

ATHLETES' COMMISSION CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

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Message from the Chair of the Athletes' Commission

Over the many years I've spent at the top level of our sport, one of the biggest changes I have witnessed is how much more powerful the voice of the athlete has become – especially in helping shape the future of athletics.

Since I became the Chair of the World Athletics Athletes' Commission in 2019, I have seen first-hand how those in charge of our sport have increasingly listened to and valued athletes' input on important subjects.

This development has also highlighted the reality that many athletes are not content to simply participate in the sport – they want to shape its future, which is what the Athletes' Commission is here to do.

Through amendments to the Constitution, we as athletes, now have more influence on a global level. And it is up to us to make use of the opportunity this presents.

As the democratically elected Athletes' Commission it is not only our duty to stand up for athletes globally, to promote and advocate for the rights and interests of athletes, to support the advancement of an even, inclusive, safe, and clean playing field, but also to advise and to educate athletes around the world and to use the power of the sport we love, to promote a healthier and fitter society.

Through the Athletes' Commission, we now have two seats at the table when decisions are made at the World Athletics Council – with two voting seats being held by the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. We also form part of all other Commissions and Working Groups and can provide direct input in shaping the future of our sport – across all areas we care about. Be it competition, governance, integrity, safeguarding, development, or the promotion of our sport to the wider public.

As elite athletes, we have a powerful platform through which we can draw attention to issues in the sport and beyond. We can lend a voice to those who may not be heard otherwise. But the most effective way for us to lobby and bring about change, is by doing it together.

We need input from athletes all around the world and from events that span the full spectrum of our sport. We need athletes, who are dedicated, willing to speak up and make time to tackle issues that may not directly affect them – but do affect the wider athlete community.

As a Commission, we have grown in strength, but to make key differences in the evolution of our sport, we want to encourage more athletes to find their voice. We may be competitors on the track, in the field and on the roads, but away from that we are one powerful collective.

And ultimately, we all want the same thing: a better future for our sport.

If you want to make a difference for your fellow athletes, I encourage you to run for election to the Athletes' Commission in 2022.

Renaud Lavillenie,
World Athletics Athletes' Commission Chair

How to use the Form

Candidate Nomination Forms (Parts A, B and C) must be received by World Athletics by no later than **15 April 2022** (23:59 CET)¹.

Please send the form to compliance@worldathletics.org. You can use this address to contact us if you have any questions.

This form is made of three parts. Each part must be filled in:

Part A: Candidate's identification

Part B: Member Federation's nomination

Part C: Candidate's Biography and Candidacy Statement

¹ Forms received after the deadline will not be processed.

Part A – The Candidate

Personal Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Nationality:

World Athletics' Athlete's ID number:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Contact Information

Email:

Phone number (with international code):

Country of Residence:

Eligibility

Date of Eligibility Letter issued by World Athletics' Vetting Panel: DDMMYYYY

Signature

Date and place:

Athlete's signature: (A digital signature is acceptable)

Part B – The Member Federation

Nomination

Name of Member Federation:

Criteria

Only Member Federations that are not currently represented on the Athletes Commission can nominate a Candidate.

By signing this form the Member Federation confirms that the Athlete:

- Is a current member of the Member Federation (or a body affiliated to the Member Federation, such as a club);
- Is at least 18 years old;
- Has competed in at least one of the last two World Athletics Championships, or in the last Olympic Games, or is a competitor in the World Athletics Championships at which the election is being held;
- Is able to speak and understand English reasonably well;
- Has been declared eligible by the Vetting Panel in accordance with the Vetting Rules.

The decision to nominate the Athlete was made on DDMMYYYY by:

(insert name of body authorised to nominate Candidates in accordance with the Member Federation's Constitution, Rules or Regulations, ie the Council, the Board, etc):

Signature

The nomination form is signed by (full name of signatory):

Position:

Email address:

Mobile / telephone number:

Date and place:

Signature by authorised Signatory:

Part C – Biography and Candidacy Statement

The information you provide in Part C will be published on the Athletes' Commission election page of the official World Athletics website and promoted via our official media channels.

There will be no edits made to your text –we will publish it in your own words and as you have typed it.

Please make sure you do a spell check and are happy with the content and message before sending.

Passport-size coloured profile picture - Please send in separate file in jpeg or gif format.

World Athletics will use this picture for your Candidate's profile on the website and for any communication on social media.

Athletics Disciplines:

Languages spoken:

Sport career and athletics achievements:

Professional Career:

Sport Administration:

Three words that describe you best:

Your objective as a Candidate in one sentence:

Candidacy Statement

Please explain why you wish to be elected to the World Athletics Athletes' Commission and how you want to use the position if elected.

The statement must be typed and should not exceed 500 words. This statement should be addressed to the athletes encouraging them to vote for you.

Why I am running for the election:

Next Steps

Approval by Election Oversight Panel

The independent Election Oversight Panel will review your nomination to ensure it complies with the Rules and Regulations.

You will be notified as soon as the review is completed.

Campaign material

If your nomination is approved, World Athletics will work with you to produce your campaign material.

This will include your Candidate Profile and Statement and a short video message to promote your Candidacy that you will record with our guidance.

Publication of Candidate List and Campaign period

The Election Oversight Panel will publish the list of Candidates approximately 1.5 months before the elections.

The Campaign period (the period during which Candidates are allowed to campaign) starts on the day the Candidate List is published.

You will receive specific guidance about how to campaign and what is not permitted in advance of the start of the campaign period.

Elections

Elections will be held during the first 5 days of the 2022 World Athletics Championships.

Voting stations will be set up around the Athletes' accommodations. Every athlete competing at the 2022 World Athletics Championships can vote at the Athletes' Commission election.

Results

World Athletics will announce the results of the vote during the World Athletics Championships.



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