

International Pole Sports Federation

Athletes Commission



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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that “*athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IPSFs, NOCs and NFs*”, the IPSF has developed an Athletes’ Commission.

Further to recommendation 40 of the Olympic Agenda 2020, the IPSF has used IOC guidelines to form the framework for the Athletes’ Commission of the International Pole Sports Commission.

1. MISSION

The mission of an IPSF Athletes’ Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is to:

- 1.1 Represent the views and opinions of the athletes and ensure their voice is heard within the IPSF; and
- 1.2 Inform athletes about the IPSF activities (i.e. educational tools, rules and regulations).
- 1.3 Work with and support the IPSF in its mission to develop and promote the sport.
- 1.4 Encourage National Federations to develop Athletes’ Commissions.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Commission are to:

- 2.1 Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the IPSF;
- 2.2 Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- 2.3 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));
- 2.4 Consult with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of their respective sport and subsequently provide feedback to the IPSF; and
- 2.5 Maintain contact with the IOC Athletes’ Commission when appropriate.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

- 3.1 The Commission will have a minimum of five members. They should be at least 18 years of age, and must be older than 16 years of age.
- 3.2 Commission members must have never received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.3 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 IPSF.
- 3.4 Both sexes should be represented within the Commission.
- 3.5 The majority of the members of the Commission should be elected by their peers.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 provided they meet the above conditions.
- 3.8 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 IPSF Executive Board (or equivalent highest decision-making body based on the IPSF's structure).

4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE IPSF

The Commission should be represented within the IPSF's Executive Body (or equivalent highest decision-making body based on the IPSF's structure) by its Chair or at least one other member who is also an athlete who meets the conditions in 3 above. They must be elected by the Commission and should have the right to vote within the Executive Body.

5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

- 5.1 The Commission should meet at least once a year.
- 5.2 The IPSF administration should be responsible for ensuring, within the means of the IPSF, that the Commission is able to meet.

6. ELECTION OF ATHLETES

IPSF National Federations are required to select athletes from within their country who meet the criteria in 3 to be put forward for the IPSF Athletes' Commission. Each candidate will participate in an election. All athletes registered as members of a National Federation are eligible to vote.

Once the Commission members have been voted in, they will hold an internal election to determine the Chair.

Should athletes step down from the Commission or have to leave for any reason, provided the numbers do not fall below five, elections for new members can be held in the following November to coincide with the IPSF AGM.

Should numbers fall below five, an election may be held earlier.

7. CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE IPSF ATHLETES COMMISSION

NAME	MALE/FEMALE	COUNTRY
Alessandra Rancan	Female	Brazil
Belinda Van Ommen	Female	The Netherlands
Christian Fernandez Duran	Male	Spain
Elise Dahl-Hansen	Female	Norway
Erika Gonzalez del Pliego Revilla	Female	Mexico
Jiang Lei	Male	China
Julio Cesar Clevel	Male	Colombia
Kazuya Naka	Male	Japan
Kristina Walker	Female	United Kingdom
Kyla McPhee	Female	Canada
Marie Graff	Female	Sweden
Tammy Smith	Female	South Africa
Yvonne Haug	Female	Germany
Zarina Madelaine Breitman	Female	Argentina