

Proposal from NWF Athletes' Commission

Update to NWF Constitution §6 Athletes' Commission

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~~The Member Federations shall choose one female and one male representative to form the NWF Athletes' Commission. The current NWF President invites the athlete representatives to a Constituent Meeting after each Executive Board elections.~~

The NWF Athletes' Commission acts as an advisory body of the NWF. It looks after the athletes' interest and point of view in sport politics connected to the Nordic Weightlifting Federation, European Weightlifting Federation and International Weightlifting Federation. It maintains contact with the Athletes' Commissions of the Nordic, the European and the International Weightlifting Federations. Members of the NWF Athletes' Commission actively engage and protect values and rights of clean athletes as well as they engage in initiatives and projects for the athletes.

Elections will be held every other year at the Nordic Senior Championships where the competitors will have one vote each. Elections will be held anonymously using paper and/or electronic election systems. The competitors shall vote for one female and one male representative within their own Nordic Member Federation who will then form the NWF Athletes' Commission. It will have a maximum of twelve (12) members with maximum two (2) from each Member Federation.

In the Constituent Meeting the Athletes' Commission ~~chooses~~ will vote for a Chair and a Vice Chair and a Secretary. The AC will work to promote Nordic Weightlifting and inform the NWF Executive Board and the NWF Congress about issues concerning the Athletes.

~~The Athletes' Commission meets mainly on line. The Chair of the Athletes' Commission must inform the Organizers by the date of the Preliminary Entries if an Athletes' Commission meeting must be added to the championship schedule.~~

The athletes serving on the NWF Athletes' Commission are subject to eligibility criteria as stated in Olympic Charter Bye-law 1 to Rule 21, pertaining to II.1.1-1.6. Candidate Criteria of the International Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission. An exception is made in the qualifying competitions so that Nordic athletes who have competed at the Nordic level ~~or higher are eligible to be nominated to the commission by the MF~~ once in the last four years.

The Athletes' Commission will make an Election Committee which is responsible for running the AC Election and making sure that candidates from each Member Federation follow the eligibility criteria. The term for the Athletes' Commission members is two (2) years. The Chair and Vice Chair can serve up to five (5) terms. They must step aside for two (2) terms before being eligible to hold the positions again withstanding that they meet the eligibility criteria.

The AC shall hold meetings once every three (3) months, or when needed from the leaders or when two (2) member call for a meeting. AC decisions are valid when majority of the members are present at the meeting. Decisions are adopted by majority vote. All meetings are recorded in written form. If any AC representative fails to participate at three meetings without notification to the NWF AC, the representative will be removed from the NWF AC.