

Athletes Commission

Reflecting the Olympic Agenda 2020 goal of placing the athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement and strengthening the support to athletes, the Athletes' Commission serves as a link between athletes and the IOC. The Athletes' Commission advises the IOC Session, the IOC Executive Board (EB) and the IOC President on matters concerning athletes.

The mission of the Commission is to ensure that the athletes' viewpoint remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement decisions. To that effect, the Commission is invited by the IOC President to submit proposals, recommendations and/or reports to the IOC Executive Board or the IOC Session. In a next step, the Commission develops toolkits, guidelines and projects to support athletes on and off the field of play. The Commission members have representation all relevant IOC commissions, including the IOC Executive Board, subject to the applicable rules of the Olympic Charter.

The responsibilities of the Athletes' Commission are to:

Partner, liaise and lead the Athletes' Commissions from across the Olympic Movement

- Within the IOC

- i. Bring together athletes representatives from around the world every two years through the International Athletes Forum;
- ii. Represent athletes throughout the Olympic Movement and give input on activities related to the implementation of Olympic Agenda 2020, specifically focusing on protecting and supporting clean athletes, both on and off the field of play;
- iii. Develop recommendations for other IOC Commissions, such as Women in Sport, Sustainability and Legacy, Sport and Active Society

- Within the Olympic Movement:

- i. Lead the Athletes' Engagement Strategy to liaise, communicate and engage with athletes worldwide. This includes developing the Olympic Athletes' Hub, and being present at the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games to interact with athletes, as well as liaising with relevant IOC Recognised Organisations such as International Federations, WADA, the IPC, WOA, ANOC, Continental Associations, CAS and others;
- ii. Act as role models to promote the Olympic values and history among the youth of the world and the wider population
- iii. Encourage and support the development of IF and NOC Athletes Commissions throughout the world, in line with Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendations.

Represent athletes in the Olympic Movement:

- On the field of play

i. Protect clean athletes: Representing the athletes on the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board

ii. At the Olympic Games:

1. Take part in the evaluation of the candidate cities seeking to host the Olympic and Youth Olympic Games (through the Evaluation Commissions) and monitor the organisation of each edition of the Games (through the Coordination Commissions);
2. Take part in the evaluation of the Olympic sports programme;

- Off the field of play

i. Holistic development of athletes (including education, etc.)

ii. Career transition: Develop and take part in the delivery of the IOC Athlete Career Programme (ACP) and the Athlete Learning Gateway (ALG);

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