

**O ATHLETES' COMMISSION****O.1. COMPOSITION**

- O.1.1. The ETTU Athletes' Commission (hereinafter "AC") shall be composed of five (5) members:
  - O.1.1.1. Four (4) athletes elected during the European Championships.
  - O.1.1.2. One (1) athlete elected during the Para Table Tennis European Championships
- O.1.3. No more than one (1) member from the same National Association may serve on the AC, except the Para Table Tennis representative, who may come from the same Association as another member.
- O.1.4. The term of office for members of the AC is four (4) years, with eligibility for re-election.
- O.1.5. Inactive members may be replaced after one year, provided that at least seventy-five percent (75%) of AC members vote in favour of the replacement, and the member concerned has had the opportunity to present reasons for their inactivity. The replacement shall be the next-highest-ranked candidate from the last election, provided no National Association is represented by more than one member (except the Para Table Tennis representative) and gender balance is maintained.

**O.2. MISSION**

- O.2.1. The mission of the AC is to represent the views and interests of the athletes and to ensure their voice is heard within the ETTU.

**O.3. OBJECTIVES**

- O.3.1. To consider issues relating to athletes and provide advice to the ETTU Executive Board.
- O.3.2. To represent the rights and interests of athletes and make recommendations to the ETTU Executive Board, including but not limited to matters concerning the athletes' welfare.
- O.3.3. To maintain contact with the ITTF Athletes' Commission, the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and European Paralympic Committee (EPC) Athletes' Commissions.
- O.3.4. To establish a mechanism for seeking athletes' opinions on matters of major importance in Table Tennis through as wide a network as possible.
- O.3.5. To keep the ETTU Executive Board regularly informed of athletes' opinions on issues of major importance in Table Tennis.
- O.3.6. To report to the Executive Board on organisational issues relating to athlete participation in ETTU competitions.
- O.3.7. To promote a healthy image and fair play, including anti-doping, anti-corruption, and prevention of illegal betting.
- O.3.8. To act as the link between active athletes and the ETTU.
- O.3.9. To liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions as appropriate.
- O.3.10. To contribute to the promotion and development of Table Tennis in Europe and worldwide.

#### **O.4. ELECTIONS**

- O.4.1. The election of AC members shall take place during the European Championships and the Para Table Tennis European Championships in the year following the election of the ETTU Executive Board, and every four (4) years thereafter.
- O.4.2. Voting may be conducted in person (presential), online, or through a hybrid system.
- O.4.3. **Eligibility Criteria for Candidates:**
  - O.4.3.1. Must be nominated by their National Association.
  - O.4.3.2. Must have participated in the previous European Championships or Para Table Tennis European Championships during the past four (4) years.
  - O.4.3.3. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the election.
  - O.4.3.4. Must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or illegal betting.
  - O.4.3.5. A National Association may present up to two (2) candidates.
  - O.4.3.6. The eligibility of each candidate is confirmed by the ETTU Executive Board.
- O.4.4. **Election of Members:**
  - O.4.4.1. One male and one female athlete who receive the highest number of votes are elected to the AC; thereafter, the next two highest vote-getters are elected.
  - O.4.4.2. The Para Table Tennis athlete receiving the highest number of votes at the Para European Championships is elected to the AC.
  - O.4.4.3. **Tie-breaking:**
    - O.4.4.3.1. In the event of a tie, preference is given to a candidate who balances gender equity.
    - O.4.4.3.2. If a tie persists, preference shall be given to the highest-ranked candidate, based on the ETTU Ranking for able-bodied representatives and the ITTF World Ranking for the Para Table Tennis representative.

#### **O.5. CHAIR OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

- 5.1. The Chair of the AC shall be proposed by the Commission to the ETTU Executive Board.

#### **O.6. REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE ETTU**

- O.6.1. The Chair of the AC is a full member of the ETTU Executive Board, with voting rights.

#### **O.7. MEETINGS**

- O.7.1. The AC shall meet at least once a year, at or immediately after the European Championships, at the same venue.
- O.7.2. ETTU is responsible for facilitating the meetings of the AC.
- O.7.3. The working language of the Commission shall be English.

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