



TERMS OF REFERENCE

ATHLETES' COMMISSION

- 1. Composition:** the Commission is composed of 11 members who must be at least 16 years of age and never have been sanctioned for a doping offence provided that a National Association may not have more than one (1) representative of the same association, except the Para TT representative who may come from the same association as another member of the Athletes' Commission:
- 1.1 Five (5) athletes elected during the World Championships
 - 1.2 One (1) athlete elected during the Para World Championships
 - 1.3 Three (3) athletes nominated by the ITTF Executive Committee
 - 1.4 Two (2) athletes nominated by the Athletes' Commission
 - 1.5 A member of the IOC Athletes' Commission from TT is automatically a member of the Commission.

The length of the term of office is 4 years which may be renewed. In case of inactive members they may be replaced after one (1) year by the AC.

- 2. Purpose:** the mission of the Athletes' Commission is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within the ITTF. In order to achieve this, the Commission should:
- 2.1 consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the Executive Committee
 - 2.2 represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
 - 2.3 maintain contact with the IOC and IPC Athletes' Commissions.

The Commission shall have the following specific tasks and activities:

- 2.4 to establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in TT through as wide a network of enquiry as possible
- 2.5 to keep the BoD regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance in TT
- 2.6 to report to the Executive Committee on organisational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organised under the ITTF umbrella
- 2.7 to provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by the ITTF
- 2.8 to promote a "healthy image" and "fairplay"
- 2.9 to be the link between active athletes and Executive Committee
- 2.10 to liaise and consult with other Committees and Commissions, where appropriate
- 2.11 to promote and foster the worldwide development of TT.

3. Elected members:

- 3.1 The ITTF will organise an election during the PTT World Championships and the World Championships in the year of and the year following the election of the ITTF Executive Committee respectively.
- 3.2 The ITTF will send information, including an election leaflet which presents all the candidates and gives general information on the elections (dates, locations, voting procedure etc.) to all national associations (NA) and the best 100 men and women players in the ITTF World Ranking list in due time and the election campaign

and process must be organised and conducted by the ITTF Operations Department.

3.3 The eligibility of each candidate is decided and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its meeting held at least one month prior to the world championships but candidates must meet the following criteria:

3.3.1 must be nominated by his/her NA prior to the World Championships where the election takes place or having participated at the previous World Championships

3.3.2 must have been selected by his/her NA

3.3.3 a NA may nominate more than one candidate.

3.4 To be admissible, the candidature proposal must include the following documents and be received by the ITTF by the date set in the invitation:

3.4.1 a candidature form, duly signed by the candidate and the President of his/her NA

3.4.2 a complete biography form

3.4.3 a recent passport photo

3.5 All athletes taking part in the World Championships have the right to vote provided that:

3.5.1 each player has one vote

3.5.2 the vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot

3.5.3 voting by proxy or correspondence is not allowed

3.5.4 abstentions, blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

3.6 The candidates who obtain the highest number of votes are elected to the Commission provided that, in case of a tie, preference is given to a candidate:

3.6.1 of a continent not yet represented

3.6.2 to balance gender equity

3.6.3 finally to the highest ranked candidate in the ITTF World Ranking.

4. Appointed members (5): after the elections:

4.1 the AC can nominate 2 athletes ensuring a fair balance in terms of continents, gender equity and skills required.

4.2 the Executive Committee can complete the membership of the Commission with a maximum of 3 other members (active or *retired* but former players having taken part at least at one World Championships) in order to ensure a fair balance in terms of continents, gender equity etc.

5. Chair and Deputy Chair of the Commission

5.1 The Chair will be proposed to the Executive Committee, and endorsed by, the Commission itself. He/she could be an active or retired player.

5.2 The Deputy Chair will be proposed and endorsed by the Commission itself. He/she could be an active or retired player.

6. Role of the chairperson: in addition to the general requirements, the chairperson, or nominee, shall represent the Commission in IOC, IPC and ITTF meetings as requested.

7. Representation of the Commission in the ITTF:

7.1 The chair of the Commission or his/her representative is a full member of the BOD

7.2 The chair of the Commission or his/her representative shall represent the Athletes' Commission at meetings of the Executive Committee but shall have no vote.

8. Meetings of the Commission:

8.1 The Commission shall meet at least once a year before, at, or after the World

Championships.

8.2 The ITTF is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet:

8.2.1 100% of the cost of a prepaid ticket or the agreed economy class airfare or train fare for those athletes who are not participants at the World Championships from the member's home city to the designated meeting venue.

8.2.2 full board accommodation for the official dates stated in the invitation to the meeting.

8.3 The working language of the Commission will be English.

RACKET CONTROL MISSION STATEMENT

Racket control seeks to contribute to the spirit of fair play through ensuring equal playing conditions in our sport. It promotes:

- the **health** of players and officials through the implementation of "Agenda 21" adopted by the United Nations and Olympic Movement by removing volatile organic compounds which are potentially harmful to humans and/or the environment;
- **fair play** so that players are able to demonstrate their skills and fitness on an even playing field;
- **spectator enjoyment** of the game through being able to appreciate players' own finesse and performance without performance-enhancing additives;
- **transparency** in the use of personal equipment by the players through thorough non-invasive tests to detect any irregularities or infractions.

22 September 2011 and 26 December 2011

11 February 2013

17 May 2013 (BoD)

30 April 2015 (BoD)