

ATHLETES COMMISSION INTERNAL RULES

Introduction

This document summarises the steps and requirements for any chess player wishing to be considered for election as a member of the FIDE Athletes' Commission.

1. Role

The role of the Athletes' Commission is to advise the FIDE Council (and other commissions within FIDE) from an athlete perspective including:

- a. providing an athlete's vision to the decision-making processes within FIDE;
- b. promoting and advocating for the rights and interests of athletes;
- c. promoting and advancing an even playing field for chess players including one which is clean, inclusive, safe and upholds the highest ethical standards;
- d. promoting and supporting the establishment of Athletes' Commissions in Area Associations and Member Federations to provide an athlete's perspective into their respective decision-making processes.

2. Composition and Term of Appointment

The Athletes' Commission is composed of 15 members as follows:

- a. 10 members are elected;
- b. 5 members are appointed by the FIDE Council.

The term of election and appointment of all 15 members is 4 years.

In accordance with FIDE principle, to assure gender balance inside its organisation, at least two women and two men must be elected as members of the commission (it means that the two most voted women and men are elected even in the case they would have received less votes than other candidates of the other gender) and the final composition of the Commission must include at least four women and four men.

The Chairman is appointed by the FIDE President from the 10 elected members.
The Secretary is chosen by the Chairman from the Commission members.

A member of the Athletes' Commission, if eligible, may be re-elected or re-appointed for further subsequent and consecutive terms of office up to a maximum of 2 terms (i.e., 8 years).

3. Responsibilities and Expectations

There is preferably at least one in person meeting per year, quarterly conference calls and on-going email consultation in between meetings, as well as promotion and other events when possible.

All members are expected to review all materials when circulated and provide meaningful feedback either in person, by email and/or by conference call, on a variety of important subjects concerning athletes and the sport.

The Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission has the following responsibilities:

- a. chair and prepare the agenda/papers for all meetings of the Athletes' Commission;
- b. be the spokesperson for the Athletes' Commission including to the media;
- c. liaise with the FIDE Council;
- d. prepare and present reports to the FIDE Council;
- e. be the FIDE athlete representative at any forums, groups or presentations as requested by the FIDE Council;
- f. communicate with the members of the Athletes' Commission and other athletes and persons to identify issues for the Athletes' Commission to consider;
- g. any other specific responsibilities as required by the FIDE Council that are within the scope of the role and responsibilities of the Athletes' Commission.

The Chairperson has the right to delegate his/her duty(-es) to the Secretary.

4. Eligibility

Every candidate for election to the Athletes' Commission must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a. be endorsed by their national Federation;
- b. be at least 18 years old;
- c. Candidates must have competed in at least one of the last three FIDE World Championship Cycles, open or Women's (namely: World Cup, Grand Prix Series, Candidates Tournament), or have qualified for the next FIDE World Championship Cycles, open or Women's (namely: World Cup, Grand Prix Series, Candidates Tournament);
- d. be able to speak and understand English reasonably well;
- e. not have been sanctioned by the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission in the past 5 years.

5. Electoral Procedure

Step 1 - Candidate Nomination Form

The Candidature Nomination Form must be completed, signed by the candidate and received by the FIDE Secretariat at least 30 days before the beginning of the election. The Candidature Nomination Form must be sent by email to office@fide.com.

The Candidate Nomination Form is available at fide.com.

In addition, a candidate may also send a one-page (format A4) promotional document in which he/she can detail his/her biography, explaining the reasons for his/her candidature. This form is attached and also available at fide.com.

A list of all the approved candidates, including brief profiles drafted by each candidate, are published no later than 20 days before the beginning of the elections on the FIDE website.

Step 2 - Endorsement by a Member Federation

Any athlete seeking to be a candidate must be endorsed by a Member Federation.

Upon receiving each Candidate Nomination Form, the FIDE Secretariat asks a respective Member Federation for endorsement.

Step 3 – Elections

The Elections Committee is appointed by the FIDE Council. It is responsible for overseeing the Elections. The Elections Committee is composed of three members. The members are announced on the FIDE website prior to the Elections. The Elections Committee organises and supervises the Elections, including determining the valid votes, counting the votes, certifying the results, and notifying the FIDE Council of the outcome.

Only players who have competed in at least one of the last three FIDE World Championship Cycles, open or Women's (namely: World Cup, Grand Prix Series, Candidates Tournament), or have qualified for the next FIDE World Championship Cycles, open or Women's (namely: World Cup, Grand Prix Series, Candidates Tournament), or holders of GM/WGM titles have the right to vote.

Only one male athlete and/or one female from each member federation can be elected.

To be valid, the voting ballot must indicate up to six names.

In case of online voting, the instructions are to be published on the FIDE website prior to the Elections.

The outcome of the election as certified by the Chairperson of the Elections Committee is final and there is no right of appeal.

The names of the elected athletes are published on the FIDE Website.

TEMPORARY RULES FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

The first Athletes Commission elections are to be held from 9 am CET December 11th to 9 am CET December 18th 2020. Voting will be conducted by email.

The first term of election and appointment is of two years until 2022 FIDE Congress.

The Candidature Nomination Form must be completed, signed by the candidate and received by the FIDE Secretariat by November 20th (23:59 CET). The Candidature Nomination Form must be sent by email to office@fide.com.

A list of all the approved candidates, including brief profiles drafted by each candidate, will be published on November 27th on the FIDE website.

The names of the elected athletes will be published on the FIDE Website on December 21st.

A player elected to the Athletes' Commission in 2020, if eligible, may be re-elected or re-appointed for further subsequent and consecutive terms of office up to a maximum of 3 terms (i.e., 10 years).