Athletes Representation on ISAF Committees

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To Appoint Athletes' Commission Members to ISAF Committees

A submission from the RS:X Class Association

Purpose or Objective

To include Athletes' Committee or Commission members onto other committees ex-oficio of the Federation.

Proposal

Insert new Regulation 5.1.1(d):

- 5.1.1 In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 5.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:
 - (a) ISAF Classes Committee
 - (i) An ICA Member may appoint one member to the ISAF Classes Committee. The ICA Members which have specific fleets for disabled sailing may appoint a second member to the ISAF Classes committee to represent the interests of disabled sailing. The names of these members shall be advised to the ISAF Secretariat in writing not less than fourteen days prior to any meeting of the ISAF Classes Committee. There shall be only one vote per class association so represented.
 - (ii) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the ISAF Classes Committee shall be elected by the ISAF Classes Committee at the meeting held during the session of an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly or at any other time should a vacancy arise.
 - (iii) The Women referred to in Article 36.1(g) may select a women's representative for membership of the ISAF Classes Committee. The woman selected for this position shall be drawn from the women referred to in Article 36.1(g).
 - (iv) The ISAF Classes Committee may nominate candidates for membership of the Equipment, Events, Equipment Control, International Measurers Subcommittee, Class Rules Sub-committee and Windsurfing and kiteboarding Committees.
 - (b) Race Officials Committee
 - The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may nominate candidates for membership in the Race Officials Committee and the International Judges, International Umpires, Race Management and International Measurers Subcommittees.
 - (c) Regional Games Committee
 - (i) Membership of the Regional Games Committee shall represent Regional Games organizations and specific geographic regions where Regional

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- Games are likely to occur as defined from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- (ii) The Member National Authorities represented as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may collectively nominate candidates for membership in the Regional Games Committee, however only one nominee for each Regional Games Organization or Regional Organization may be recommended by the Executive Committee to the Council as provided by Regulation 5.2.1. The Member National Authorities from a particular Regional Games Organization or regional organization shall agree on their representative to be nominated. The process of such nomination is to be decided by the collective Member National Authority members of the particular organization.
- (iii) Member National Authorities who are members of more than one Regional Games Organization or such regional organization as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may participate in the selection of candidates in any of the organizations of which they are a member.
- (iv) The foregoing provisions do not prevent additional members being nominated for the Regional Games Committee by the process in Regulation
- (d) The Athletes Commission / Committee

The Athlete's Committee or Commission may appoint a single individual as a member of any committee or sub committee as it deems appropriate.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

Currently Athletes are only represented on Council and in rare opportunities with other Committees within the Federation. By adding an athlete's commission or committee member into article 64, it allows a member of the AC to be part of all the committee's of the federation.

Athletes should be made part of every decision making part of the Federation that impacts them. Including committees.