



APPENDIX TO BYLAW 2.5.1 IPC ATHLETES COUNCIL IPC ATHLETES COUNCIL (AC) NOMINATION & ELECTION PROCEDURES

GENERAL PROVISIONS

These nomination and election procedures are an appendix to the IPC Athletes Council (AC) Bylaws.

In accordance with the AC Bylaws six (6) Summer Sport Athlete Representatives shall be elected at each edition of the Paralympic Games and three (3) Winter Sport Athlete Representatives shall be elected at each edition of the Paralympic Winter Games.

An Electoral Commission appointed by the IPC Legal and Ethics Committee shall monitor the AC election campaign and election process.

An Election Task Force appointed by the AC will, with the assistance of volunteers, manage all operational activities at the voting centre(s).

Candidates are reminded that IPC has adopted English as its official language and all meetings of the AC will be conducted in English. Non-English speakers are advised that they would need to accommodate their own interpreter at their expense if elected. The IPC will provide all support to interpreters but cannot cover any expense related thereto.

ELEGIBILITY

To be eligible for election to the AC an individual must be an active Paralympic athlete. An active athlete is defined as an athlete that is competing in the current edition of the Paralympic Games or Paralympic Winter Games at which the election is taking place or has competed in either of the previous two editions of the Paralympic Games (if the election concerns Summer Sport athletes) or Paralympic Winter Games (if the election concerns Winter athletes).

Any athlete who is suspended as a result of any sanction imposed under the IPC Anti-Doping Code, or any other applicable rule, regulation or procedure (whether conducted by the IPC or not) shall lose the right to stand for election to the AC during his or her suspension. Upon conclusion of the sanction period, the athlete's right to stand for election shall be reinstated.

1. NOMINATION PROCESS

1.1 At least six (6) months prior to the Paralympic Games or prior to the Paralympic Winter Games the IPC shall circulate to all NPCs a 'Call for Nominations' for the open positions. This Call for Nominations shall include the following:

- Nomination Form;
- the deadline for submissions of nominations;



- a commitment, including ethical guidelines to be signed by the nominee (called hereinafter the ‘Undertaking’);
- information with respect to the roles and responsibilities of the position and estimated time commitment required for the efficient fulfilment of the role;
- a copy of these Nomination and Election Procedures.
- a copy of the Athletes Council Election Campaign Rules

1.2 Each NPC in good standing as of the date of the Call for Nominations shall be permitted to nominate maximum one (1) eligible candidate for election to the AC.

1.3 There shall be no more than one (1) athlete serving on the AC from any NPC, therefore nominations will not be permitted where it could lead to a violation of this rule.

1.4 There shall be no more than two (2) athletes serving on the AC from any Sport. Nomination forms will specify the sport that the nominee has participated in (and if there are more than one sport the nominee will elect a single sport).

1.4 The NPC shall return the completed Nomination Form for its candidate and the Undertaking signed by the candidate to the IPC Headquarters within the announced timeframe, which shall normally be 3 months prior to the election taking place.

1.5 The IPC shall immediately and formally confirm to the NPC receipt of the nomination.

1.6 In any case of doubt over the timing of delivery or any other matter the IPC Electoral Commission shall be asked to confirm the validity of the nomination.

1.7 As soon as possible following the closing date for the nominations, the IPC shall publish an official presentation of all candidates, of which the content shall be subject to the respective candidate’s approval. No other form of promotional material may be published, including the distribution of electronic leaflets, posters or bulk e-mails without the prior consent of the IPC Electoral Commission

2. ELECTION PROCESS

2.1 Only athletes with an “Aa” accreditation at the relevant Paralympic Games are eligible to vote in the AC elections.



- 2.2 Each athlete has the right to vote, including the candidates for election. Proxies will not be permitted.
- 2.3 A vote is only valid when the same number of candidates has been selected as the number of positions that are open for election, i.e., six (6) Summer Sport Athletes or three (3) Winter Sport Athletes.
- 2.4 Unless an electronic voting system is used, all voting shall be held by secret ballot, which shall be prepared by the Election Task Force. The voting ballot paper shall list the names of all candidates and provide clear directions on how to identify the preferred candidates and on how to conduct a valid vote.
- 2.5 Athletes who require assistance may select an assistant of their choice to complete the ballot form.
- 2.6 Voting centres shall normally be open from 9 am to 9 pm in each Paralympic Village, starting two days prior to the Opening Ceremony and finishing two days prior to the Closing Ceremony. This may vary depending on the programme and the number of athletes in the respective Paralympic Village(s).
- 2.7 The Election Task Force will ensure at all times a secured and sealed storage of the ballot forms, both of the completed as well as the blank ballot forms.

3. VOTING RESULTS

- 3.1 The IPC Electoral Commission will appoint scrutineers to monitor the vote count which will be conducted by the Election Task Force.
- 3.2 The candidates shall be ranked in descending order with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes listed on top. For the elections of Summer Sport Athletes the first six (6) candidates having the highest number of votes shall be elected to the AC. For the elections of Winter Sport Athletes the first three (3) candidates having the highest number of votes shall be elected to the AC. If three or more athletes from a single sport are within the top 6 candidates (in a Paralympic Games election) or the top 3 candidates (in a Winter Games election) only the top two athletes from that single sport will be elected, the remaining athletes from that sport will be eliminated and their position will be filled by the athlete(s) with the next highest number of votes from the ranking list.
- 3.3 In the event of a tie for the last position, the position remains vacant until the Athletes Council at their next meeting can make a



decision, taking into account that in accordance with the AC Bylaws article 2.1.3, the AC may co-opt up to three members.

- 3.4 Following the completion of the vote count the ballots will be sealed and transported to IPC Headquarters, where they will be kept for at least six months.
- 3.5 The IPC will normally announce the names of the elected AC members at the closing ceremony of the Games.