

The WFDF Athletes' Commission

This information sheet provides background on the upcoming elections of three (3) members to the WFDF Athletes' Commission at the WFDF 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships taking place from 14-21 July 2018 in Cincinnati (USA). The election procedures and terms of office are backed by the IOC guidelines relating to the creation of an IF's athletes' commission.

The purpose of the WFDF Athletes Commission is to promote open communication with, and solicit feedback from, flying disc athletes, and give them a formal role in the decision-making process of WFDF. The WFDF Athletes Commission will have as its main focus the issues facing athletes in the sport of Ultimate, as this is our largest disc sport constituency and the one that is involved in the World Games.

The roles and responsibilities of the WFDF Athletes Commission are to:

- Serve as a non-political group which can offer advice, feedback, and assistance to WFDF on matters and issues of relevance to all Ultimate athletes;
- Promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when athletes are competing/participating at the international level;
- Provide regular reports and recommendations to the WFDF Board on issues of relevance to athletes;
- Examine the WFDF business plan and give feedback to the Board on areas of improvement and/or concerns that require input from athletes;
- Bring the athletes point of view to the Medical & Anti-Doping Committee on issues concerning athletes health and anti-doping issues;
- Relate directly to and represent athletes competing at the highest level and establish relationships to promote feedback to WFDF on matters concerning elite athletes; and
- Act as a promotional tool available for the purposes of promoting Ultimate to sponsors, the media and the general public.
- Participate in Ad-Hoc task groups and related activities as requested by the Board of Directors

Operating Guidelines

- The term of office for Commission members will be four (4) years.
- Elections will be held every two years during the World Ultimate Championship (3 members) or World Ultimate Club Championship (3 members) with all athletes participating in the event given one vote;
- After the 2014 election, the Commission consisted of a maximum of three (3) members, comprised of a Chair and two (2) ordinary members;
- The Chair shall be chosen by the elected members themselves and serve as Chair for two (2) years;
- After elections for three (3) additional members at WUGC 2016, the Commission consisted of a maximum total of six (6) members going forward (also applies to 2018-2020);
- To be eligible, a candidate must be a participant in the current World Championship or have participated in a World Championship within the previous four years;
- In each election, there must be at least one male and one female member elected;
- The WFDF Board of Directors will appoint additional members to balance gender ratio, continental representation and disc sport representation.
- The Commission will determine the frequency of meetings, which may be held in-person or telephonically;
- The Chairperson of the Athletes Commission serves as a voting ex-officio member of the WFDF Board of Directors.
- Commission members will receive a copy of the WFDF Board minutes, technical bulletins and WFDF Events reports.