

ATHLETES' COMMISSION 2025 ELECTIONS CANDIDATE PACK



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1. Introduction

The elections to the Athletes' Commission will be held between 8 and 20 September 2025, during the 2025 World Athletics Championships due to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

In this pack, you will find the requirement to nominate and be elected to the Athletes' Commission. There are six (6) positions available for election.

The Terms of Reference for the Commission and its 4-year Plan can be found in the Library [here](#).

The importance of athletes to decision-making within World Athletics has been recognised in its governance reforms.

Since 2019, the Chairperson and one other member of the Athletes' Commission are full voting members of the World Athletics Council.

2. Role, composition, and requirements

Read below for a description of what it means to be a Member of the Athletes' Commission.

2.1 Role

The Athletes' Commission is part of World Athletics' decision-making process.

It advises the Council on the athletes' perspective(s) and serves as a link between the athletes and World Athletics.

2.2 Composition and Term of Appointment

The Athletes' Commission is comprised of up to 18 members as follows:

- 12 members who are elected by their peers;
- Up to 6 other members, who are nominated by Member Federations and appointed by the Council.

Of the 12 elected members, 6 are elected at each World Athletics Championships, so there is an election of 6 athletes every 2 years.

The term of appointment is generally 4 years, commencing on the closing day of the World Athletics Championships when announced through World Athletics' official communication channels, and expiring 4 years later.

The maximum number of terms that an Athlete can serve is 3 (i.e., 12 years).

2.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the 2025 elections, every Athlete must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be a current member of their Member Federation (or a body affiliated to the Member Federation, such as a club);
- Be nominated by a Member Federation that is not currently represented on the Athletes Commission;
- Be at least 18 years old;
- Have competed in at least one of the last two World Athletics Championships, or in the last Olympic Games, or be a competitor in the World Athletics Championships at which the election is being held;
- Be able to speak and understand English reasonably well;
- Be eligible in accordance with the Vetting Rules ([Book B: B3.2 - Vetting Rules](#)).

3. Steps to be elected

3.1 Overview

These are the steps to the 2025 Athletes' Commission elections:

What?	When?
Step 1 – Eligibility (vetting) of athletes seeking to run for election	7 April 2025 midnight CET – Deadline to apply to the Eligibility verification step*
Step 2 – Nomination Form signed and sent by Candidate or Member Federation	7 June 2025 midnight CET* – Deadline to submit Nomination Form for eligible Candidates
Step 3 – Publication of Candidates' list and start of Campaign Period	25 August 2025 – Candidates can campaign once the official List is published
Step 4 – Elections	8 to 20 September 2025 - Athletes vote at the World Championships
Step 5 – Results announced	21 September 2025 – election results announced By World Athletics

*Athletes and/or MFs must contact compliance@worldathletics.org to apply for the Eligibility process and to submit Nominations.

**These deadlines will be strictly enforced – applications received after the deadlines will not be considered, in fairness to the Candidates who complied with the timeframe.

3.2 Detailed Steps

Step 1 – Prospective Candidates apply to be vetted

Anyone seeking elections at World Athletics must first be declared Eligible by the World Athletics' Vetting Panel.

The Vetting Panel is the independent body in charge of verifying the track record, integrity and reputation of anyone seeking a role in World Athletics.

To take part in the process, prospective Candidates should contact compliance@worldathletics.org no later than 7 April 2025 midnight CEST.

No application will be considered after the deadline.

Vetting consists of a verification of a person's background and personal information to ensure the Candidate:

- is able to meet the high standards of conduct and integrity required of the position;
- is of good character and reputation;
- has fully disclosed all Significant Interests and is free of any actual conflict of interest.

Relevant criteria for the Vetting Panel include if the Candidate:

- Is or has ever been the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action, (whether or not in any sporting context including within Athletics), resulting in adverse findings about the person's credibility, integrity, honesty or reputation; or,

- Has at any time not complied with the law; or has been the subject of any public controversy, that is likely to adversely affect the reputation or interests of the sport of Athletics or World Athletics; or,
- Is unwilling or unable to deal with any potential or actual Conflict of Interest.

The eligibility verification also applies to persons who have already been vetted, although in this case they will benefit from a "fast track" vetting process.

Candidates who pass the vetting will be sent a letter confirming their eligibility.

Step 2 - Nomination Supported by a Member Federation

Athletes who were declared eligible by the Vetting Panel must be nominated by their Member Federation.

A Member Federation can only nominate one candidate. The decision to nominate must be made by the appropriate Body in the Member Federation and in accordance with its Constitution or applicable Rules and Regulations¹.

Only Member Federations whose athletes are currently not members of the [Athletes' Commission](#) can nominate Candidates to the 2025 election.

The Nomination Form must be signed by the Candidate and a senior Officer of the Candidate's Member Federation (i.e., the President, the Secretary General or the Chief Executive).

It must be received by World Athletics at compliance@worldathletics.org by no later than 7 June 2025 midnight CET.

¹ In the event an Athlete who has otherwise complied with the Vetting requirements, but has not received the nomination of their Member Federation (for whatever reason), the amended Candidacy Rules, effective 13 December 2024, provide that "if the candidate has indicated in their completed Candidate Application Form that endorsement by their Member Federation has not been provided, the Election Oversight Panel will notify the candidate's Member Federation in writing of the proposed candidature to verify whether there are valid reasons for not endorsing the candidature. The matter will then be reviewed by the Election Oversight Panel who will decide on the matter and contact the athlete and Member Federation within a specified time period. There will be no right of appeal to the Election Oversight Panel's decision."

The Candidate Nomination Form is available in the [Library](#) section of the World Athletics website.

Only this form can be used.

Step 3 – Campaign

The Election Oversight Panel will confirm to each Candidate whether their nomination is compliant and has been approved. Once approved:

- A list of all the approved candidates (with their campaign material) will be sent to the Member Federations and published on World Athletics' website, no later than 15 days before the election (i.e around 25 August 2025).
- The publication of the list of Candidates will launch the "Campaign Period".
- During the Campaign Period, Candidates can promote their campaign in accordance with the [Candidacy Rules](#) and any directive issues by the Election Oversight Panel. This will include, for example, sharing a video message or campaign material on social media.

All campaigning must be done with honesty, dignity and moderation in all spoken and written statements.

Step 4 – Voting

The location of the World Athletics Voting Centres will be confirmed approximately one month before the 2025 World Championships:

- All athletes holding a "TA" accreditation at the World Athletics Championships, Tokyo 2025 have the right to vote. Only one vote per accredited athlete is permitted.
- Voting will be available in person and online.

- Voting will commence from the date the accreditation centre opens (which will be same day as when any online voting opens) at the World Athletics Championships through to the penultimate day of the World Athletics Championships.

The vote will be undertaken by secret ballot and to be valid, the voting ballot must indicate six names, no more, no less.

After voting has closed, the Election Oversight Panel will inform World Athletics of the result. The outcome of the election is final and there is no right of appeal.

Following the election, the World Athletics Council will review the election results and approve the elected Candidates as Members of the Athletes' Commission.

Step 5 - Announcement of Results

The names of the elected athletes will be announced, before the closing of World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 and published on World Athletics' website. Member Federations will also be informed of the results via Circular.

