

## 1. Preamble

A BEC Athletes' Commission will be formed comprising of four members – one being a Para-badminton player. The role of the BEC Athletes Commission is to act as the link between active European badminton players, European Para-badminton players and the BEC Board of Directors 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 or World Para-badminton 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, the Olympic Games, European Para-badminton Championships, World Para-badminton Championships and/or Paralympics.

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

## 3. Election process

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

3.2 Three badminton 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 3.5 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 badminton player from a Member Association can serve at any one time on the BEC Athletes' Commission. In the event that more than one badminton player

is nominated from the same Member Association, the badminton 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 of three badminton players: ***Thursday in the week of the European Men's & Women's Team Championships in the year of the Olympic Games***
- Date of election of one Para-badminton player: ***Thursday in the week of the World Para-badminton Championships in the year before 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 Member Associations, published on the BEC website and social media at least three weeks prior to the election date.
- Election of three badminton players towards the BEC Athletes' Commission 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](mailto:players@badmintoneurope.com) until midnight CET on the Wednesday in the week of European Men's & Women's Team Championships in the year of the Olympic Games. An email vote will only be accepted with passport proof of identity of the Eligible Player attached to the email.
- Only Eligible Players may vote and each Eligible Player may only vote once.
- Election of one Para-badminton player towards the BEC Athletes' Commission will be organized during the World Para-badminton Championships where direct voting shall be carried out. Voting shall also be accepted via email to [players@badmintoneurope.com](mailto:players@badmintoneurope.com) until midnight CET on the Wednesday of the week in which the World Para-badminton Championships (in the year before the Olympic Games) is held. An email vote will only be accepted with passport proof of identity of the Eligible Player attached to the email.
- Only Eligible Para-badminton Players may vote and each Eligible Para-badminton Player may only vote once.

3.6 The Para-badminton Player is elected for a four-year term by the active European Para-badminton players at the time of the World Para-badminton Championships played in the year before the Olympic Games. The player, male or female, with the highest number of votes amongst all nominees shall be elected.

3.7 The Chair of the BEC Athletes' Commission is appointed after the election of the three badminton players and is appointed 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.

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

3.9 The BEC Para-badminton Athletes' representative shall also be a member of the BEC Para-badminton Commission during his/her four-year term.

3.10 If a BEC Athletes' Commission Member does not complete his or her term of office a replacement shall be appointed by the remaining members of the BEC Athletes' Commission. The replacement must fulfil the eligibility requirements at the date of the appointment. The appointment will be until the next ordinary election of the BEC Athletes' Commission.

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

3.12 Any replacement on the BEC Athletes' Commission must be communicated to the BEC General Secretary no later than 48 hours after the appointment.

#### **4. Termination of position**

If in the reasonable view of the BEC Board of Directors a player on the BEC Athletes' Commission is no longer an Eligible Player or is unable to represent the players, the BEC Board of Directors may terminate the membership and request the remaining members of the BEC Athletes' Commission to appoint a replacement.

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