

ICMG ATHLETES' COMMISSION REGULATION

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Athletes are at the centre of Mediterranean Games movement and, through an effectively run Commission their voices will be heard and their experiences used for the benefit of the Mediterranean Games and Sport. The ICMG Athletes' Commission should be active and working for the betterment of all athletes and the Mediterranean Games and the Mediterranean Beach Games as a whole. Please consider the following as proposed terms of reference for this commission:

The ICMG Athletes' Commission meets at least once a year and is composed of six members, 4 elected by athletes competing or having competed in the Mediterranean Games, 2 elected by athletes competing or having competed in the Mediterranean Beach Games, with up to 3 members appointed by the ICMG President.

It is recommended that there is a balance of male and female athletes, and representation from different regions and different sports or disciplines of the sport. It's not possible to have more than one representative per country.

The candidates should be nominated by their NOCs to stand for election.

Each NOC can nominate 2 athletes, a male and a female; only nominations from NOCs that are not already represented on the Commission will be taken into consideration.

The 2 athletes (one male and one female) who will obtain the highest number of votes will be elected among all candidates.

In case two candidates from the same country obtain the highest number of votes, according to the ICMG Charter, only the first will be elected.

Depending on the gender of the first athlete elected, for the second rank the male or female athlete from another country who will have obtained the best score will be elected.

2) The ICMG Athletes' Commission members are empowered from one edition of the Games to the next, except particular cases (resignation, eviction etc.).



- 3) The ICMG Athletes' Commission should have as members active or recently active athletes who have competed at least in one of the three last editions of the Mediterranean Games or Mediterranean Beach Games, have not had any Antidoping violation or other sanctions and are positive examples for other Athletes.
- 4) The Chair of the ICMG Athletes' Commission should have a seat on the ICMG Executive Board and the members may sit on other Commissions.
- 5) The elected members should be nominated by their NOCs to stand for election.
- 6) The election shall be held at the Mediterranean Games and at the Mediterranean Beach Games in accordance with the regulations adopted by the ICMG Executive Committee in consultation with the Athletes' Commission, and communicated to NOCs not later than three months prior to the Mediterranean Games or the Mediterranean Beach Games at which time such election is to be held. The deadline for nominations of candidates should be no later than one month before the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- 7) The Athletes selected by their NOCs to compete in the Mediterranean Games and in the Mediterranean Beach Games during which elections are to be held should be entitled to vote and express a maximum of three (3) preferences.
- 8) The members of the ICMG Athletes' Commission elect their Chair and Vice Chair every four years (during an edition of the Mediterranean Games) in accordance with the regulations adopted by the ICMG Executive Committee in consultation with the Athletes' Commission. The ICMG President then confirms this election.
- 9) The President and the Secretary General should be members *ex-officio* of the Commission and shall have precedence whenever they attend one of their meetings.
- 10) All regulations and procedures of the ICMG Athletes' Commission shall be adopted by the ICMG Executive Committee after consulting the ICMG Athletes' Commission.
- 11) The mission and roles of the ICMG Athletes' Commission should stretch widely across the organisation, including, among other activities, being involved in:
 - the evaluation of candidate cities seeking to host the Mediterranean Games and monitor the organisation of each edition of the Games;
 - b) the evaluation of the Mediterranean Games sports programme;



- c) the fight against doping including raising awareness and actively participating in initiatives to promote clean sport;
- d) the preservation of sport's integrity by fighting against competition manipulation and illegal sports betting;
- e) the promotion of the sport values to encourage the dissemination of these values and history among the youth of the Mediterranean Basin countries;
- f) the development and delivery of the Athletes' Career Programme that supports athletes while they prepare for and go through their career transition out of sport with the provision of resources and training enabling athletes to develop their life skills and maximize their education and employment opportunities;
- g) the development of recommendations for other ICMG Commissions such as Women and Sport, Sport and Environment, Sport for All, etc... offering a fresh prospective on the many new trends and issues that ICMG is continually faced with;
- h) the continual representation of athletes throughout the Mediterranean Games basin including acting as athlete role models and being present at the Mediterranean Games and the Mediterranean Beach Games to interact with athletes, collecting feed-back and new ideas.