

# **Athletes Commission UK Athletics**

## **Election Process**

### **Background**

The Board of UK Athletics has approved the creation of an Athletes Commission and nominations are requested from international athletes, current and former, to become members of the Commission which will have up to 12 members.

All British athletes who have competed for a British Athletics team within the past six years and are over 18 will be eligible to stand for election as a Commission member on condition they meet the criteria noted below in the Nominations section.

Following receipt of nominations, elections will be held in which All British athletes who have competed for a British Athletics team within the past six years and are over 18 will be able to vote on the candidates standing for election as Commission member.

It is intended that the membership of the elected Athletes Commission will reflect the diversity of athletes and the composition of the Commission is planned to be representative of the British athletics team in terms of BAME and have at any given time:

- at least 33% of members being male and female respectively
- at least 33% of members from able bodied and Paralympic events respectively
- at least 15% of members from non-Olympic/Paralympic events
- at least 33% current international athletes  
(have competed for GBR in the year to 31 March 2017)
- no more than two athletes from any one event

Following receipt of nominations, the election process will be specified to enable achievement of the above representative membership of the Athletes Commission.

One member of the Athletes Commission, normally the Chair, will be nominated by the Commission as an athletes' representative on the UK Members Council. Their nomination will be put forward to Members of UKMC to approve their appointment to UKMC.

### **Purpose of the Athletes Commission**

- To ensure that the Board of UK Athletics is able to benefit from the perspective and expertise of international athletes in its deliberations and decision making
- To provide international athletes with a formal mechanism for ensuring that their views on important matters are heard at Board level by UK Athletics

### **Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference for the Athletes Commission are attached and are also available on the British Athletics official website

## **Nominations for Membership of Athletes Commission**

Any British athlete who has competed for a British Athletics team within the past six years and are over 18 will be eligible to nominate themselves for election as a Commission member on condition they meet the following criteria:

- evidence of their commitment to fulfilling the objects and representing the values of UK Athletics;
- evidence of skills and competencies required for the fulfilment of the duties of Commission member;
- there is no reason to believe that if elected, the candidate would bring UK Athletics into disrepute
- not have served a ban from the sport

## **Term of Office**

On the formation of the Athletes Commission, all members will be invited to stand for an initial two year term of office. This may be extended as detailed in the 'Maximum terms of office' section within the Terms of Reference for the Athletes Commission.

## **Election Procedures**

The formal election procedures will be administered by UK Athletics and will consist of:

- Electronic call for applicants, also published on the British Athletics website and in Athletics Weekly
- Applicants to submit a nomination form and a one page A4 summary outlining their suitability for the role
- Confidential voting to be done on line, with the link being sent to all known eligible athletes on the UKA database
- Formal election of Commission members will be done via majority voting subject to meeting the Commission composition requirements listed above

## **Timetable for 2017 Election**

- Thursday 18 May – Invitation to submit nominations and article in Athletics Weekly
- Thursday 15 June – Nominations close at noon  
(Note – nomination forms to be accompanied by one page A4 summary outlining the candidate's suitability for the role)
- Monday 26 June – Issue of election ballot papers and instructions
- Friday 28 July – Election Ballot closes at noon
- Monday 31 July – Announcement of outcome of elections