



FIE ATHLETES COMMISSION

4.5 ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION.

4.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the Open 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 Open 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 athlete per weapon for the Athletes Commission.

4.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the F.I.E. the names of their candidates two months before the first day of the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games

4.5.4 One month before the World Championships, the F.I.E. shall send to each member federation the list of the candidates for each weapon.

4.5.5 The athletes who will participate in the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games will elect one representative per weapon (always among the athletes nominated by the member federations) for a four year term.

4.5.6 Each fencer shall have one vote in the weapon(s) in which they are fencing.

4.5.7 He will enter only one candidate's name on the ballot (or ballots if he fences several weapons).

4.5.8 Each athlete will receive, when they are at the championships, a ballot placed inside a first envelope which shall be completely blank.

4.5.9 This envelope shall be placed into a second envelope which shall show his name and nationality.

4.5.10 The envelopes will be given to the chiefs of delegation of each country for distribution to the fencers involved.

4.5.11 Then, after having first filled in their ballot(s) and having replaced them in the first envelope(s), the athletes will personally go to the office of the F.I.E. at the competition site to deposit their envelope(s) in the box, after having verified their identity by presenting their license and having signed the attendance sheet.

- 4.5.12 There will be a ballot box for each of the six weapons, during all the competition of each of the six weapons; the fencers practising several weapons at the competition will deposit a ballot for each weapon.
- 4.5.13 The voting will remain open for each of the weapons during the time each weapon is being fenced, from the beginning of the eliminations of the individual competition until 12.00 noon on the day of the team event.
- 4.5.14 The candidate for each weapon who has received the greatest number of votes will be elected.
- 4.5.15 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 Open World Championships will have the preference.
- 4.5.16 Each country can only have one representative. If several candidates of the same nationality are elected in different weapons, the candidate who has received the most votes (subsidiarily the candidate who has the highest placing in the world ranking on the date of the opening of the Open World Championships) shall be the one elected; and in the other weapon(s) the candidate of the same nationality shall be replaced by the next highest candidate.
- 4.5.17 The Executive Committee, at its first meeting after these Open World Championships, will select an athlete per weapon, always among the athletes nominated by their national federations, for a four year term, it being noted that each country can only have one representative on the Athletes Commission and that the four zones - Europe, America, Africa and Asia/Oceania - must be represented.
- 4.5.18 The federations will be informed of the result of the athletes' votes at the closing ceremony of the Open World Championships and the complete list of names will be provided by the Executive Committee with as little delay as possible.