



# SPORTS FEDERATION & OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, CHINA

## Guidelines for the Election of SF&OC Athletes Committee Members Nominated by NSAs

### 1. Background

- (1) In accordance with the composition of the SF&OC Athletes Committee (AC), the posts in the following two categories are nominated by NSAs:
  - (a) three athletes in Olympic Games sports<sup>1</sup>; and
  - (b) two athletes in Asian Games sports (excluding Olympic Games sports)<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of posts in a category, an election will be arranged.

### 2. Voting Rights

- (1) Athletes **must first register as voters** before they can vote in the AC election.
- (2) Athletes who have participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games (i.e. 2012, 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympics and 2014, 2018 and 2022 Winter Olympics) or Asian Games (i.e. 2010, 2014 and 2018 Asian Summer Games and 2007, 2011 and 2017 Asian Winter Games) are eligible to register as voters, but they may only register in their respective categories [i.e. Olympic Games sports or Asian Games sports (excluding Olympic Games sports)].
- (3) If an athlete belongs to both categories, he must choose to register in one category only.
- (4) Athletes who are currently under sanction for a doping offence shall not be eligible to vote.
- (5) No voting by proxy is allowed.

### 3. Voter Registration

- (1) The purpose of voter registration is to ensure that the login information for the online voting system could be sent to registered voters by email individually.
- (2) To ensure the collection of personal data with the prescribed consent of athletes, voter registration must be done by the athletes themselves using the Voter Registration Form.

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<sup>1</sup> Olympic Games sports refer to the list of sports included in the programme of at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games.

<sup>2</sup> Asian Games sports refer to the list of sports included in the programme of at least one of the last three editions of the Asian Games, excluding all sports included in the programme of at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games.



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- (3) The Federation shall send a list to relevant NSAs giving the names of athletes who are eligible to vote and whose names are not already on the Voters Register. NSAs will be asked to forward the Voter Registration Form to those athletes, to verify the completed Forms from them, and to return the verified Forms to the Federation.
- (4) Athletes who are eligible to vote and whose names are entered on the Voters Register in the AC Election in 2018 are not required to register again. The Federation shall send them an email to inform them about the upcoming election and to check that their email addresses are still valid. If their email addresses no longer work, the athletes concerned will be removed from the Voters Register and they will have to register as voters again before they can vote in the AC Election in 2022.

#### **4. Eligibility of Candidates**

To be eligible for election or appointment to the AC an athlete must:

- (a) be at least 16 years of age;
- (b) not have been sanctioned for a doping offence or other disciplinary offence in their sporting career; and
- (c) have participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games or Asian Games.

#### **5. Term of Office**

Each athlete elected will hold office immediately after the conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December 2022 until the AGM in 2026. Starting from 2016, no athlete may serve for more than three terms or 12 years, whichever is the longer period.

#### **6. Nominations**

- (1) The Federation shall call for nominations from National Sports Associations (NSAs), whose athletes have participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games or Asian Games. Each NSA may only make **one** nomination using the Nomination Form.
- (2) All nominations shall be supplemented by the nominees' profile (providing information on his personal background, sporting career and service experience) in no more than two A4-size sheets.
- (3) Each athlete may only be nominated for a post in one category, even if he belongs to both the Olympic Games and Asian Games sports categories.
- (4) If the number of nominations received is fewer than or equal to the number of posts in a category, the nominees will automatically fill the posts in their respective categories. Any remaining post(s) will be left vacant provided that the total number of members in the AC is at least five.



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- (5) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of posts in a category, the nominees will be entered into an election. The nominees' profiles will be circulated to registered voters before the start of the voting period.

### 7. Voting Procedures

- (1) Registered voters may log in to the online voting system during the voting period. The login information shall be sent to voters by email before the start of the voting period.
- (2) The **maximum number of candidates** each voter can vote for shall equal the **number of posts in that category**.
- (3) No amendment is allowed once the ballot has been submitted to the system.

### 8. Election Results

- (1) The online voting system will automatically calculate the number of votes received by each candidate after the end of the voting period.
- (2) Candidates will fill the vacancies in descending order of the number of votes they receive.
- (3) The election results will be verified by the Honorary Treasurer together with the Chief Executive of the Federation.
- (4) The election results will be announced on the Federation's website within **seven days** after the end of the voting period.

### 9. Key Dates for AC Election in 2022

Date	Details
11 Jul to 10 Sep 2022	Voter registration
13 Sep 2022	Call for nominations for the AC
26 Sep 2022	Deadline of nomination
On or before 10 Oct 2022	Announcement of election procedures and circulation of candidates' profiles
10 to 31 Oct 2022	Voting period
On or before 7 Nov 2022	Announcement of election results