

ATHLETES COMMISSION



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The IJF Athletes Commission has worked in order to establish a good communication between the athletes and the IJF leadership.

The Members of the Athletes Commission attended regular calls with the International Olympic Committee and responded to queries from athletes all over the world.

The discussions at the International Athletes` Forum were just a part of a huge programme of athlete engagement in the lead-up to the Tokyo 2020 Games. The AC held 10 calls with athletes in the run-up to the Games, and aimed to fully support them during the Games through the Athlete365 platform.

Additionally, the IOC AC was actively involved and worked closely with our federation and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to support the safe and successful delivery of the Olympic Games for all participants, and to ensure the athletes` interests were at the core of all decisions.

Tokyo was also the stage for the IOC AC election with hundreds of our athletes competing in the Games taking the opportunity to cast and vote.

Below a summary of the most important topics and informations which we dealt with since the Games.

IOC CALLS after the Games:

1. IOC call 9.9.2021

Conference call with the worldwide network of Athletes` Commissions • IOC AC meeting updates
• Discussions new IOC-AC

2. IOC call 7.1.2022

Conference call with the worldwide network of Athletes` Commissions • IOC AC meeting updates • WAR UKR/RUS • Coronavirus • Beijing updates • WADA, RUSADA

3. IOC call 10./11.2.2022

LEGACY RESEARCH project IOC, set up for the promotion video

4. Athlete365 call 5.7.2022

Initiatives and projects for athletes, social media tasks, possibilities for further games, scholarships, support



5. WADA AC call 7.7./28.8.2022

Election AC WADA discussions

6. IOC call 14.9.2022

Conference call with the worldwide network of Athletes` Commissions • IOC AC meeting updates
• Olympic solidarity, possibilities • Organization, details, facts, prep OG Paris

important other tasks:

1.- UN climate change secretary (as chair AC)

2.- AJJF AC discussions

3.- Connect WADA with IJF-AC

4.- WADA election AC (28./29.2022)

5.- Discussions with all AC members on IJF agenda for WC Tashkent

6.- Tokyo Grand Slam 2022; activities to connect AC with IOC/AJJF, NPO JUDOs, 12/52 project, Athlete365

7.- Activating athletes to take part in all kinds of projects and initiatives like WOA (World Olympians Association) and other grassroots projects

8.- Supporting STOP WAR, to underline we are working for peace as a community, thankfully there were so many initiatives from all our federations and clubs to support Ukrainian Judoka

9.- COP27 video as IJF AC – S4CA signatory campaign

10.- Supporting children commission, Judogallerykids

Further points/emails from athletes all over the world with concerns have always been forwarded and discussed with IJF Disciplinary Commission, IJF GS, IJF Head Referee Director, f.e.:

- Questions about new rules/regulations
- Solutions for judogi measurements
- Social media activities with Athlete365, IOC, WADA, MoveForPeace

After athletes and coaches asked for a new Judogi check and weighing schedule in all IJF events, this very important task has already been finalized recently by the IJF Sport department.

On a sidenote:

I've to mention one project this year where I tried to combine and integrate my work as a climate ambassador, chair of the AC and work as a WADA ambassador.

It has been this years „FOREVER EVEREST“ mission, supported by IJF, which took part during March/April/May/June 2022. Documented by the IJF film-team (Nicolas Messner, Robin Willingham, Jo Crowley) and promoted on all IJF channels it has been a huge success also because many athletes could contact me with their ideas, problems and solutions. I strongly believe it has been a massive build up to connect development projects like Judo For Peace, Judo For The World, Judo In Schools, Stop War or climate issue campaigns with the whole IJF community. Also it helped to break invisible barriers between athletes, coaches, referees, commissions and people from different sports and fields. Forever Everest will be therefore used to realize an even bigger network for everybody to spread our Judovalues around the globe.

Climbing Everest from sealevel and promoting the spirit of Jigoro Kano on the way up to the summit should be a sign to work together and help the whole community.

