.