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GUIDE TO THE RENEWAL OF THE IJF ATHLETES' COMMISSION

1. Term of Office

The term of office for the IJF Athletes' Commission is one Olympiad (four (4) years) and is renewable. It starts on the day the members are elected (19 June 2025) and runs until the next IJF Athletes' Commission elections (2029).

2. Structure of the Athletes' Commission

The IJF Athletes' Commission consists of nine (9) members:

- Five (5) members are elected, with one representative from each continental union.
- Four (4) members are appointed by the IJF Executive Committee.

3. Candidate Eligibility

To be eligible for election to the IJF Athletes' Commission, candidates must:

- Be at least 18 years old on the date of the election.
- Hold nationality from a national federation affiliated with the IJF.
- Be either an active or retired judoka (for the last four (4) years).
- Have competed in either the Olympic Games or the World Judo Championships.
- Have no recorded violations of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.

4. Key Roles and Responsibilities of the Athletes' Commission

The IJF Athletes' Commission plays a crucial role in ensuring athletes' voices are heard and contributes to the governance and development of judo worldwide. Its key responsibilities include:

- Representing athletes' perspectives in decision-making within the IJF.
- Ensuring that athletes' interests, concerns, and needs remain at the centre of IJF policies and initiatives.
- Supporting athlete involvement in governance, reinforcing the principles of transparency and good governance.
- Providing guidance on the education and career transition of judoka after their competitive careers.
- Assisting in the planning and preparation of each world championships to ensure that athletes' needs and expectations are met.



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5. Athletes' Commission Election Timelines

- 1 April 2025: Official communication is sent to IJF-affiliated national federations regarding the renewal of the IJF Athletes' Commission.
- 30 May 2025: Deadline for submission of candidatures.
- 6 June 2025: IJF publishes the official list of candidates.
- 13 to 19 June 2025: Accredited athletes at the World Judo Championships Senior will cast their votes (voting will close on 19 June 2025 at the end of the preliminaries).
- 19 June 2025 (before the final block): Announcement of the elected members.

6. Voting Process

The election will take place during the World Judo Championships Senior Individuals in Budapest (13 to 19 June 2025). The process will follow these guidelines:

- The IJF Secretary General and the IJF Education Commission will oversee the election and voting processes. If the IJF Secretary General cannot attend, another IJF Executive Committee member may attend on his/her behalf.
- Voting must be done in person and by secret ballot.
- Only accredited athletes can vote.
- Each voter will receive a ballot in the judogi control area.
- Proxy voting is not allowed.
- Ballot boxes will be placed in the judogi control area, and completed ballots must be placed in a locked ballot box.
- Election results will be publicly announced on the last day of the individual competition, before the final block.

7. Election of the Chair

- Only Athletes' Commission members can vote for the Chair.
- Only elected members of the commission are eligible to run for the Chair position.
- The election for the Chair shall be conducted through a secret ballot among the current members of the Athletes' Commission. If any members are unable to attend in person, they may participate in the vote via email or video conference.

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