



WKF Athletes' Commission Rules



WKF ATHLETES' COMMISSION RULES

1. The role of the Athletes' Commission (AC) is to liaise between the Athletes and the WKF to represent the active athletes within the WKF.
2. The Athletes' Commission will be composed of
 - a. 4 (four) members elected for a period of 4 (four) years by the athletes, 2 (two) at a time every 2 (two) years during the Individual World Senior Championships (IWSch) Final Phase.
 - b. Up to 2 (two) members appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the WKF President.
 - c. 1 (one) member may additionally be appointed by the WKF EC upon proposal of the WKF President in the following cases:
 - i. If the 4 (four) elected members do not belong to 4 (four) different National Federations of 3 (three) different Continental Federations.
 - ii. If there is no balance between disciplines (Kata/Kumite) and gender (male/female).
 - d. 1 (one) member may be appointed in an advisory role (without voting rights) as a Para-Karate representative by the WKF EC upon proposal of the WKF President, and after consultation with the AC Chair and the Para-Karate Commission Chair.

The majority of the AC members with voting rights have to be elected members.

The AC members will elect a Chair among them for a 4 (four) years term.

3. The WKF HQ will inform all the National Federations of the possibility of candidate a maximum of 1 (one) Athlete 3 months before the day of the start of the election, the deadline for submitting the candidatures is 1 month before the start of the IWSch Final Phase.
4. The candidates for election, in order to be eligible, must:
 - 4.1 Have participated in at least 2 (two) Senior World Championships in the last 4 (four) years (applicable only to the 4 elected members), including the World Championships at which the elections take place.

***Transitional explanatory note:**

1) For the 2025 elections, the events applicable for the athletes' eligibility will be

- **2021 Dubai World Senior Championships**
- **2023 Budapest World Senior Championships**
- **2024 World Team Championships**
- **2025 IWSch Qualification Phase**



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2) For the 2027 elections, the events applicable for the athletes' eligibility will be

- **2023 Budapest World Senior Championships**
- **2024 World Team Championships**
- **2025 IWSch Qualification & Final Phase**
- **2026 World Team Championships**
- **2027 IWSch Qualification Phase**

3) For the 2029 elections, the events applicable for the athletes' eligibility will be

- **2025 IWSch Qualification & Final Phase**
- **2026 World Team Championships**
- **2027 IWSch Qualification & Final Phase**
- **2028 World Team Championships**
- **2029 IWSch Qualification Phase**

4.2 Not have been found guilty of a doping offence.

4.3 Not have been sanctioned for disciplinary conduct or behavior.

5. The 4 (four) elected Athletes' Commission members will be re-eligible, without need to comply with the first condition of 4.1 above for a maximum of 2 (two) additional terms.
6. The details regarding the election phase and election venues will be announced together with the call for elections.
7. An electronic voting system shall be used. In those cases, where the electronic system cannot be made available, ballots will be issued.
8. Electorate will be composed of all athletes qualified and accredited for the Final Phase of the Individual World Senior Championships (IWSch). Voting by proxy is not allowed. Active Athletes' Commission members will also have a vote each, including the Chair.
9. The results of the election will be given at the latest in the morning of the last day of the World Championships.
10. The WKF President, or another EC member(s) empowered by the WKF President, will appoint 2 (two) persons to send the results of the voting on the electronic system or, in those cases with voting by ballots, to count the ballots and forward the results to the General Secretary together with sealed envelope(s) containing the actual ballots.
11. After the results of the Athletes' Commission are known, the Chair will call for a first meeting of the AC before the end of Championships. Every 4 (four) years, the Chair shall be elected by majority at the said meeting of the applicable Championships with the newly elected AC members, among those AC members that express their readiness for the role.
12. Once elected, the Chair may appoint a Deputy Chair among the AC members. The Deputy Chair will replace the Chair in his/her absence.



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13. The Chair, or when so empowered by the Chair, the Deputy Chair, is the spokesperson for the commission. In order that athletes should feel free to bring any issue forward to the commission, members of the Commission must remain discreet of any sensitive issue, and refrain to make private statements on such issues outside the Commission.
14. The Chair will be responsible for calling the meetings of the Commission through the WKF HQ. These meetings will take place during official WKF events and shall take place 1 (one) time every 2 (two) years in person.

Additional AC meetings shall occur remotely, via videoconference.
15. The Chair may appoint a Secretary of the Athletes Commission amongst its members.
16. The Secretary of the Athletes' Commission will be responsible of drafting the minutes of each meeting, and for keeping the correspondence and the proposals received through the Chair and the WKF HQ, and for any other general duties as required by the Chair. In absence of a Secretary, these duties will belong to the Chair.
17. The Athletes' Commission will receive recommendations and proposals from WKF athletes only in writing by email. The proposals will be consolidated inside the Athletes Commission and subsequently be submitted to the relevant WKF Commission, or if deemed appropriate, directly to the WKF EC.