

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 that “athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs”, the WAKO Europe Board of directors have adopted the Guidelines below, which is the framework when forming WAKO Europe Athletes Committee

GUIDELINES

ATHLETE COMMITTEE

1. MISSION

The mission of an Athletes' Committee is to:

- A. Represent the views and opinions of the athletes and ensure their voice is heard within the organization
- B. Inform athletes about the activities (i.e. educational tools, rules and regulations).
- C. Work with and support the organization in its mission to develop and promote the sport.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Committee are to:

- A. Consider issues related to athletes and provide advices to the organization;
- B. Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play;
- C. Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations or appointments
- D. Consult with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of their respective sport and subsequently provide feedback to the organization;
- E. Maintain contact with the WAKO Athletes' Committee.

3. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

- A. The Committee should have a minimum of five members. They should be at least 18 years of age, and must be older than 16 years of age.
- B. Committee members must have never received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code.

C. The Committee should be composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are participating at international level or have done so within the previous four years. The composition should reflect the disciplines of the sport.

D. Both sexes should be represented within the Committee.

E. The majority of the members of the Committee should be elected by their peers.

F. The Committee members should elect their Chair from among those members who have been elected to the Committee by their peers, and the Chair may serve in this role for up to four years.

G. The term of office of Committee members can be for up to four years, or less in the case of filling a casual vacancy. The Chair and members may be re-elected/renewed if they meet the conditions in 3.b above.

H. The timing of the Committee member and Chair elections is recommended to be within the same year as, or a year before or after, the election of the WAKO Europe Board.

4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION

The Committee should be represented within the WAKO Europe Board of Director by its Chair or at least one other member who is also an athlete who meets the conditions in 3.b above. They must be elected by the Committee and should have the right to vote within the Executive Body, which ensures that the athletes' point of view is taken into account in the decisions.

5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

A. The Committee meets at least once a year and at the meetings shall be discussed the issues of importance for the athletes.

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