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**IOC Athletes' Commission Election - Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016**

Dear President,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the International Olympic Committee is officially launching the procedure for the next IOC Athletes' Commission election, to be held during the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio in 2016.

Olympic Agenda 2020 has reaffirmed the IOC's commitment to place athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement, and strengthen its support to clean athletes on and off the field of play. The IOC Athletes' Commission has an important and unique role to play in this regard. We kindly encourage you and your NOC to inform your athletes of the possibility of becoming a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission and of the IOC, and the opportunity to have a direct influence on the issues that concern them.

As is done for each Games of the Olympiad, at Rio 2016, four athletes from four different sports will be elected. These four athletes will also be put forward to be elected as IOC members by the IOC Session (for a term of office of eight years).

According to the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure, NOCs which currently have an elected/appointed athlete on the IOC Athletes' Commission are not eligible to put forward a candidate for the election in Rio in 2016 except if such member's term of office expires at the end of the election in Rio in 2016. The NOCs concerned by this rule are:

Australia	James Tomkins, member until 2020
Canada	Hayley Wickenheiser, member until 2022
France	Tony Estanguet, member until 2020
Great Britain	Adam Pengilly, member until 2018
Norway	Ole Einar Bjørndalen, member until 2022
People's Republic of China	Yang Yang, member until 2018
Slovakia	Danka Bartekova, member until 2020
Sweden	Stefan Holm, member until 2020
United States of America	Angela Ruggiero, member until 2018
Zimbabwe	Kirsty Coventry, member until 2020

Should you wish to propose an athlete to stand for the election in Rio in 2016, you will find enclosed the "*Election to the IOC Athletes' Commission - Games of the XXXI Olympiad Candidature File*", which we would kindly ask you to return duly completed and signed to the IOC **by 15 September 2015 at the latest**. The candidature file is also available on shaRing.

Please note that, following the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations, the Election Procedure has been updated, and we highly encourage you to read it carefully. Some of the most significant changes are as follows:

- Candidates are now permitted to use social media to promote their candidature during the election, subject to certain conditions;
- Candidates are now permitted to participate in media conferences subject to certain conditions; and
- The IF of the proposed candidate must have an Athletes' Commission which satisfies the IOC Guidelines related to the creation of an IF Athletes' Commission or has committed in writing to the IOC that it agrees, in principle, to create an IF Athletes' Commission by 31 December 2017. Please note that these Guidelines are not currently included in the candidature file, but will be sent to all NOCs and IFs shortly.

Please note that the IOC reserves the right to change any of the terms and conditions contained in the candidature file, as well as all documents contained therein, including but not limited to the "*IOC Athletes' Commission Regulations and The IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure*" and all annexes, at any time and at its sole discretion. Should this be the case, this will be officially communicated to the candidates and NOCs concerned.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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Election to the IOC Athletes' Commission

**Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016**

**CANDIDATURE FILE**

# ELECTION TO THE IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

We are pleased to inform you that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is launching the procedure for the next IOC Athletes' Commission election, to be held during the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016.

The IOC is organising the election for the IOC Athletes' Commission. For Summer Olympic Games, four athletes from four different sports are elected. The four elected athletes are also put forward to be elected as IOC members at the IOC Session for a term of office of eight years.

The voice of the athletes being heard is essential for the Olympic Movement; it is important that the NOCs inform their athletes of the possibility of becoming a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission and of the IOC. Olympic Agenda 2020 has reaffirmed the IOC's commitment to place athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement, and strengthen its support to clean athletes on and off the field of play. The IOC Athletes' Commission has an important and unique role to play in this regard.

Please note in particular that NOCs can propose a candidate who participated in the last edition of the Summer Games (London 2012) or who will be a competitor in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. To be considered as a competitor in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the athlete must receive an "Aa" accreditation prior to the sport entries deadline of 18 July 2016. He/she must speak either English or French fluently to participate actively in meetings, and will be interviewed by the Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission in order to check his/her ability to communicate in one of these languages.

For your information, you will find attached the "IOC Athletes' Commission Regulations" and "The IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure" (see Documents 1 and 2).

Any NOC wishing to propose an athlete to stand for this election is kindly asked to return to the IOC the following documents duly completed and signed by 15 September 2015 at the latest.

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| Document 1 | <i>The IOC Athletes' Commission Regulations</i> , including Annex I (Duties of a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission), duly signed  |
| Document 2 | The IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure, including Annex I (IOC Guidelines related to the creation of a NOC Athletes' Commission) duly signed  |
| Document 3 | <i>Candidature proposal form</i> , duly signed   |
| Document 4 | Biography of the candidate athlete (to be typed, maximum 200 words), duly signed   |
| Document 5 | A recent colour passport photo and an action colour photo of the candidate athlete practising his/her sport (electronic format)  |
| Document 6 | Declaration by the candidate athlete concerning his/her motivation/reasons for wishing to become a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission and of the IOC (to be typed, maximum 200 words), duly signed |
| Document 7 | Additional information required, duly signed<br><br>Please attach a copy of the Statutes/Terms of Reference of the NOC Athletes' Commission in English or French as part of Document 7.                |
| Document 8 | Promotional Video – Guidelines   |
| Document 9 | <i>Promotional video – Declaration of Consent</i> , duly signed  |

Please note that the candidature file will also soon be available to all NOCs via shaRing (<https://portal.sharing.olympic.org/>).

### **Promotional Video Guidelines**

As was done for the London and Sochi Olympic Games, the IOC will allow each candidate to produce a short video clip/interview to promote themselves to the athletes.

Please find the detailed instructions for the creation of the clip in which the athlete can present him/herself and respond to the three questions mentioned in the “*Promotional Video Guidelines*” (see Document 8). You must strictly adhere to all the instructions and submit your film for IOC approval as soon as possible, but **no later than 15 September 2015**. Bear in mind that any video that has been sent after the deadline will not be approved by the IOC. Please note that all costs related to the production will not be borne by the IOC. Also, please be aware that the IOC is entitled to ask you to redo the video, should it not conform to the “*Promotional Video Guidelines*”.

Please send the signed “*Promotional video – Declaration of Consent*” (See Document 9) together with the video **by 15 September 2015** to the following e-mail address: [athletes@olympic.org](mailto:athletes@olympic.org).

Please note that the IOC reserves the right to change any of the terms and conditions contained in this candidature file, as well as all documents contained herein, including, but not limited to, the “*Regulations relating to the IOC Athletes’ Commission*” and its annexes, at any time and in its sole discretion. Should this be the case, this will be officially communicated to the candidates and NOCs concerned.

To be admissible, the duly completed candidature file, as well as the Statutes/Terms of Reference of the NOC Athletes’ Commission in English or French **must** be received by the IOC by **15 September 2015 at the latest**.

All documents should be sent:

- **By mail** (the original signed version) to the IOC Sports Department, Château de Vidy, Case postale 356, CH-1001 Lausanne, Switzerland; **and**
- **By e-mail**: [athletes@olympic.org](mailto:athletes@olympic.org)

Once the candidature files are received by the IOC, they will be analysed in order to verify that they meet all the requirements. They will then be put forward to the IOC Executive Board, which will confirm the candidates’ eligibility. The approved list of candidates will be confirmed and sent to all NOCs after the IOC Executive Board decision no later than two months before the opening of the Olympic Village(s) of the relevant Olympic Games.

**As was done for each previous IOC Athletes’ Commission election, an Election Manual presenting the candidates and providing general information about the election will be drafted based on the information provided in this file. This Manual will be distributed to all the athletes taking part in the Games.**

Should you have any questions in this respect, please do not hesitate to contact us ([athletes@olympic.org](mailto:athletes@olympic.org)).



## **THE IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

### **REGULATIONS**

(hereinafter "AC Regulations")

(Bye-law 1 to Rule 21 of the Olympic Charter) (BL1 to R21 OC)

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#### **PREAMBLE**

The IOC Athletes' Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") was established in accordance with Bye-law (BL) 1 to Rule 21 of the Olympic Charter (OC). It serves as the voice of the athletes within the Olympic Movement and as a link between the active athletes and the IOC. An active athlete in the meaning of these AC Regulations is an athlete eligible for election or appointment to the Commission in accordance with the attached "IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure" (hereinafter the "Election Procedure"). The representatives of the Commission on other IOC commissions, in particular Evaluation commissions and Coordination commissions, express the athletes' viewpoint.

#### **I. MISSION, COMPETENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION**

##### **1. Mission and competence**

The mission of the Commission is to ensure that the athletes' viewpoint shall be expressed, submitted and taken into account in the IOC's decisions. To that effect, the Commission may be invited by the IOC President to submit proposals, recommendations or reports, to the IOC Executive Board or Session. The Commission may be represented on other IOC commissions, including the IOC Executive Board, subject to the applicable rules of the Olympic Charter. The duties of a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission are set out in Annex I to these regulations.

At the Olympic Games, the Commission shall be represented within the Olympic Village(s) to enable its representatives to be at the disposal of the athletes.

## **2. Composition**

The Commission is composed of a maximum number of nineteen (19) members, consisting of twelve (12) active athletes elected at the Olympic Games by their peers (hereinafter “elected members”), and up to seven (7) active athletes appointed by the IOC President (hereinafter “appointed members”).

Each member of the Commission is entitled to one vote.

Upon consultation with the Commission’s Chairperson, the IOC President may request that certain guests be invited to attend all or part of the Commission’s meetings; such guests will not be entitled to vote.

## **II. ORGANISATION OF THE COMMISSION**

### **3. Organisation of the Commission**

- 3.1 Upon proposal by the Commission, the IOC President shall appoint a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission’s proposals of candidates to such offices shall be determined in accordance with sections 4.4 to 4.6 below.
- 3.2 The IOC Sports Director or his representative shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Commission.
- 3.3 The IOC Sports Department shall provide the necessary administrative and secretarial support to the Commission.
- 3.4 Subject to these regulations, the Commission shall establish its own working rules and procedures, which shall be subject to the approval of the IOC Executive Board.

### **4. VOTING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION**

- 4.1 The quorum required for any decision of the Commission shall be half the total number of its members plus one.
- 4.2 All decisions of the Commission shall be taken by consensus or by a majority of the votes cast; abstentions, blank and spoiled votes shall not be taken in consideration for the calculation of the majority.
- 4.3 Voting shall be held by secret ballot if so required, including the designation of candidates to the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.
- 4.4 As to the designation of candidates to the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, if there shall be more than two candidates for either such office and no majority shall be reached, there shall be as many additional rounds of voting as necessary until a majority is reached; at the end of each such additional round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from any further round.
- 4.5 The terms of office for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall be two (2) years from their appointment by the IOC President. Such terms shall be renewable provided however that they shall expire at the latest upon the expiry of their respective terms of office as members of the Commission.
- 4.6 All votes for the designation of candidates to the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall be held during the last meeting of the Commission before the expiry of the terms of office of the outgoing Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

## **5. THE COMMISSION'S COMPETENCE**

The Commission shall not constitute a separate legal entity. It shall have no authority to act on behalf of the IOC or to represent it towards any third parties. The Commission shall not have the authority to legally bind or commit the IOC in any way.

### **III. ELECTED MEMBERS**

#### **6. ELECTED MEMBERS**

The procedure for election of the members of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Procedure.

#### **7. REPRESENTATION OF SPORTS AMONG THE ELECTED MEMBERS**

7.1 Of the twelve (12) elected members, eight (8) shall represent summer sports and four (4) athletes the winter sports.

7.2 The election of new members shall be organised so that, upon the occasion of each edition of the Games of the Olympiad, four (4) new members shall be elected and that, upon each edition of the Olympic Winter Games, two (2) new members shall be elected.

7.3 The election of members shall be organised so that, in order to ensure a fair and broad representation of sports within the Commission, no more than one athlete per sport and no more than one athlete per country may be elected upon the occasion of each election.

#### **8. TERM OF OFFICE OF AN ELECTED MEMBER**

The term of office of an elected member shall begin on the day of the announcement of his or her election and shall end on the day of the election of new members taking place at the second respective Olympic Games following the athlete's election. The approximate length of such term of office shall be approximately eight (8) years, depending on the dates of the corresponding Olympic Games.

Any elected member, upon completion of his or her term of office, may stand for re-election, provided however that such member shall be eligible in accordance with the Election Procedure.

#### **9. VACANCY**

In the event of any vacancy caused by an elected member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment or any cause of inability to perform his or her function as member, the latter shall be replaced, for the remaining duration of such member's term of office, as follows:

- a. If such member was the only elected member from a continent, the replacement shall be the athlete, from the same continent, who had obtained the next highest number of votes in the election in which the member to be replaced was elected, provided however that such athlete does not practise the same sport or is not a national from the same country as any other elected member in such election.
- b. If no athlete meets the criteria set out in subsection "a" above, the replacing member will be appointed by the IOC President who shall select such member from among the candidate athletes in that election, taking into account the number of votes, the representation of the continents, sports and respective numbers of women and men within the Commission. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.



#### **IV. APPOINTED MEMBERS**

##### **10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

As soon as the election of athletes has been declared closed at an edition of the Olympic Games, the IOC President may, at his or her discretion, complete the membership of the Commission by appointing no more than seven (7) members chosen from among the candidates in such election or from among the candidates in the previous election to the Commission. Such appointments are intended to ensure a fair balance in terms of continents, numbers of men and women and sports, taking into consideration the results of the election.

##### **11. TERM OF OFFICE OF APPOINTED MEMBERS**

The term of office of any appointed member begins on the date of appointment and ends on the closing of the election held at the Olympic Games immediately following it. At such time, the President may extend any initial appointment by renewing it with a term of office expiring on the closing of the Commission's next election. However, should any athlete from the same NOC as the appointed member be elected subsequently as member of the Commission, the term of office of the appointed member may not be renewed.

##### **12. VACANCY**

In the event of any vacancy caused by an appointed member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment or any cause of inability to perform his or her function as member, the President may replace him or her in accordance with the same criteria as those applied for the initial appointment.

#### **V. IOC MEMBERSHIP**

##### **13. ELECTION BY THE IOC SESSION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

Any elected member shall be put forward by the IOC Executive Board for election, by the IOC Session, as an IOC member.

The election procedure shall take place in accordance with the Olympic Charter, in particular Rule 16 and its bye-laws. In particular, pursuant to Rule 16.3.6 of the OC, any IOC member elected pursuant these regulations and the attached "IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure" shall cease to be an IOC member upon ceasing to be a member of the Commission.

##### **14. ELECTION BY THE IOC SESSION OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS**

Upon request by the IOC President, the IOC Executive Board may propose to the Session, for election as IOC member(s), up to three (3) appointed members, in particular to ensure a balanced representation of the athletes.

In the event that an appointed member of the Commission is elected as an active athlete IOC member, the term of office of such member of the Commission shall expire at the end of the Session held during the second corresponding Olympic Games celebrated after those at which such member was a candidate for the Commission. By "corresponding Olympic Games", one understands those Games of the Olympiad or those Olympic Winter Games at which the member was a candidate for the Commission.

Article 13 second par. of these Regulations shall apply by analogy.

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **15. STATUS ON THE IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD OF A CHAIRPERSON NOT RE-ELECTED AS SUCH**

In the event that the Chairperson of the Commission, having become a member of the IOC Executive Board by reason of such capacity, is not re-elected by the Commission as Chairperson, such member must resign forthwith from the IOC Executive Board upon his or her non re-election.

### **16. REMOVAL OF A MEMBER**

In the event of any violation by a member of the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, any other regulation of the IOC or of any other applicable regulation or decision issued by the IOC, an IF or an NOC, or in the event of any other misconduct by such member, the IOC President, in consultation with the Commission, may decide at his or her discretion to remove such member from the Commission and replace such member in accordance with the above-mentioned provisions applicable to vacancies. There shall be no appeal against a removal, which shall enter into force immediately.

The removal of a member is decided without prejudice to the possible opening of any disciplinary procedure in accordance with Rule 59 of the OC.

### **17. FINAL PROVISIONS**

These regulations, together with the attached "IOC Athletes' Commission Election Procedure" have been issued pursuant to the Olympic Charter, in particular BL1 last paragraph to Rule 21, and have been adopted by the IOC Executive Board on 9 August 2013. They enter into force immediately.

These IOC Athletes' Commission Regulations have been approved by the IOC Executive Board on 9 August 2013, in Moscow.

## DUTIES OF A MEMBER OF THE IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Becoming a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission means committing to represent the athletes in the Athletes' Commission, and in other IOC commissions/working groups and bodies, such as the World Anti-Doping Agency, and being involved in their work, namely by attending meetings.

As a brief overview, the elected athletes:

- Will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Games where they have been elected;
- Work on specific projects providing input to the IOC Athletes' Commission;
- Actively promote and participate in the IOC Athlete Career Programme;
- Meet usually twice a year in the framework of the IOC Athletes' Commission;
- Participate in three or four conference calls per year with the IOC Athletes' Commission members
- Are called upon to represent the Athletes' Commission on one or two other IOC commissions, which means one or two additional meetings per year, and to provide written reports on these meetings to the IOC Athletes' Commission (one to three days);
- Are called upon to serve as a liaison between the IOC Athletes' Commission and the athletes' commissions of International Federations; which means one additional meeting per year (travel or conference call)
- Attend the annual IOC Session (four days);
- Attend the International Athletes' Forum every two years (four days);
- Attend the Olympic Games (20 days) and Youth Olympic Games (five days) every two years, where they are expected to represent the IOC Athletes' Commission and help to promote the Commission's initiatives.
- Should a member not attend more than two consecutive meetings, his or her membership might be terminated.
- The Chairperson of the IOC Athletes' Commission is bound to fulfil other duties, such as participation in the IOC Executive Board, among others.

This document has been approved by the IOC Executive Board on 9 August 2013, in Moscow.

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of candidate**

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of the President of the candidate's NOC**

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the candidate's NOC**

# THE IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTION PROCEDURE

(HEREINAFTER THE "ELECTION PROCEDURE")

(Bye-law 1 to Rule 21 of the Olympic Charter) (BL1 to R21 OC)

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## PREAMBLE

The IOC Athletes' Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") was established in accordance with Bye-law (BL) 1 to Rule 21 of the Olympic Charter (OC). It serves as the voice of the athletes within the Olympic Movement and as a link between the active athletes and the IOC. An active athlete, in the meaning of the AC Regulations, is an athlete eligible for election or appointment to the Commission in accordance with this Election Procedure, in particular Article 8.1 below.

This Election Procedure has been established pursuant to the IOC Athletes' Commission's Regulations (hereinafter the "AC Regulations"), in particular Chapters III (Elected Members) and IV (Appointed Members).

The provisions relating to the representation of sports within the Commission, the appointment of members, the terms of office and vacancies of elected and appointed members, as well as the election, by the IOC Session, of elected or appointed members as members of the IOC, are set out in Chapters III, IV and V of the AC Election Procedure.

### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The election of the members of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations contained in this Election Procedure.
2. The Election Procedure regulates and governs the entire election process of the members of the Commission (hereinafter the "election"). Such process and procedure includes two successive stages, namely a first stage entitled the "Preliminary Stage", as defined in Article 7 below, and a second stage which is the actual election at the Olympic Games, entitled the "Election Period", as defined in Article 20 below.
3. The Preliminary Stage shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter II below by the IOC administration, in particular the IOC Sports Department, under the supervision of the IOC Executive Board, with the assistance of the Commission. The second stage, namely the Election Period, shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter III below by the IOC administration, in particular the IOC Sports Department. In the meaning of these regulations, the designation "IOC" shall mean the IOC administration, any of its departments, in particular the IOC Sports Department, in cooperation with the Commission, and under the supervision of the Election Committee (hereinafter the "Election Committee"), established pursuant to Articles 18 and 19 below, and which shall submit a final report to the IOC Executive Board.

4. The Election Procedure shall be applicable to all participants in any stage of the election. By participants in the meaning of these regulations, one understands not only the candidates for the election, but also all National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and / or International Federations (IFs) directly or indirectly involved in the election as well as any other individuals or legal entities supporting or opposing any candidate, including, but not limited to, NOC staff, coaches, trainers, agents, relatives or friends of any candidate as well as any other party.
5. Each candidate and the NOC submitting his or her candidature (hereinafter “proposing NOC”) shall sign a copy of this Election Procedure. By signing such copy, each candidate fully acknowledges the content of these regulations and undertakes to comply with them in all aspects. Each candidate and each proposing NOC accept that, by participating in the election, they do not acquire any other right than those expressly provided for in these regulations. In particular, by signing a copy of the Election Procedure, candidates waive any right or claim against the IOC, its employees, representatives or agents, as a consequence of any decision taken by the IOC in relation to the election, including, but not limited to, any decision taken by the IOC or its Election Committee in relation to the election, including, but not limited to, any decision of withdrawal of a candidate.
6. All decisions taken by the IOC, the Executive Board or Election Committee in relation to the election are final.

## II. PRELIMINARY STAGE

7. The Preliminary Stage of the election begins with the mailing, by the IOC, no later than 12 (twelve) months before the Opening Ceremony of any edition of the Olympic Games, of an invitation to each National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) to present, within a deadline set out by the IOC, one candidate for election to the Commission, and ends at the opening of the Olympic Village(s) at the relevant Olympic Games.

### 8. Eligibility criteria regarding the proposed candidate

To be eligible for election for the Commission, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

- 8.1 The candidate must be an active athlete at the time of the election. An active athlete in the meaning of these regulations is an athlete who shall be participating in the Olympic Games at the time of the election or has participated in the previous edition of the corresponding Olympic Games (as an Aa athlete). By corresponding Olympic Games in the meaning of these regulations, one understands the previous edition of either the Games of the Olympiad or the Olympic Winter Games in which such athlete participated.
- 8.2 The candidate must have reached the age of 18 no later than on the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Games during which the election takes place.
- 8.3 The candidate must have incurred no measure or sanction in relation of any violation of the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, or any other IF or NOC regulation.
- 8.4 The candidate presented by his or her proposing NOC must be endorsed by the athletes’ commission of his or her proposing NOC. The candidate shall be an active member within his or her NOC or IF athletes’ commission or otherwise satisfy his or her NOC and NOC’s athlete commission of his or her suitability to serve on, and contribute to, the IOC Athletes’ Commission.
- 8.5 The candidate must be able to effectively communicate in English or French, the two official working languages of the IOC and the Commission.
- 8.6 The candidate must be accredited either as an athlete participating in the Olympic Games or as a candidate to whom a specific accreditation will be granted for that purpose.
- 8.7 As part of implementing recommendation 40 of Olympic Agenda 2020, the IF of the proposed candidate must have an athletes’ commission (“IF AC”), which satisfies the requirements of the *IOC guidelines related to the creation of an IF Athletes’ Commission* (“IF AC Guidelines”). In the event that an IF does not have such an IF AC prior to 2 (two) months before the opening of the Olympic Village(s) of the Games in which the election is taking

place, this criterion may be waived, provided that the IF sends written confirmation to the IOC that it (i) agrees, in principle, to create an IF AC by 31 December 2017, which satisfies the requirements of the IOC AC Guidelines, and (ii) commits to working with the IOC on an implementation plan for creating such IF AC.

#### **9. Eligibility criteria regarding NOCs and IFs**

An NOC may not present any candidate for election to the Commission as long as an elected or appointed member belonging to such NOC is currently serving on the Commission, except if such member's term of office expires at the end of the election.

The statutes of the proposing NOC's Athletes' Commission must comply with the IOC *Guidelines related to the creation of an NOC Athletes' Commission* (see annex 1). Subject to Article 8.7 above, the statutes of the proposed candidates' IF Athletes' Commission must comply with the IOC *Guidelines related to the creation of an IF Athletes' Commission* (see annex 2).

#### **10. Submission of candidature proposals**

No later than 12 (twelve) months before the Opening Ceremony of any edition of the Olympic Games, the IOC shall invite each NOC to submit, within a deadline set out by the IOC, a candidature proposal for election to the Commission. Any NOC intending to submit a candidature proposal must submit, within the said deadline, the following documents:

- 10.1 The candidature form established by the IOC duly signed by the candidate, the Chairperson of the proposing NOC's Athletes' Commission and the President of the said NOC;
- 10.2 A copy of the Election Procedure duly signed personally by the candidate, by the Chairperson of the proposing NOC's Athletes' Commission and the President of the proposing NOC;
- 10.3 A duly completed biography form, as prepared by the IOC;
- 10.4 A short typewritten statement, duly signed by the candidate, explaining the reasons for his or her candidature (200 words maximum);
- 10.5 A copy of the statutes of the proposing NOC's Athletes' Commission, duly certified by the said NOC's President;
- 10.6 Two recent passport photos and two action photos of the candidate practising his or her sport; and
- 10.7 A video presentation by the candidate answering personally, in English or French, a list of questions provided by the IOC.

#### **11. Examination of all candidatures by the IOC Nominations Commission**

Inasmuch as the elected members of the Commission will be put forward for election to IOC membership, all candidatures meeting the criteria set out in Articles 8 and 9 above will be submitted by the IOC for examination by the IOC Nominations Commission.

#### **12. Validation and admissibility of candidatures**

Upon the proposal of the IOC, all candidatures meeting all the criteria set out in Articles 8 and 9 above and having been duly examined by the IOC Nominations Commission will be declared valid and admissible by the IOC Executive Board no later than 2 (two) months before the opening of the Olympic Village(s) of the relevant Olympic Games.

#### **13. Announcement of candidatures validated by the IOC Executive Board**

The IOC will issue a release publishing the list of all validated and admissible candidatures, upon which each proposing NOC having a validated candidate shall be entitled to issue one short official media release announcing its candidate.

#### **14. No promotion of candidatures during the Preliminary Stage**

- 14.1 Promotion shall be considered as any act or action which may enhance the awareness of a particular candidate. Promotion may take the form of a campaign, or any organised or planned action for the election of a candidate.
- 14.2 Subject to Article 14.3 below, any form of promotion, advertising or campaigning by any candidate, his or her proposing NOC or any other third party acting in favour of or for the benefit of such candidate is prohibited during the Preliminary Stage.
- 14.3 Candidates may use social media to promote their candidatures on social media websites, subject to the following conditions:
- 14.3.1 Promotion via social media is permitted only during the “Social Media Promotion Period”, which shall be defined as two months prior to the date of the opening of the Olympic Village(s), up until the end of the Election Period (i.e. the closing of the voting stations); and
- 14.3.2 Candidates using social media to promote their candidatures must fully comply with these regulations and any other relevant regulations or rules which may apply, including but not limited to, the Olympic Charter and the IOC Social Media, Blogging and Internet Guidelines for participants and other accredited persons at the relevant Olympic Games.
- 14.4 Candidates, their proposing NOCs as well as any other persons or entities acting in their favour or for their benefit, shall be considered as individually and jointly responsible for any act of promotion or campaign, committed during the Preliminary Stage, that is prohibited under these or other regulations. In the event of any infringement of these or other regulations by the candidate, their proposing NOCs and any other third party, the IOC Executive Board may, in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article 25.4 below, decide to withdraw a candidate regardless of the author of the infringements.

#### **15. The Election Manual, The Election Poster and Publication of the Candidates’ Biographies**

- 15.1 During the Preliminary Stage, the IOC will prepare a document entitled the “Election Manual” which shall present all candidates and provide general information on the upcoming election, including, but not limited to, exact dates of election, locations, voting procedures and election procedure. The Election Manual shall be made available to the entire electorate during the election in the Olympic Village(s).
- 15.2 The IOC shall also publish a poster showing photographs of all candidates (the “Election Poster”), which shall be displayed during the election in the Olympic Village.
- 15.3 The IOC will display on its own website a short biography of each candidate, which the IOC may also publish, at its sole discretion, on other websites or materials. The IOC may also decide, at its sole discretion, to publish the video referred to in Article 10.7 above.

#### **16. Speaking events for candidates**

The IOC may, at its sole discretion, organise and facilitate one or two events at a venue in the Olympic Village (hereafter “Events”) to provide a platform for the candidates to promote their candidatures within the limits of Article 24 below. The Events shall be held in an informal setting, such as a round-table discussion, to allow the candidates, audience members and the moderator(s) to interact freely. All candidates are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the Events, however both participation and attendance is optional.

#### **17. General rules**

Any information or promotional material not expressly authorised by the IOC is prohibited.

During the entire Preliminary Stage and Election Period, the IOC alone will be entitled to issue or authorise any form of communication relating to any candidature.

Notwithstanding the above, candidates may use social media to promote their candidatures within the limits of Article 14.3 above.

Candidates may perform other activities at the Olympic Games during the Election Period (other than as an athlete or a candidate or both), only with IOC's prior written consent. Requests to perform other activities during the Election Period must be submitted to the IOC no later than 2 (two) months prior to the opening of the Olympic Village(s). The IOC shall decide, in its sole discretion, whether to approve or deny such requests, and shall notify its decision to the candidate within 15 (fifteen) days after receipt of the request.

## **18. Election Committee**

No later than 2 (two) months before the opening of the Olympic Village(s), the IOC President shall appoint an Election Committee composed in accordance with Article 19 below. The Election Committee's mission and role shall be as set out in Article 23 below. Upon the Election Committee's appointment, an official release communicating the names of all its members shall be published by the IOC.

Any matter relating to the Preliminary Stage shall be decided upon by the IOC, whose decisions shall be final. Any dispute relating to any application or interpretation of any IOC decision may be resolved solely by the IOC Executive Board, whose decision shall be final.

## **19. Composition of the Election Committee and Election Sub-Committee**

The Election Committee shall be composed of one Chairperson and five members, all appointed by the IOC President for each edition of the Olympic Games. The members of the Election Committee shall include:

- 19.1 The Chairperson of the IOC Athletes' Commission, or his or her representative;
- 19.2 The Chairperson of the IOC Ethics Commission, or his or her representative;
- 19.3 The Chairperson of the IOC Nominations Commission, or his or her representative;
- 19.4 The Chairperson of the IOC Juridical Commission, or his or her representative;
- 19.5 One representative of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC);
- 19.6 One representative of the ASOIF (for Summer Olympic Games only); and
- 19.7 One representative of the AIOWF (for Olympic Winter Games only).

A secretary to the Election Committee shall be appointed for the duration of the Election Period by the IOC Executive Board; such secretary shall be a member of the IOC Department of Legal Affairs and shall be authorised by the Executive Board to respond to queries and make administrative decisions relating to the Election Procedure and the election process, in general.

An Election Sub-Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Election Committee, the Chairperson of the IOC Athletes' Commission, or his or her representative, and one other member of the Election Committee, all appointed by the IOC President for each edition of the Olympic Games. Under the delegated authority of the Election Committee, the Election Sub-Committee shall have the power to take any decisions relating to the Election Procedure and the election process in general.

If any proposal of withdrawal, other measure or sanction is envisaged, any members of the Election Committee who find themselves in a situation of conflict of interests shall refrain from any involvement in the procedure.

## **20. Election Period**

The Election Period shall be on the occasion of the Olympic Games during a period determined by the IOC, and shall begin on the date of the opening of the Olympic Village(s) at the relevant Olympic Games and shall end on the date the voting stations in the Olympic Village(s) is (are) closed. The IOC shall determine the dates for the opening of the Olympic Village(s) and the closing of the voting stations.



## **THE ELECTION AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

### **21. Electorate**

Each athlete holding an "Aa" accreditation at the Olympic Games during which the election takes place shall have the right to vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Votes which do not comply with the instructions contained in the Election Manual will be declared null and void.

### **22. Election venues**

The election shall be held at the Olympic Village(s) and at any other venues such as determined by the IOC. At the Olympic Village(s) and any other venues where the election should be held, there shall be a designated space (hereinafter "voting station") provided by the IOC so as to ensure full secrecy of the vote.

All candidates shall receive from the IOC an accreditation and/or any relevant upgrade(s), which will give them equal access to all Olympic Villages and voting stations during the Election Period, as well as to the training site and field of play of their respective sports.

### **23. Mission and role of the Election Committee**

The mission and role of the Election Committee is to ensure compliance with these regulations; a fundamental goal of these regulations is to help ensure that all candidates be provided with fair and equal opportunities to be elected. Another fundamental goal of these regulations is to ensure that any form of promotion or campaign by or for any candidate is carried out with dignity, moderation and fair play, in compliance with these regulations, the Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics. The authority of the Election Committee includes the following attributions:

- 23.1 Subject to Article 25 below, to take all measures which the Election Committee will deem appropriate, at its sole discretion, to ensure full compliance with these regulations, except the withdrawal of any candidature, which may only be decided by the IOC Executive Board;
- 23.2 To determine, upon proposal by the IOC, all voting stations, in the Olympic Village(s) or other venues, in which voting will be held, as well as to determine all areas in which promotional candidatures may be authorised (hereinafter "authorised areas") or prohibited (hereinafter "prohibited areas");
- 23.3 To delegate powers to the Election Sub-Committee;
- 23.4 To appoint no fewer than 3 (three) scrutineers chosen by the Election Committee at its discretion from among either members of the Election Committee, members of the Athletes' Commission, members of the IOC administration or other independent persons;
- 23.5 To supervise the entire electoral process and procedure, including the counting of the votes;
- 23.6 Subject to the requirements of Article 7.3 of the AC Regulations, to declare elected those 2 (two - in the case of the Olympic Winter Games) or 4 (four – in the case of the Games of the Olympiad) athletes having obtained the highest numbers of valid votes;
- 23.7 Upon declaring the election closed, to submit forthwith to the IOC Executive Board a written report including, in particular, the full results of the election and the names of the elected members; such report shall be approved and signed by no less than the majority of the members of the Election Committee.

### **24. Promotion of candidatures during the Election Period**

All forms of promotion or campaigning – as defined in Article 14 above – in favour of any candidate, regardless of their origin, shall fully comply with these regulations, in particular with the following rules:

- 24.1 No later than 2 (two) weeks prior to the opening of the voting stations for the election, the IOC will organise a conference call meeting with all candidates and the Chef de Mission or other representatives of the proposing NOCs in order to provide final information for the

election and answer any questions or other requests for information from the candidates or their proposing NOCs. Attendance via such conference call, in principle, is compulsory for the candidates. Should a candidate be unable to participate in such conference call being in competition, the candidate will be invited to attend an individual meeting where all matters of information may be addressed upon his/her arrival in the main Olympic Village.

All prohibited areas will be communicated to the candidates and their NOCs no later than the day of the opening of the voting stations for the election.

24.2 Candidates, their proposing NOCs as well as any other persons or entities acting in their favour or for their benefit shall be considered as individually and jointly responsible for any act of promotion or campaign, committed during the Election Period, which is prohibited under these regulations. In the event of any infringement of these or other regulations, the IOC Executive Board may decide to withdraw a candidate regardless of the author of the infringements.

24.3 The following acts and forms of promotion or campaign are prohibited in all circumstances:

- i) the use of any material other than the material specifically authorised by the IOC in accordance with these regulations; in particular, the use of any document or prop such as tablet, display, sign, panel, mascot, T-shirt, cap, picture, national symbol or any form of advertising or promotion in favour of the athlete;
- ii) the distribution of any item referred to in paragraph “i” above as well as any form of gift, memorabilia, souvenir or token;
- iii) the use of any form of incentive or inducement, whether financial or otherwise, to vote for a candidate; or
- iv) candidates may take part in press or media conferences and accept interviews from the media. Unless asked specifically, candidates should not speak of the election or their candidatures.

24.4 All acts of promotion or campaigning in favour of any candidature must be carried out with dignity, moderation and respect towards all other candidates as well as all other athletes.

24.5 The IOC shall provide each candidate with a candidate's badge (hereinafter “Badge”), which each candidate may wear at all times during the Election Period. The candidate shall collect the Badge from the IOC Sports Department upon arrival at the Olympic Village.

24.6 Each candidate may promote his or her candidacy as follows:

24.6.1 in any authorised area:

- i) the candidate may wear his or her Badge;
- ii) the candidate may take the initiative of approaching and talking with athletes and their entourage;
- iii) the candidate may give oral explanations relating to his or her platform while showing a paper copy of the IOC Election Manual.

24.6.2 in all prohibited areas: the only authorised form of promotion for any candidate is to wear his or her Badge and to respond to unsolicited questions.

24.6.3 on social media websites pursuant to Article 14.3 above.

## **25. Infringement of the election procedure**

25.1 Any alleged infringement of these regulations may be reported by any athlete or NOC, including candidates and their proposing NOCs, from the opening of the Olympic Village(s) until the closing of the voting stations. Any such report must be filed or sent by e-mail. Any such report received later than 24 (twenty-four) hours after the time of the alleged violation will not be considered by the IOC and the Election Committee. The report must be

addressed to the IOC. In order to be considered, any such report must clearly describe all circumstances of the alleged violation, its author(s) if identified, and must be issued, dated and signed by the author(s) of the report. Any supporting evidence must be sent together with the report or deposited with the office of the IOC administration in the Olympic Village simultaneously. Any report received by the IOC shall be transmitted forthwith to the Election Committee.

- 25.2 Any member of the IOC, member of the IOC Athletes' Commission and IOC administration witnessing any infringement to these regulations or being advised by any person of an alleged infringement shall immediately report in writing such event to the Election Committee for possible further action.
- 25.3 In the event of any alleged infringement to these regulations, whether reported by a member of the IOC administration or by any third person pursuant to Article 25.1 or 25.2 above, or if any member of the Election Committee himself or herself ascertains an alleged infringement, the Chairperson of the Election Committee shall convene the Election Committee for a meeting or conference call. The alleged infringement shall be discussed among the members of the Election Committee in attendance at the meeting or at the conference call; the required quorum for any decision by the Election Committee is half of the members of the Election Committee plus one. Decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes cast. Succinct written minutes shall be kept for any decision and shall be duly signed by the Chairperson of the Election Committee and its secretary.

Notwithstanding the content of Article 25.1 above, any report of an alleged infringement to these regulations by any person or entity received by the Election Committee after the closing of the election as set out in Article 28 below shall not be admissible and will not be considered by the Election Committee.

- 25.4 In the event that the Election Committee considers, at its absolute discretion, that there is an infringement of these regulations, the Election Committee may take whatever action it considers appropriate. If it considers the infringement to be of a little importance, it may decide to refrain from any action or issue an oral or written warning to the author(s) of the infringement. If, at its sole discretion, it considers the infringement to be serious, the Election Committee may propose to the IOC Executive Board the withdrawal of a candidature; in such a case, a delegation of 3 (three) members of the IOC Executive Board (hereinafter "the IOC EB delegation") shall be appointed by the IOC President; the IOC EB delegation shall invite the candidate concerned to appear in person, with a representative of his or her proposing NOC if he or she so wishes, in order to submit a brief oral explanation of the candidate's position. Withdrawal of a candidate may be decided regardless of the perpetrator(s) of the infringement of these regulations. The decision of withdrawal may not be taken before the candidate and perpetrator(s), if applicable, have been offered the opportunity to be heard by the IOC EB delegation. The IOC EB delegation shall submit a proposal to the IOC Executive Board which shall take the final decision. The decision of withdrawal shall be notified in writing, including, as the case may be, by e-mail, to the candidate and his or her proposing NOC.
- 25.5 The withdrawal of a candidate may be an administrative and not a disciplinary measure. In the event that the IOC EB delegation or the IOC Executive Board considers that the infringement which caused a withdrawal might constitute a violation of the Olympic Charter or of any other decision or regulation issued by the IOC which would justify the opening of a disciplinary procedure against any person or entity, the IOC Executive Board may take disciplinary action. Neither the Election Committee nor the IOC EB delegation has any disciplinary authority of any kind.

## **26. Closing of the voting stations**

The date and time for the closing of all voting stations shall be decided by the IOC.

## **27. Counting of the votes**

The counting of the votes shall be conducted by the scrutineers appointed by the Election Committee. Representatives of the IOC and members of the Election Committee may attend such count of votes. No other party or person shall be authorised to be in attendance. Once the counting

of votes is completed, the scrutineers hand in a written report and minutes to the Election Committee, duly signed by all scrutineers.

**28. Closing of the election by the Election Committee**

Upon receipt of the report and minutes by the scrutineers, the Election Committee shall convene a meeting at which it shall declare the closing of the election. Such decision will be final and subject to no form of appeal.

**29. Report by the Election Committee to the IOC Executive Board**

At the end of the meeting set out in Article 28 above, the Election Committee shall issue the written report referred to in Article 23.6 above, which will be submitted forthwith to the IOC Executive Board. The said report should be signed by at least the majority of the members of the Election Committee.

**30. Final provisions**

These regulations, together with the IOC Athletes' Commission's Regulations, have been issued pursuant to the Olympic Charter, in particular BL1 (last paragraph) to Rule 21 of the OC and were adopted by the IOC Executive Board on 9 August 2013. These regulations were further amended and approved by the IOC Executive Board on 8 June 2015. They enter into force immediately.

## **IOC GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE CREATION OF A NOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Guidelines)**

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that "*athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs*", the IOC encourages NOCs to form their own athletes' commissions.

Further to the recommendation 40 of the Olympic Agenda 2020, the Guidelines below must be followed by the NOCs when forming their commissions.

In line with these Guidelines, each NOC can establish the terms of reference and powers of its own Athletes' Commission.

### **1. MISSION**

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

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Commission are to:

- a. Consider issues related to athletes and to provide advice to the NOC;
- b. Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- c. Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations, including the appointment of arbitrators to the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS); and
- d. Maintain contact with the IOC Athletes' Commission.

### **3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION**

- a. The Commission has a minimum of five members who are nationals of the country of the NOC in question. They must be at least 16 years of age, and have never received any sanction in relation of the World Anti-Doping Code.
- b. The Commission is composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are participating at a national level (at least) in a sport on the Olympic programme, or have done so within the previous four years.
- c. Both sexes must be represented within the Commission, and, when applicable, there should be a reasonable balance between summer and winter sports practised in the country.
- d. The majority of the members of the Commission are elected by their peers.
- e. The Chair of the Commission must be a member who has been elected to the Commission by his or her peers.
- f. The length of the term of office is four years. It may be re-elected/renewable.
- g. The following are ex officio members of the Commission in their respective countries and have the right to vote at the meetings of the Commission:
  - The members of the IOC Athletes' Commission; and
  - The members of the Athletes' Commissions of the NOC Continental Associations.

#### **4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE NOC**

The Commission is represented at the NOC General Assembly by at least two of its members, elected by the Commission, who will have the right to vote within this Assembly. The Commission is represented within the NOC's Executive Body by at least one member, elected by the Commission and approved by the NOC General Assembly, who will have the right to vote within this Executive Body. This person must be a member of the Commission who has been elected to the Commission by his or her peers.

#### **5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION**

- a. The Commission meets at least once a year;
- b. The NOC is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

These IOC Guidelines relating to the creation of an NOC Athletes' Commission have been amended and approved by the IOC Executive Board on 8 June 2015, in Lausanne.

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of candidate**

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of the President of the candidate's NOC**

Read and approved

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**Date / Signature of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the candidate's NOC**

## CANDIDATURE PROPOSAL FORM

Family name:	Given name:
Full name to be used in publications:	
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	Nationality:
Mother tongue: Other language(s) spoken*: *French and/or English mandatory	Sport: Discipline/Event(s):
Competed in the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is the athlete still competing at international level? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you have an NOC Athletes' Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Is the athlete a member of your Athletes' Commission? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If yes, what role does the athlete have within your Athletes' Commission and for how long has he/she been a member? _____ _____ _____ _____	

Date and place .....

**Signatures:**

Athlete:.....

NOC President:.....

Chairperson of the NOC Athletes' Commission: .....

## BIOGRAPHY

The biography must be typed below and sent electronically. It should not exceed 200 words

### SPORTS CAREER - MAIN RESULTS

	Year	Sport/Discipline/Event	Results/ranking
Olympic Games			
World Championships			
World Cups			

### PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Education/studies	
Professional activities	
Functions in the field of sports administration (Athletes' Commission, NOC, IF, NF, etc.)	

Date and signature of the athlete: .....

**When completing the information above, please be aware that this information will be included in the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Manual.**



## COLOUR PHOTOS REQUIRED

The candidature file must contain two colour photos in electronic format:

- A passport photo of the candidate athlete (1MB minimum)
- An action shot of the candidate athlete in landscape format (1MB minimum).

**These pictures will be used to present the candidate in the Election Manual and any promotional items related to the election. Therefore they both need to be of good quality and a very high resolution (1MB minimum).**

The action shot must comply with the Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter. To ensure that the action shot photos are Rule 50 compliant, the IOC recommends for the photo to have been taken during past Olympic Games.

The Bye-law to Rule 50 states: “No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification - as defined in paragraph 8 below - of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising performers.”

According to paragraph 8 of the Bye-law, “the word ‘identification’ means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.”

Further details on Rule 50 can be found on the NOCnet under “Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications”.

**STATEMENT**

(to be written by the athlete)

Please explain why you wish to become a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission and a member of the IOC.

The declaration must be typed in the box below and should not exceed 200 words and sent electronically. The message should be addressed to the athletes encouraging them to vote for you.

**This statement will be included in the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Manual, should you be declared eligible by the IOC Executive Board.**

Date and signature of the athlete: .....

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

In addition to the Statutes/Terms of Reference of your NOC Athletes' Commission which you will send us, and in order to facilitate the analysis of their admissibility, please reply to the following questions and specify on which page of the Statutes/Terms of Reference we can find these answers:

- How many members does your NOC Athletes' Commission have, and how many of them are elected by their peers?  
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- At the time of their election to your NOC Athletes' Commission, or during the previous four years, how many members practise(d) a sport on the Olympic programme at least at national level?  
.....
- Please confirm if two members of your Athletes' Commission (who must be athletes elected by the Commission) have a seat, with the right to vote, on your NOC's General Assembly  
.....
- Please confirm if a member of your Athletes' Commission (who is an athlete elected by the NOC General Assembly or by the Commission) has a seat, with the right to vote, on the Executive Board of your NOC  
.....
- How often does your NOC Athletes' Commission meet (per year)?  
.....

**Date / Signature**

Candidate: .....

NOC President: .....

Chairperson of the NOC Athletes' Commission: .....

## IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTION PROMOTIONAL VIDEO – GUIDELINES

As was done for the London and Sochi Olympic Games, the IOC will allow each candidate to produce a short video clip/interview allowing them to promote their candidature to the athletes.

### 1. Things to Remember

#### Filming

- Your video must be no longer than 90 seconds in length
- Your video should be recorded in a well-lit location with a white or light colour background (or backdrop). Please try and ensure that you keep the camera/smartphone steady when recording.
- You must ensure that there are no graphics or graphic elements or photos, drawings, special effects, accessories such as charts, mascots or accompanying people, testimonials, etc. in the video.
- Stand alone, facing the camera or at a slight  $\frac{3}{4}$  angle.
- Please ensure that you are filmed from your head to your waist and are centred in the middle of the screen.

#### Clothing

- Please ensure that you are not wearing a hat, sunglasses or anything which may hide your face.
- Please also avoid wearing clothing with fine stripes, squares or fluorescent colours.
- Please ensure that your clothing does not have any branding on it. All clothing must comply with the Bye-law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter.

The Bye-law to Rule 50 states: "No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification - as defined in paragraph 8 below - of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising performers."

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#### Sound

- No music may be played during your video. Please keep the background noise to a minimum (film in a quiet/sound proof place indoors).
- For better sound quality, please speak clearly and if possible, use a lapel microphone.

#### General

- Improper language and failure to respect the rules, particularly insults or references to other candidates, will automatically lead to the video not being broadcast.
- No embedding (you cannot create and insert a link of the video to another internet/digital platform).
- The same applies to gestures (military or religious salutes, etc.)
- Please do not add subtitles to your video, the IOC will be doing this in post-production.

## 2. The Questions and your Answers

### Step 1 – Introduction

You must start the video by introducing yourself

*“My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am from the \_\_\_\_\_ National Olympic Committee and I represent the sport of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

### Step 2 – Questions

In your video, please answer the following three questions:

1. Why are you running as a candidate for the IOC Athletes' Commission?
2. What experience do you have that you would bring to the IOC Athletes' Commission, if elected?
3. Why should your fellow athletes vote for you?

### Important reminders

- You must answer the questions in either English or French.
- Please ensure that you pause for 10 – 15 seconds between each of your answers.
- Please send a full transcript of your answers along with your video.

## 2. Video specifications/format - video camera or smartphone

### Video Camera

- 16:9
- Frame rate: PAL
- HD: 1280 x 720 pixels (preferred)
- SD: 640 x 360 pixels or 640 x 480 pixels

**Codec** - software or device for compression or decompression of video files

- H264 mp4

## 3. Sending of video – before 15 September 2015

Once you have recorded your video, please send it to us using one of the options below **no later than 15 September 2015**:

- .ftp (please contact [athletes@olympic.org](mailto:athletes@olympic.org) to coordinate the set-up of the .ftp)
- DVD - only applies to SD format
- Online digital transfer (e.g. YouSendIt, Dropbox)

## 4. Consent form and transcript

Please return your signed consent form and video transcript together with your video. Without the signed consent form and transcript, we will not be able to use your video (see Document 9).

## IOC ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTION PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

### DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Hereafter "the Undersigned")

To the International Olympic Committee  
Château de Vidy, Route de Vidy 9  
1007 Lausanne, Switzerland

(Hereafter "IOC")

**Scope:** Candidature video for the 2016 IOC Athletes' Commission Election, filmed June-September 2015

#### Consent and Release

I, the Undersigned, hereby irrevocably grant to the IOC, its respective successors and assigns, affiliates and subsidiaries, including but not limited to The Olympic Museum and/or members of the Olympic Museum Network, the right and permission to interview, photograph and videotape me and to use information and images from the aforementioned interview in perpetuity, to copyright, publish, reproduce and otherwise use them, separately or together with my name, picture, image/likeness, voice and biographical materials in whole or in part, either alone or accompanied by other material, in any and all media including but not limited to the internet without territorial, time or other limitations, for use in connection with any and all IOC or Olympic Museum activities aiming at promoting the Olympic Games or the Olympic Movement, in any manner, without restriction as to frequency or duration. In connection therewith, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the IOC, its successors, assigns and representatives from any and all claims of any kind which I, my heirs, executors and assigns may have as a result of such use. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product that may be produced in connection with the use of my name, photograph, image, likeness voice and/or biographical materials. However, where possible, the IOC will provide me with a copy of the recorded interview/photograph within a reasonable timeframe for personal use only. For the avoidance of doubt, to the fullest extent permitted by law, I undertake not to reproduce, publish or otherwise use such copy in whole or in part without IOC's prior written consent.

I warrant that I have the legal right to enter into this Consent and Release agreement. The above rights are granted at no fee.

I further warrant that I have read and understood the above Consent and Release prior to its execution and that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof.

Executed in \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_