

Athletes' Commission

Regulation 8.9.7

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To initiate a review of the composition and scope of the ISAF Athletes' Commission.

Proposal

To establish a working party to review the membership and the scope of the Athletes' Commission.

Current Position

Current Regulation 8.9.7 terms of reference Athletes Commission:

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.

Reasons

The current Athletes' Commission presents the Olympic athletes points of view and reflects the views of Olympic athletes. The Executive Committee proposes to examine whether the Athletes' Commission should include representation from all athletes and deal with matters affecting all athletes in our sport. It seems to be an imbalance that Olympic athletes have this particular forum and status within ISAF and other athletes do not.
