

The WFDF Athletes' Commission

This information sheet provides background on the upcoming elections of six (6) members to the WFDF Athletes' Commission at the WFDF 2022 World Ultimate Club Championships taking place from 23 -30 July 2022 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.

Nominations must be received by the WFDF Headquarters **no later than 10 July 2022** using the eMail contact ed@wdf.sport with a copy to igor.jankovic@wdf.sport. Please submit a disc-sport related CV and photo of the candidate with the nomination.

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;
- Act as a promotional group available for the purposes of promoting Ultimate to sponsors, the media and the general public; and
- 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/two (2) 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;
- If a World Championships is cancelled special rules apply - as the WUGC 2020 had to be cancelled, in 2022 there will be six (6) candidates elected;
- After the 2022 election, the Commission consists of a maximum of six (6) members, comprised of a Chair and two (5) ordinary members;
- The Chair shall be chosen by the elected members and serve as Chair for two (2) years;
- The term of office for the elected Commission members will be four (4) years for the three highest ranked candidates and two years for the next ranked candidates - from both ranks (1-3 and 4-6 one elected candidate must be from different division of play gender as per the above).
- At least one of the elected members during the 2022 election stage for each round of three (3) must not all be from the same "division of play gender." In the case that more than two candidates of the same division of play gender in a set of three (3) receive a majority of votes, the candidate of the other division of play gender with the highest number of votes of the other division of play gender candidates will take the third open seat on the Athletes' Commission.
- This means that of the six members, a maximum of 4 may come from one division of play gender.
- The "division of play gender" is defined as follows: "F" will mean either an athlete playing in the women's division, or an athlete playing in the mixed division matched against women; and "M" will mean either an athlete playing in the men's division, or an athlete playing in the mixed division matched against men.
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- To be eligible, a candidate must be a registered athlete in the current World Championship or have participated in a World Championship within the previous four years;
- 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.

For further questions please contact: ed@wdf.sport.