

International Dragon Boat Federation

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Athlete's Commission Regulations

I. MISSION, COMPETENCE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

1. Mission and Competence

- 1.1 The mission of the IDBF Athlete's Commission (hereafter "Commission") is to represent athletes within the IDBF and support them to succeed in their sporting careers.
- 1.2 The Commission may be invited by the IDBF President to submit proposals, recommendations or reports to the IDBF Executive, Council or other IDBF Commissions.
- 1.3 The Commission may also, on its own motion, submit proposals, recommendations or reports to the IDBF Executive, Council or other IDBF Commissions.
- 1.4 The Commission is not a separate legal entity. It has no authority to act on behalf of the IDBF or to represent it towards any third parties. The Commission has no authority to legally bind or commit the IDBF in any way.

2. Composition

- 2.1 The Commission is composed of up to 7 members. All of whom must be, at the time of their election or appointment, Active Premier Athletes.
- 2.2 An Active Athlete within the meaning of these Regulations is an athlete who participated:
 - i. in the World Nations Championships at the time of the election or at the time of the appointment;
 - ii. in the Club Crew World Championships immediately preceding the World Nations Championship where the athlete is standing for election or being appointed.
- 2.3 The Commission is composed as follows:
 - 2.3.1 Up to five (5) active athletes elected at the World Nations Championships by their peers as per clause 8 below (hereinafter "elected members").
 - 2.3.2 Up to two (2) additional active athletes appointed by the IDBF President as per clause 12 below (hereinafter "appointed members").
 - 2.3.3 The number of appointed members shall always be lower than the number of elected members.
 - 2.3.4 In the event that the number of candidates standing for election is lower than the required number to maintain the number of elected members at five (5) the

IDBF President will be entitled to appoint additional members so as to ensure that the number on the Commission remains at seven (7), in which case clause 2.3.3 will not apply and all other relevant clauses in this Regulation and the related Election Procedure shall be amended.

II. DUTIES AND REMOVAL OF A MEMBER

3. Duties

The duties of a Commission member include the following:

- 3.1 Support the mission of the Commission as outlined in clause 1.1 above.
- 3.2 Respect the IDBF Charter, the Code of Ethics, the Rules of Racing and other regulations issued by the IDBF, as well as the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.3 Lead and support specific projects.
- 3.4 Participate in:
 - 3.4.1 4 – 5 Commission video conferences per year;
 - 3.4.2 1 in person Commission meeting every 2 years;
 - 3.4.3 1 in person Athlete Forum meeting every 2 years to coincide with the World Nations Championships and/or Club Crew World Championships;
 - 3.4.4 1 in person joint meeting with the IDBF Executive Committee every 2 years.
- 3.5 Represent the Commission in other IDBF Commissions, including attending meetings and providing written and verbal reports to the Commission as required.

All positions are honorary.

4. Removal

- 4.1 In the event of any failure by a member to perform the duties set for in clause 3 above, or in the event of any other misconduct including but not limited to a proven breach of the IDBF Code of Ethics or IDBF Anti-Doping Guidelines, the IDBF President, in consultation with the Commission, may remove such member from the Commission and replace such member in accordance with the provisions applicable to vacancies set forth below. The removal shall enter into force immediately.
- 4.2 The removal of a member is decided without prejudice to the possible opening of any additional disciplinary procedure in accordance with the IDBF regulations.

III. ORGANISATION OF THE COMMISSION

5. Organisation of the Commission

- 5.1 At the start of the first meeting of the Commission following the World Nations Championships the Commission shall vote for a Chair and a Vice Chair from amongst the members of the Commission.
- 5.2 The Chair of the Commission may invite representatives from the IDBF as liaisons to Commission meetings, working groups or events, as and when needed, based on their areas of expertise. Invitees are not entitled to vote on Commission resolutions.
- 5.3 Subject to these Regulations, the Commission may establish its own working rules and procedures, which shall be subject to the approval of the IDBF Executive Board.

6. Voting Procedures of the Commission

- 6.1 Each member of the Commission, elected or appointed, is entitled to one vote.
- 6.2 The quorum required for any decision of the Commission shall be half the total number of its members plus one. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- 6.3 All decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of votes casts. Abstentions, blank and spoilt votes shall not be taken in consideration for the calculation of the majority.
- 6.4 Voting shall be by show of hands or another indication of preference (including by email), unless a recorded vote is requested by any member of the Commission.

7. Chair and Vice-Chair

- 7.1 Ongoing and re-elected members of the Commission are eligible to run for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission
- 7.2 The terms of office for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission are four (4) years. Such terms may be renewable for one additional term.

IV. ELECTED MEMBERS

8. Election of Members

The procedure for election of the members of the Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the IDBF Athlete's Commission Election Procedure (hereafter the "Election Procedure")

9. Representation

9.1 The election of new members shall be organised so that, upon the occasion of each World Nations Championships, three (3) members shall retire and three (3) members shall be elected or re-elected, and at the following World Nations Championships two (2) members shall retire and two (2) members shall be elected or re-elected.

10. Term of Office

10.1 The term of office of an elected member shall begin on the day following the Closing Ceremony of the World Nations Championships at which the athlete is elected, and shall end on the day of the Closing Ceremony of the World Nations Championships 4 years after their election.

10.2 Any elected member, upon completion of their term of office, may stand for re-election provided that such member is eligible in accordance with the Election Procedure.

10.3 A member may only stand for re-election once so that the maximum term of office for each member will be eight (8) years.

10.4 Once a member completes their term/s on the Commission they may not stand for re-election until 4 years has elapsed from the expiry of their previous term on the Commission.

11. Vacancy

In the event of any vacancy caused by an elected member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment or any cause of inability to perform his or her function as a member, the IDBF President may appoint the candidate receiving the next highest votes at the election immediately preceding the creation of the vacancy. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.

V. APPOINTED MEMBERS

12. Appointment of Members

As soon as the election of athletes has been declared closed at the World Nations Championships the IDBF President will, in consultation with the current Commission Chair, add to or complete the membership of the Commission by appointing additional members to the Commission to ensure that the number of members of the Commission remains at seven (7).

13. Term of Office

The term of office of an appointed member begins on the date of announcement of his or her appointment and shall end on the day of the Closing Ceremony of the World Nations Championships immediately after it. The length of such term of office shall be approximately four (4) years, depending on the dates of the relevant World Nations Championships. At such time, the IDBF President may extend an appointment by renewing it with a term of office expiring on the day of the Closing Ceremony of the World Nations Championships after such renewal. The maximum length of an appointed member's term of office shall be eight (8) years. However, should any athlete from the same Member Country as the appointed member be elected subsequently as a member of the Commission, the term of office of the appointed member shall not be renewed.

14. Vacancy

In the event of any vacancy caused by an appointed member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment or any cause of inability to perform his or her function as a member, the IDBF President may replace that member in accordance with same criteria as those applied for the initial appointment as set forth in Clause 12. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.

VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

15. Entry into Force

These Regulations, together with the Election Procedure, have been issued pursuant to 26th July 2019 and were adopted with the Bye Laws approved by Congress 2023. They enter into force immediately.

16. Transitional Provisions

The initial membership of the Commission shall be appointed by the IDBF President in consultation with the Executive Board. At the time of the first election for the Commission the IDBF President shall designate which Commission members shall be designated elected members, which shall be designated appointed members, and which of the designated elected members shall be required to retire two (2) years after their initial appointment in accordance with Clause 10.

17. Review of these Regulations

These Regulations, and the Election Procedure, shall be reviewed by the Athlete's Commission and recommendations for amendment, if required, will be made to the IDBF Executive on an annual basis.