Athlete’s Commission

Constituting the Commission - Terms of Reference

A submission from the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

To give athletes from both Olympic and non-Olympic classes a voice inside ISAF

Proposal

Amend Regulation 8.9 as follows:

Athletes’ Commission

8.9 The Athletes’ Commission

Constituting the Commission

8.9.1 The Athletes’ Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with this Regulation 8.

8.9.2 Reserved for future use

The Athletes’ Commission shall equally consist of athletes from both Olympic and non-Olympic classes

Terms of Reference

8.9.6 The Athletes’ Commission shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

8.9.7 The Athletes’ Commission shall:

(a) be a non-political consultative body to offer advice and assistance to ISAF on matters and issues of relevance to athletes and act as a link between the Olympic athletes and ISAF;

(b) present the Olympic athletes’ points of view to the Executive Committee through recommendations and proposals;

(c) promote respect of the rights of the athletes within the sport and draw up recommendations to that effect;

(d) promote high standards of sportsmanship and ethical performance when competing and participating;

(e) reflect the views of the Olympic athletes competing and participating at the highest level and establish relationships to promote feedback to the Executive Committee on matters concerning Olympic athletes; and

(f) liaise with the Executive Committee on ISAF Events to help ISAF respond to the needs of the Olympic athletes.

Current Position
As above.

Reasons

The IOC requests international federations to have stronger involvement of the athletes in the decision making process. Therefore ISAF has implemented the Athlete’s commission.

However, more than 90 % of our sport is non-Olympic, and there is no reason why the input of athletes from non-Olympic classes should be less worth full than the input from athletes from Olympic classes.