



**Name: Terms of Reference - WCF Athlete Commission**

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### Background

- The foundation of WCF Athlete Commission is necessary to meet IOC requirements
- The first Athlete Commission was appointed at the WCF Executive Board meeting in Riga in March 2013 based on nominations from Member Associations (MAs)

### Objective

- The mission of the WCF Athlete Commission is to communicate the interests of the Athletes in cooperative support of the WCF achieving its mission.
- The Athlete Commission will serve as an independent and a consultative body, and act as a link between active curlers (athletes), the WCF Board, the WCF Commission on Rules and Competition as well as the IOC Athletes Commission.

### Guiding Principles

The WCF Athlete Commission will:

- Use our passion for curling to be the collective voice of our Athletes.
- Be a non-political body that provides recommendations and solutions.
- Actively engage our Athletes in the process.
- Be proactive and responsive with our work.
- Value the unique contributions and perspectives of all our Athletes, the WCF, its Member Associations, and the IOC AC/IPC AC.

### Authority/Limits of the Committee

- The Athlete Commission will define its own approach in order to obtain results within its specific field, this approach will be agreed with the WCF Board liaison.

### Duration/Timelines

- Election of new members will take place by "Athletes elected by Athletes".
- The Athlete Commission will work with WCF staff to assist in preparing a database of athletes who would qualify at the time of election.
- 2 members of the Athlete Commission will be replaced every 2 years. The first Athlete Commission will start to rotate 2 members in 2016. The new members shall be announced in June.
- Creation and dissolution of Athlete Commission is under the WCF Board authority

### Composition

- The number of members in the WCF Athlete Commission shall be 6 + a WCF Board liaison.
- The Athlete Commission shall elect a "Skip" and a "Vice Skip" from different WCF Zones.
- To be eligible for election as a member of the Athlete Commission, the requirements of the definition of an Athlete must be met. An Athlete is any curler who, within the preceding 8 years, has represented a WCF Member Association at one of the following WCF sanctioned events:

1. Olympic Winter Games
  2. Paralympic Winter Games
  3. World Curling Championships (Men, Women, Wheelchair)
- The Athlete Commission shall strive to have diversity among its members and comprise both genders, wheelchair representative and representation from all WCF Zones.

#### Succession Planning

- The election system of members to the Athlete Commission has been developed to secure continuance among its members.

#### Budget Required:

- The Athlete Commission will be done during the meetings outlined within this Terms of Reference, by teleconference calls or by electronic means.
- Any requirement for funding shall be directed through WCF Board liaison to the WCF Board for consideration.

#### Reporting Requirements

- Regular reporting to the Board.
- The MAs will give feedback at the World Curling Congress what is assessed proper reporting requirements for the Athlete Commission.

#### Support

- The Secretary General (SG) will make available staff resources to the Athlete Commission as needed and achievable within the resources available to SG.