



SPORTS FEDERATION & OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, CHINA

Guidelines for the Election of the Athletes Committee, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) - Members Nominated by National Sports Associations (NSAs)

1. Background

- (1) In accordance with the composition of the SF&OC Athletes Committee (the "AC"), the posts in the following two categories are nominated by NSAs:
 - (a) three athletes in Olympic Games sports¹; and
 - (b) two athletes in Asian Games sports (excluding Olympic Games sports)².
- (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. 2016, 2020 and 2024 Summer and 2018, 2022 and 2026 Winter) or Asian Games (i.e. 2018, 2022 and 2026 Summer and 2011, 2017 and 2025 Winter) 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.

¹ 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.

² 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.

- (3) SF&OC 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 SF&OC Secretariat.
- (4) Athletes who are eligible to vote and whose names are entered on the Voters Register in the AC Election in 2022 are not required to register again. SF&OC 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 2026.

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 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2026 until the 2030 AGM. Starting from 2016, no athlete may serve for more than three terms or 12 years, whichever is the longer period.

6. Nominations

- (1) SF&OC shall call for nominations from 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 or her personal background, sporting achievements, career and community service experience, etc.) in no more than two A4 pages.
- (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.
- (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 Hon. Treasurer together with the Executive Director of SF&OC.

(4) The election results will be announced on SF&OC's website within **seven days** after the end of the voting period.

9. Key Dates for AC Election in 2026

Date	Details
1 May to 6 July 2026	Voter registration
20 July to 14 August 2026	Call for nominations
On or before 1 September 2026	Announcement of election procedures and circulation of candidates' profiles
4 September to 4 October 2026	Voting period
On or before 9 October 2026	Announcement of election results

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