

<b>Extract from the FIE statutes</b>
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**4.5 ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION.**

4.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the Senior World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.

**4.5.2 All athletes who, in the weapon in which they fence, have been entered to compete in either one of the last two Olympic Games or at least one of the Senior World Championships held over the last 5 years can be a candidate for the Athletes Commission.**

**If the fencer has fenced several weapons during such competitions, he must choose only one of those weapons for this candidature.**

**Each member federation can nominate one single athlete to the Athletes Commission**

4.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the FIE the name of its candidate **two months before the first day of the Senior World Championships** in the year following the Olympic Games.

4.5.4 **One month before the Senior World Championships**, the FIE shall send to each member federation the list of the candidates.

4.5.5 The athletes who will participate in the Senior World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games will elect **seven representatives (always among the athletes nominated by the member Federations)**.

4.5.6 A list of candidates will be established, all weapons combined, and each participant shall vote for **seven athletes maximum, whatever weapon the athletes are applying for.**

4.5.7 The voting athletes will personally go to the voting office of the FIE at the competition site in order to proceed with the vote, after having verified their identity by presenting their accreditation.

The athlete's accreditation will be scanned or the athlete will sign the attendance sheet.

4.5.8 Voting may be conducted electronically. If the vote is not organised by electronic means but by means of paper ballots, one single ballot box will be provided for all weapons.

4.5.9 The voting will be open for all weapons and will begin on the first day of the Senior World Championships, and will end at noon local time on the last day of the World Championships.

**4.5.10 The seven candidates who have received the greatest number of votes will be elected, without distinction of weapon.**

**4.5.11 In case of a tie, the candidate who has the highest placing in the world Open ranking on the date of the opening of the Senior World Championships will have the preference.**

4.5.12 The Executive Committee, at its first meeting after these Senior World Championships, will nominate up to five athletes among the list of athletes submitted by their national federations. If the submitted candidacies allow it, all 6 weapons and four zones – Europe, America, Africa and Asia/Oceania – must be represented within the commission.

- 4.5.13 The federations will be informed of the result of the athletes' votes at the closing ceremony of the Senior World Championships. The complete list of elected and appointed athletes will be sent to the federations with as little delay as possible.
- 4.5.14 The Athletes' Commission thus formed shall remain in office until the Senior World Championships held after the next Olympic Games.