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XXV. Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission

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Article 1

1. Mission

The mission of the IHF Athletes' Commission (hereafter referred to as "Commission") is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the IHF.



Article 2

2. Objectives

2.1. The Objectives of the Commission Are:

1. consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the IHF;
2. represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations;
3. maintain contact with the IOC Athletes' Commission.

2.2. The Commission Shall Have the Following Specific Tasks and Activities:

1. establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in handball through as wide a network of enquiry as possible;
2. keep the IHF Executive Committee regularly informed of athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in handball;
3. report to the IHF bodies on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athletes' participation at the different competitions organised under the IHF umbrella;
4. provide opinions on specific issues of athletes' interest that may be entrusted to it by the IHF;
5. promote a "healthy image" and "fair play";
6. be the link between active athletes and IHF;
7. contribute to the promotion and fostering of the worldwide development of handball;
8. meet once per year.



Article 3

3. Composition of the Commission

1. The Commission is composed of five members with at least two members from each gender.
 - a. The candidates are proposed by the National Federations and elected by the athletes participating in the Olympic Handball Tournaments. The Executive Committee checks the

candidate's eligibility to stand for election.

2. Candidates must be at least 20 years of age and have never been sanctioned for a doping offence or unsportsmanlike actions.
3. It is not possible to have more than one representative of the same National Federation.
4. The term in office is in general 4 years. It starts with the election basically held at the Olympic Handball Tournaments. It ends with the following elections of the Athletes' Commission held at the following Olympic Handball Tournaments. Evaluation of the members will be annually. In case of inactive members these members may be replaced by the Executive Committee.
5. In case there is a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission from handball, that member is automatically an additional member of the Commission.



Article 4

4. General Conditions

4.1. Finances

1. For the Athletes' Commission the same financial regulations as for all other commissions shall apply.

4.2. Eligibility

1. Candidates must meet the following criteria:
 - a. They must have participated in two IHF Senior World Championships;
 - b. They must be at least 20 years of age at the time of the election;
 - c. They must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or unsportsmanlike actions;
 - d. They should be active handball players;
 - e. They must have a good command of English.

4.3. Presentation and Submission of Candidatures

1. To be admissible, the candidature must include the following documents and be received by the IHF by the date stipulated in the invitation:
 - a. a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the president of his/her National Federation;
 - b. a complete CV;
 - c. a recent passport photo.

4.4. Election Process

1. Information: the IHF will publish an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives

general information on the applicants.

2. Voting procedure: Elections are held at the Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Olympic Handball Tournaments have the right to vote. The election procedure will be announced by the IHF Head Office in good time. The Council shall confirm the election result in its first meeting after the elections being held.

4.5. Chairmanship of the Athletes' Commission

1. The candidate who wins the largest number of votes cast will be the chairperson of the Athletes' Commission.



Article 5

5. Representation of the Commission within the IHF

1. The chairperson of the Commission will be a full member of the IHF Council. The chairperson has to be confirmed by the Congress. The Council approves the chairperson provisionally until the next Congress which shall give its definite confirmation.



Article 6

6. Meetings of the Commission

1. The Commission meets once a year before, at, or after World Championships at the same place.
2. The IHF is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.
3. Travel: The IHF covers 100% of a prepaid ticket or the agreed economy-class fare for those athletes who are not participants of the World Championship, from the member's home city to the designated meeting place.
4. Accommodation: The IHF is responsible for covering full board and lodging for all members during the official period stated in the invitation to the meeting.
5. The working language of the Commission is English.