ISAF Constitution

Athletes Representation on Council

A submission from the Executive Committee

Proposal

Amend Article 39.1 as follows:

39.1. The Council of the Federation shall consist of:-

(a) the President;
(b) the seven Vice-Presidents;
(c) not more than 30 members appointed by Full Members;
(d) The Chairman of the ISAF Oceanic and Offshore Committee;
(e) a member appointed by the International Classes Committee;
(f) a member appointed by the Athletes’ Commission, from their Commission

(g) a woman member appointed by:
   (i) Women Vice-Presidents
   (ii) Women members of Council, and
   (iii) The women of Committees or Sub-committees, the members of which are nominated by Member National Authorities;

(h) the Treasurer who, unless already a member in some other capacity, shall be an ex-officio non-voting member and shall be appointed by the Council;

Current Position

As above.

Reason

To comply with the “Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement”

Background:
At the Olympic Congress in Copenhagen in 2009 the following recommendation was made:

All athletes are at the heart of the Olympic Movement. They are supported by extensive structures which include, in particular, local clubs, National and International Federations and National Olympic Committees. As role models in society athletes are able to make a major contribution to the Olympic Movement both by raising the profile of sport and recreation across communities and by becoming standard bearers for future generations. Athletes should be encouraged to play an integral part in the organisation and development of sport throughout the twenty first century.

Recommendation:

1. Athletes must be included within the decision-making bodies of the Olympic Movement through Athletes’ Commissions and other positions that carry full voting rights.