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BEC ATHLETE REPRESENTATION
BEC Athletes Commission

1. Preamble

A BEC Athletes Commission will be formed comprising of three members. The role of the BEC Athletes Commission is to act as the link between active European players and the BEC Board and Commissions.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for election to the BEC Athletes Commission, an “Eligible Player” a person must:

- be representing a Member Association of BEC and be in good standing with his or her Member Association; and
- be at least 18 years of age and must not have been sanctioned for a doping or a betting, wagering or irregular match offence during his or her sports career; and
- be an active player, where an active player is defined as:
 - A player who is present on the World Ranking List at the time of his or her election; and/or
 - A player who has participated in any of the latest European Championships, European Mixed Team Championships, European Men’s & Women’s Team Championships and/or the Olympic Games

A person can serve for a maximum of two continuous terms.

3. Election process

3.1 The three BEC Athletes Commission Members are elected the following way.

3.2 Three players are elected for a four-year term by the active European players at the time of the European Men's & Women's Team Championships played in the year of the Olympic Games.

3.3 At least one male and one female Commission Member must be elected. In the event that there is only one male or one female player nominated, that male or that female shall automatically be elected to the BEC Athletes Commission. Subject to 3.4 below, in all other cases, the male player with the highest number of votes and the female player with the highest number of votes shall be elected to the BEC Athletes Commission with the final member being the player, male or female, who achieves the highest number of votes amongst the remaining nominees.

3.4 Only one player from a Member Association can serve at any one time on the BEC Athletes Commission. In the event that more than one player is nominated from the same Member Association, the player with the highest number of votes from that Member Association will be deemed to be that Member Association's representative for the purposes of determining the members of the BEC Athletes Commission in accordance with 3.3 above.

3.5 The process for the BEC Athletes Commission election shall be approved by the BEC General Secretary and published on the BEC website and social media at least two months prior to the election date. The process shall be made in accordance with the following structure:

- Date of election: ***Thursday of week 7 in the year of the Olympic Games***
- Nominations for election to the BEC Athletes Commission must be made in writing by an Eligible Player or, in agreement with the Eligible Player, by an Eligible Player's Member Association on his or her behalf and sent directly to the BEC General Secretary so as to reach the Confederation not later than 4 weeks before the election date. Each nomination must be accompanied by a photograph and short biography of the Eligible Player and the reasons why that player seeks election to the BEC Athletes Commission.
- Eligible nominations will be sent to all Members, published on the BEC website and social media at least three weeks prior to the election date.

- A meeting will be organized during the European Men's & Women's Team Championships where direct voting shall be carried out. Voting shall also be accepted via email to players@badmintoneurope.com until midnight CET on the Wednesday of week 7 of even years. An e-mail vote will only be accepted with passport proof of identity of the Eligible Player attached to the e-mail.
- Only Eligible Players may vote and each Eligible Player may only vote once.

3.6 The Chair of the BEC Athletes Commission is appointed after the election between and by the elected members of the BEC Athletes Commission. The Chair shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the appointment by the BEC Athletes Commission.

3.7 The BEC Athletes Commission Chair shall be a full voting member of BEC Board and be an ex-officio Member of all BEC Commissions. If the BEC Athletes Commission Chair is unable to attend a BEC Board and Commission meetings the Chair can be represented by a BEC Athletes Commission Member.

3.8 If the BEC Athletes Commission Chair does not complete his or her term of office a replacement shall be appointed between and by the elected members of the BEC Athletes Commission.

3.9 Any casual vacancy on the BEC Athletes Commission shall be filled at the next ordinary election of members of the Athletes Commission.

4. Termination of position

If in the reasonable view of the BEC Board a player on the Athletes Commission is no longer an Eligible Player or is unable to represent the players, the BEC Board may terminate the membership and request a fresh election.