

BEC Athletes Commission Regulations

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1 Preamble

- 1.1 The Badminton Europe Confederation (**BEC**) Athletes Commission comprises of four members: three European Badminton Players and one European Para-badminton Player. The role of the BEC Athletes Commission is to act as the link between Active European Badminton Players, Active European Para-badminton Players and the BEC Board of Directors, BEC Committees and BEC Commissions.

2 Definitions

2.1 "Active European Badminton Player" means:

- (a) a player who is present on the World Ranking List at the time of the BEC Athletes Commission 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;
- (b) be representing a Member Association of BEC and be in good standing with his or her Member Association; and
- (c) not have been sanctioned for a doping or a betting, wagering or irregular match offence during his or her sporting career.

2.2 "Active European Para-badminton Player" means:

- (a) a player who is present on the World Para-badminton Ranking List at the time of the BEC Athletes Commission election; and/or a player who has participated in any of the latest European Para-badminton Championships, World Para-badminton Championships and/or Paralympics;
- (b) be representing a Member Association of BEC and be in good standing with his or her Member Association; and
- (c) not have been sanctioned for a doping or a betting, wagering or irregular match offence during his or her sporting career.

2.3 "BEC Athletes Commission Member" means an Eligible Player elected to the BEC Athletes Commission.

2.4 "Eligible Player" means an Eligible Badminton Player or an Eligible Para-badminton Player who meets the eligibility criteria outlined in section 3 below.

3 Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible for election to the BEC Athletes Commission a person must:

- (a) Be an Active European Badminton Player or Active European Para-badminton Player (as defined above);
- (b) be at least 18 years of age.

(Eligible Badminton Player and Eligible Para-badminton Player)

3.2 An Eligible Player can serve for a maximum of three continuous terms.

4 Composition of BEC Athletes Commission

4.1 The BEC Athletes Commission is composed of four members: three Eligible Badminton Players, and one Eligible Para-badminton Player.

4.2 Badminton Commission Members

4.2.1 Three Eligible Badminton Players are elected to represent the badminton community for a four-year term (**the Badminton Commission Members**).

4.2.2 Only Eligible Badminton Players can stand for election as the Badminton Commission Members.

4.2.3 At least one male and one female Eligible Badminton Players 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. In all other cases, subject to 4.2.3 below, the nominated male player with the highest number of votes and the nominated female player with the highest number of votes shall be elected to the BEC Athletes Commission with the final member being the nominated player, male or female, who achieves the highest number of votes amongst the remaining nominees.

4.2.4 Only one Badminton Commission Member per Member Association can serve at any one time on the BEC Athletes Commission. Subject to the gender balance envisaged in 4.2.2 above, in the event that more than one Eligible Badminton Player is nominated from the same Member Association, the Eligible 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 election to the BEC Athletes Commission.

4.3 Para-badminton Commission Member

4.3.1 One Commission Member is elected to represent the para-badminton community for a four-year term (**the Para-badminton Commission Member**).

4.3.2 Only Eligible Para-badminton Players can stand for election as the Para-badminton Commission Member.

4.3.3 The Eligible Para-badminton Player, male or female, with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

- 4.3.4 The Para-badminton Commission Member can represent any Member Association, regardless of whether another Badminton Commission Member represents (or has been nominated to represent) the same Member Association.

5 Nominations and Election Process

- 5.1 Eligible Players are elected to the BEC Athletes Commission through the following process:

5.1.1 Nomination

- (a) 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.
- (b) Nominations for election to the BEC Athletes Commission must be made in writing by an Eligible Player self-nominating themselves or, in agreement with the Eligible Player, by an Eligible Player's Member Association on his or her behalf.
- (c) Nominations must be sent directly to the BEC General Secretary so as to reach BEC not later than 4 weeks before the election date. A nomination consists of providing the following information in writing, by completing the BEC Athletes Commission Nomination Form:
 - (i) the name of the Eligible Player nominated;
 - (ii) confirmation that the nominated Eligible Player meets the criteria (outlined in 3 above);
 - (iii) confirmation whether the Eligible Player is standing for election as one of three Badminton Commission Members, or standing for election as the Para-Badminton Commission Member;
 - (iv) a photograph of the nominated Eligible Player;
 - (v) a short biography of the Eligible Player;
 - (vi) the reasons why the nominated Eligible Player seeks election to the BEC Athletes Commission.
- (d) Nominations that meet the eligibility criteria (outlined in section 3) will be sent to all Member Associations and published on the BEC website and social media at least three weeks prior to the election date.

5.1.2 Election

- (a) The BEC Athletes Commission election (i.e. the election of three Badminton Commission Members and one Para-badminton Commission Member) shall normally be held during the European Championships in the year of the Olympic Games. If, for any reason, the election has not taken place or is not taking place at that time, the BEC Board of Directors has discretion to call an election at any other time it sees fit. In particular, the BEC Board of

Directors can choose to have separate elections for the three Badminton Commission Members and for the one Para-badminton Commission Member.

- (b) Only Active European Badminton Players and Active European Para-badminton Players can vote. Each Active European Badminton Player and Active European Para-badminton Player will have one vote.
- (c) Active European Badminton Players can only vote for the Eligible Badminton Players in the election of three Badminton Commission Members. The Active European Para-badminton Players can only vote for the Eligible Para-badminton Player in the election of one Para-badminton Commission Member.
- (d) Voting shall be permitted either (1) in person on the date and location of the elections, or (2) via email to players@badmintoneurope.com until midnight two calendar days before the in-person election date.
- (e) In order to cast a valid vote (in person or by email), Active European Badminton Players and Active European Para-badminton Players must complete the BEC Athletes Commission Voting Form.
- (f) When voting by email, the BEC Athlete Commission Voting Form must be accompanied by passport proof of identity of the voter.

6 Appointment of BEC Athletes Commission Chair

- 6.1.1 The Chair of the BEC Athletes Commission (**the BEC Athletes Commission Chair**) is appointed by the elected members to the BEC Athletes Commission within one calendar week of the Badminton Commission Members election.
- 6.1.2 The BEC Athletes Commission Chair must be one of the three Badminton Commission Members, and shall assume office immediately upon appointment. BEC Athletes Commission may appoint a new Chair at any time.

7 Role of the BEC Athletes Commission

- 7.1 The BEC Athletes Commission will meet from time to time to discuss matters of importance to European Badminton Players and European Para-badminton Players.
- 7.2 The BEC Athletes Commission will act as the link between Active European Badminton Players, Active European Para-badminton Players and the BEC Board of Directors, BEC Committees and BEC Commissions.

7.3 The Athletes Commission Chair

- 7.3.1 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 Committees and BEC Commissions. If the BEC Athletes Commission Chair is unable to attend a BEC Board of Directors meeting, or BEC Committee and/or BEC Commission meetings, he/she can be represented by another BEC Athletes Commission Member.

8 BEC Athletes Commission Member Replacements

- 8.1 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 (as outlined in 3 above) at the date of the appointment. The appointment will be until the next election of the BEC Athletes Commission.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Any replacement on the BEC Athletes Commission must be communicated to the BEC General Secretary within 48 hours of the appointment.
- 8.4 If, in the reasonable view of the BEC Board of Directors, a BEC Athletes Commission Member is no longer an Eligible Player, or is unable to represent players, the BEC Board of Directors may terminate their position as BEC Athletes Commission Member and request the remaining BEC Athletes Commission Members to appoint a replacement.

9 Transition

- 9.1 Subject to section 8 above, BEC Athletes Commission Members will remain elected until the next relevant BEC Athletes Commission elections, even if those elections take place before or after four calendar years expiring.

10 Executive Decisions

- 10.1 The date of the BEC Athletes Commission elections will be determined by the BEC Board of Directors and published on the BEC Website at least three months prior to the election date.
- 10.2 These BEC Athletes Commission Regulations will come into force on the date they are passed by way of Board of Directors vote.

ADOPTED by BEC Board of Directors and valid from 11 January 2024