



UWW ATHLETES COMMISSION

Terms of Reference

Important: The commission meets at least once a year

Members of the Athletes' Commission have to protect the rights and interests of all United World Wrestling Olympic style athletes. The Athletes' Commission members reach out and communicate with active athletes as peers to collect feedback. The Athletes' Commission acts as the voice of the athletes to United World Wrestling.

The Athletes Commission has the responsibility:

- To actively communicate with all UWW Olympic style athletes.
- To provide important information to all active UWW Olympic style athletes.
- To propose improvements on behalf of the athletes to the UWW Bureau.
- To contribute their opinions to the UWW Executive Committee on amendments to the rules.
- To propose to the UWW Executive Committee improvements to the competition system and to the rules.
- To actively develop and organize the athletes' ambassador program in collaboration with the UWW Development Department.
- To provide feedback on the content of the Athlete Transition Program and actively promote the program to all athletes.
- To uphold the Olympic Movement's *Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration*

UWW commissions may have to work jointly on some specific subjects.

Eligibility criteria & election rules

The Athletes Commission is composed of nine (9) Members. Three (3) seats minimum are reserved for Women. All continents must be represented in the Athletes Commission by at least one member. One of these continental members sit on the Executive Committee of the concerned Continental Council as Athlete representative.

National Federations may put forward one athlete per discipline. If elected, only one may be part of the commission.

The candidates must:

1. Be eighteen years old minimum.
2. Be proposed by, and be in good standing with their National Federation, which must be members in good standing with UWW.
3. Have never been sanctioned, or currently under investigation, by UWW or the competent body of any national federation for a major disciplinary, ethical or antidoping offence.
4. Be currently active or recent athlete: candidates must they must have been entered in any major UWW event (e.g. World Championship or Olympic Games) in the previous four (6) years.
5. Adhere to [UWW Code of Ethics and regulations](#)



6. Commit to Athletes' Rights: Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to advocating for athletes' rights and welfare, aligning with the principles outlined in the [IOC's Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration](#).
7. Have a **good command of English**.

The 9 Members of the Commission are elected by secret ballot by the Wrestlers entered in the World Championship the year following the Olympic Games. Their mandate is a four (4) year term and is renewable.

The UWW President can appoint further Commission members, to ensure a good balance between regions, gender and styles, and promote diversity of backgrounds.

The Chairperson of the Commission is elected by the elected Members of the Commission. The Chairperson seat on the UWW Bureau and is entitled the same rights and obligations as the other elected Bureau Members. The Chairperson has voting rights at the Congress.