



***ATHLETES COMMISSION RULES
(ACR)***



1. The role of the Athletes Commission is to liaise between the Athletes and the WKF to represent the active athletes within the WKF.
2. The Athletes Commission will be composed of a total of 6 (six) members of which 4 (four) are elected by the athletes during the WKF Senior Championships, 2 (two) in a World Senior Championships and another 2 (two) in the next World Senior Championships, and 2 (two) members appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the WKF President. All members are voting members. The AC members will elect a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman among them. The 4 (four) elected members have to belong to 4 (four) different National Federations of 3 (three) different Continental Federations and will be elected for a period of 4 (four) years. Should this not be possible taking into account the candidatures presented, an exception will be made. The AC has to be composed by at least 1/3 of each division (Kata/Kumite) and 1/3 of each gender. The same exception will be applied as before if necessary. The EC will be able to co-opt 1 (one) seventh member to accomplish the quota of the AC. The majority of the AC members have to be elected members..
3. The candidates for election, in order to be eligible, must:
 - 3.1 Have participated in at least 2 (two) Senior World Championships in the last 3 (three) events*.
 - 3.2 Not have been found guilty of a doping offence.
 - 3.3 Not have the candidate been punished for disciplinary conduct or behavior.

**Example: In the 2016 AC elections, the 3 World Championships are the ones of 2012, 2014 and 2016, and eligibility requests participation in 2 of them*
4. The Athletes Commission members will be re-eligible, without need to comply with the first condition of 3.1 above.
5. The ballots will be cast from the beginning of the registration at the Championships (during the 3 (three) first days of competitions at the Championships), and the deadline for presentation of candidatures will be 14 (fourteen) days before the first day of registration at the Championships. All candidatures are to be presented in writing from the NF of the candidate to the WKF Headquarters office.
6. Ballots will be issued, one for each individual athlete participating, at registration at the Senior Championships and to be distributed, together with the accreditation card, by each delegation representative to their athletes.
7. A sealed ballot box will be set up at an accurate place at the Championships in order to facilitate the vote and athletes may cast their ballot during the competition hours until 2 (two) days before the end of the competition. The results of the election will be given during the last day of the competitions.



8. The WKF President, or another EC member(s) empowered by the WKF President, will appoint 2 (two) persons to count the ballots and forward the results to the General Secretary together with sealed envelope(s) containing the actual ballots.
9. The Chairman, or when so empowered by the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, is the spokesperson for the commission. In order that athletes should feel free to bring any issue forward to the commission, members of the Commission must remain discreet of any sensitive issue, and refrain to make private statements on such issues outside the Commission.
10. The Deputy Chairman will replace the Chairman in his/her absence
11. The Chairman will be responsible for calling the meetings of the Commission through the WKF General Secretariat. These meetings will take place during official WKF events.
12. Other meetings will occur via telecommunication.
13. The Chairman will appoint a Secretary of the Athletes Commission amongst its members.
14. The Secretary of the Athletes' Commission will be responsible of drafting the minutes of each meeting, and for keeping the correspondence and the proposals received through the Chairman and the WKF office, and for any other general duties as required by the Chairman.
15. The Athlete's Commission will receive recommendations and proposals from WKF athletes only in writing or electronic messages. The proposals will be consolidated inside the Athletes Commission and subsequently be submitted to the relevant WKF Commission, or if deemed appropriate, directly to the WKF-EC.