



Badminton Confederation Africa

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BCA ATHLETES COMMISSION - Guidelines

1. Introduction

The BCA Athlete Commission role and objective is to duly represent the views of the African players and to be the link of all African active players with the BCA Council. These guidelines are designed in accordance with Clause 12.3 of the BCA Constitution and aim to describe the composition of the Commission, the eligibility of its members, the election process and other guidelines.

2. Composition

The Commission will be composed of three elected players who shall be in office for a four-year term starting and ending a year before the summer Olympic Games. There will be minimum one male and one female player in the Commission. The BCA Council shall also appoint an active African Para Badminton player as per the recommendation from the Parabadminton fraternity. The player shall sit on the BCA Athletes Commission on a co-opted basis.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible for election to the BCA Athletes Commission, a player must:

- be from a Member Association (MA) in the African region and be in good standing with that MA.
- be 18 or above at the time of the election.
- not be under any suspension by BWF or BCA and have never been sanctioned by any sporting body on ethics violation issues including doping, match fixing and other offences.
- have a BWF World Ranking at the date of nomination and have participated in **at least one** of the following tournaments in a span of four years prior to the elections:
 - ❖ All Africa Individual Championship
 - ❖ All Africa Mixed Team Championships
 - ❖ All Africa Men's and Women's Team Championships
 - ❖ All Africa Para Badminton Championships or a Para Badminton International tournament in Africa.

A player can serve a maximum of two 4 year terms as member of the Athletes Commission.





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4. Election Process

- 4.1. Three players will be elected for a four-year term, starting and ending a year before the summer Olympic Games.
- 4.2. Elections will be held during the African Championships or as may be decided by BCA Council.
- 4.3. Maximum of one player from any African MA shall be elected in the commission.
- 4.4. The voting system shall either be:
 - 4.4.1. Physical at the African Championships as per Clause 4.2;
 - 4.4.2. Virtual or online using a fair and secure system;
 - 4.4.3. A hybrid system consisting of physical and online voting.

In case of virtual or hybrid system, the BCA Council shall approve the voting procedures.

- 4.5. Subject to 4.3 above, the BCA Athletes Commission will be composed of at least one male and one female. The male player with the highest number of votes and the female player with the highest number of votes shall be elected; the final player to be elected will be a male or female, whoever achieves the highest number of votes amongst the remaining candidates.

In case there are only three candidates for the elections, they will automatically be elected in the commission. If there are only 2 or 1 candidate(s), they will automatically be elected and the remaining position(s) will be filled by the BCA Council.

- 4.6. Nomination shall be made by an eligible player in writing addressed to the BCA Secretary General, so as to reach him no later than 4 weeks before the election date.

The nomination shall contain:

- A letter signed by the eligible player which should include: the nomination, a brief biography and the reason why the player wants to be part of the BCA Players Commission.
- A support letter from the player's Member Association.
- Passport Photo
- Copy of passport





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- 4.7. The BCA Secretary General shall publish the list of eligible candidates no later than 3 weeks before the date fixed for election.
- 4.8. Only players, as described by clause 4.9, shall be allowed to vote at a date, time and location chosen by the BCA Council, subject to clauses 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4.
- 4.9. To be able to vote, a player must be at least 18 years old and be listed on the latest BWF World Ranking at the time of the election. No proxy voting will be allowed.

5. Others

- 5.1. The three elected athletes on the commission shall decide, amongst themselves, through voting on a Chairperson who shall assume office immediately upon the appointment. The Commission members shall thereafter, through a jointly signed letter, inform the BCA Secretary General of their decision.
- 5.2. In accordance with Clause 12.3 of the BCA Constitution, the Chairperson of the Athlete Commission shall be a full member of the BCA Council.
- 5.3. If, for whatever reason, a commission member does not complete the four-year term, replacement election may be carried out. The decision shall reside with the BCA Council.
- 5.4. If the BCA Council is in the view that a member of the BCA Athletes Commission is no longer an eligible player or is unable to duly represent the players' views, it may terminate the membership of the player in accordance with the judicial processes set out in our constitution.
- 5.5. A member of the Athletes commission shall automatically cease being a member of the commission if he is no longer eligible as per clause 3 of the Athletes commission guidelines
- 5.6. The members of BCA Athletes Commission are bound by the BWF and BCA Statutes.

