

# Communication No. 2202

## ISU Athletes Commission Elections

In accordance with Article 21 of the 2018 ISU Constitution, the composition, election procedures and purpose of the ISU Athletes Commission will be as follows:

### 1. Composition of the ISU Athletes Commission

The Commission is composed of five (5) elected Athletes (Skaters), i.e. one (1) Athlete for each of the following disciplines:

- Single & Pair Skating
- Ice Dance
- Synchronized Skating
- Speed Skating
- Short Track Speed Skating

### 2. Purpose of the ISU Athletes Commission

The mission of the ISU Athletes Commission is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ISU.

In order to achieve this, the Commission should:

- a) Learn about the Skaters' opinions and ideas in order to represent their views within the ISU for topics including but not limited to rules and regulations, events, calendar, promotion and marketing of the sport, health and welfare, anti-doping, career preparation, education and life skills;
- b) Inform and update Skaters on different activities and developments, and raise awareness and educate them on topics of direct concern;
- c) Represent the rights and interests of Skaters and to make related recommendations, for example, the appointment of arbitrators by the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS);
- d) Support the ISU in its mission to develop and promote the Skating sports. Consider issues related to Skaters and provide advice to the ISU Council, Technical Committees, Sports Directors, Director General and other internal bodies as appropriate;
- e) Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- f) Serve as ambassadors to increase the popularity of Skating and inspire youth;
- g) Encourage and assist National Federations and athletes to establish their own National Athletes Commission;
- h) Maintain contact with the Athletes Commission of the IOC.

In accordance with Article 36 paragraph 2b) of the ISU Constitution, the Athletes Commission Chair shall attend Council meetings where he/she has a voice but not the right to vote.

### 3. Elected Athletes

Skaters elected to the ISU Athletes Commissions must:

- a) be eligible as defined in the ISU Statutes;

- b) have competed in (senior) ISU Events of the respective discipline within the previous four (4) seasons before the season of election (i.e. for the election during the respective 2019 ISU World Championships, the candidates must have competed in ISU (senior) Events of the respective disciplines during at least one of the seasons 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18);
- c) must not have been sanctioned for any violation of the ISU/World Anti-Doping Code and/or disciplinary and/or ethical offences;
- d) be at least 18 years of age on the day of election;
- e) be nominated by the ISU Member for which the Athlete is/was competing in accordance with Rule 109 during the season of election or during his last season of competing in ISU Events.

#### **4. Nomination Procedure to the ISU Athletes Commission**

Nominations, including the duly completed Nomination Forms from ISU Members, must be received at the ISU Secretariat by **January 1, 2019**. ISU Members are encouraged to base their nominations on Athletes elections at the national level and to include nominations of both genders. Each ISU Member may nominate only one (1) Athlete per Branch (The Figure Skating Branch including Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating and the Speed Skating Branch including Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). The same Athlete may be nominated for only one (1) discipline even if he has competed at ISU Events in different disciplines.

A list of the nominees' names and the respective nominating ISU Members, grouped by elected positions, will be published on the ISU website by January 14, 2019. The Nomination Forms of all candidates will also be made available to ISU Members on the ISU Extranet.

#### **5. Election Procedure to the ISU Athletes Commission**

The ISU Athletes Commission members will be elected by their peers, at the respective World Championships. The next elections will be held as follows:

- a) For the Speed Skating Athlete at the **ISU World Single Distances Speed Skating Championships in Inzell, GER on February 7-10, 2019**
- b) For the Short Track Speed Skating Athlete at the **ISU World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Sofia, BUL on March 8-10, 2019**
- c) For Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance Athletes at the **ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, JPN on March 18-24, 2019**
- d) For the Synchronized Skating Athlete at the **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships in Helsinki, FIN on April 12-14, 2019**

The ISU Athletes Commission members are elected by secret ballot. All Skaters entered as Competitors and present/accredited (including substitutes if present/accredited) at the respective ISU World Championships shall be entitled to cast one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes obtained is elected. In case of a tie the candidate with the highest number of votes obtained in a second ballot is elected. If there is still a tie, the election will be decided by lot. Abstaining Skaters and invalid votes are deemed not to be present and voting and shall not be counted in ascertaining a majority.

The exact procedure, location and timing for the casting and scrutinizing of the ballots and publication of the election result on site of each Championships shall be published separately for each concerned Championships.

#### **6. Election Procedure of the ISU Athletes Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

At its first meeting after the elections of the ISU Athletes Commission members, the five (5) elected ISU Athletes Commission members elect a Chair and a Vice Chair of the ISU Athletes Commission who must be from different Branches (Figure Skating Branch including Single & Pair Skating, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating on the one hand and the Speed Skating Branch including Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating on the other hand). After each election of the ISU Athletes Commission, chairmanship shall alternatively shift from an Athlete from the Figure Skating Branch to an Athlete from the Speed Skating Branch and vice versa. As the current Chair of the Athletes Commission is from the Figure Skating Branch, for the next term, the Chair shall be an Athlete from the Speed Skating Branch.

#### **7. Vacancy**

If any vacancy occurs among the ISU Athletes Commission members, the Athlete with the highest number of votes from the non-elected candidates from the last election for the respective discipline shall immediately fill the vacancy. If such vacancy occurs but cannot be filled in this manner, the ISU Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The term of office of such Athlete shall expire at the next following ISU Athletes Commission election. If the vacancy concerns the Chair or Vice Chair of the ISU Athletes Commission, the ISU Athletes Commission members shall elect a replacement during its next following meeting after such vacancy had occurred.

#### **8. Term of Election**

The term of the election shall basically be aligned in accordance with the cycle of elections for other ISU Office Holders elected by the ISU Congress.

The term of election for Skaters elected during the respective 2019 ISU World Championships, shall last until the respective 2023 ISU World Championships when the next election shall be held for a term until the respective 2027 ISU World Championships.

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Lausanne,

**Jan Dijkema**, President

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