

Presidents and Secretaries General of National Olympic Committees

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IOC Athletes' Commission election - Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024

Dear President, dear Secretary General,

We are pleased to inform you that the IOC is officially launching the procedure for the IOC Athletes' Commission election, to be held during the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad Paris 2024.

As you know, the several athlete-focused recommendations of Olympic Agenda 2020+5 reaffirmed the IOC's commitment to placing athletes at the heart of the Olympic Movement and strengthening its support to clean athletes on and off the field of play. The IOC Athletes' Commission has an important and unique role to play in this regard by representing the athletes' voice and empowering the network of athlete representatives, in addition to leading the support provided to athletes through the IOC and Athlete365.

As is the case for each Games of the Olympiad, at Paris 2024, four athletes from four different sports will be elected by their peers. These four athletes will also be put forward for election as IOC Members by the IOC Session (for a term of eight years).

In accordance with the <u>IOC Athletes' Commission Regulations</u> and <u>Election Procedure</u>, NOCs that currently have an elected or appointed athlete on the IOC Athletes' Commission (and who are IOC Members) are **not** eligible to put forward a candidate for this election. The NOCs concerned by this rule are:

Name	NOC	Term ends
Emma TERHO	FIN	2026
Hong ZHANG	CHN	2026
Astrid UHRENHOLDT JACOBSEN	NOR	2026
Pau GASOL SÁEZ	ESP	2028
Maja Martyna WŁOSZCZOWSKA	POL	2028
Federica PELLEGRINI	ITA	2028
Yuki OTA	JPN	2028
Humphrey KAYANGE	KEN	2028
Martin FOURCADE	FRA	2030
Frida HANSDOTTER	SWE	2030

Current IOC Athletes' Commission members Nadin DAWANI (JOR), Britta HEIDEMANN (GER), Daniel GYURTA (HUN) Yelena ISINBAEVA (RUS), Aya MAHMOUD MEDANY (EGY), Seungmin RYU (KOR) and Sarah WALKER (NZL) will be finishing their term of office in August 2024.

The candidates must fulfil the following requirements. They:

- must have participated in the most recent edition of the Olympic Games (Tokyo 2020) and/or be competing in the Olympic Games where the election will take place (Paris 2024):
- must be 18 years of age or over at the closing of the Olympic Games Paris 2024;
- must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence;
- must have been endorsed by the Athletes' Commission of their NOC;
- must have been put forward by an NOC that does not already have an elected or appointed athlete on the IOC Athletes' Commission (who is an IOC Member), except if such member's term of office ends at the Olympic Games Paris 2024;
- must be put forward by an NOC which has a compliant and active Athletes' Commission which adheres to the <u>IOC Guidelines</u>; and
- must be able to speak English or French, the official working languages of the IOC.

The deadline to submit a candidate for the IOC Athletes' Commission election Paris 2024 is 1 September 2023. Should your NOC wish to propose an athlete to stand for this election, you will find enclosed the "Candidature File". We kindly ask you to return it to the IOC duly completed and signed. The candidature file is also available on NOCnet.

If your NOC requires more time to complete the candidature file, please communicate to us your NOC's intention to submit a candidate before the 1 September 2023 deadline.

Please note that the <u>Election Procedure</u> has been updated and was approved by the IOC Executive Board on 21 June 2023. We therefore ask you to read it carefully.

Please feel free to contact Karen Dolphin, Head of Athlete & Olympian Relations, at karen.dolphin@olympic.org, if you have any questions in this regard.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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cc:

Ms Emma Terho, Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission

Dr Robin E. Mitchell, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees

Presidents of the Summer Olympic International Federations

Mr Ricci Bitti, ASOIF President

Mr Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director

Chairs of the Athletes' Commissions of Continental Associations of NOCs

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