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An ACF Athlete Commission will be established in 2019.

The mission of the ACF Athlete Commission is to communicate the interests of high-performance curlers in cooperative support of the ACF achieving its mission. The foundation of the ACF Athlete Commission is necessary to meet constitutional requirements.

The ACF Athlete Commission will serve as an independent and a consultative body, and act as the collective voice of our Athletes.

The ACF Athlete Commission acts as the link between high performance athletes, the ACF Executive, other ACF committees and will have an Executive member of the ACF to act as a liaison between the two bodies.

In order to be a member of the Athlete Commission the definition of an Athlete (similar to IOC requirements) must be met: Any curler who, within the preceding 8 years, has represented Australia at one of the following WCF sanctioned events:

- World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships
- World Junior B Curling Championships
- Pacific-Asia Curling Championships (Men's, Women's, Wheelchair)
- World Senior's Curling Championships

The Athlete Commission strives to have diversity among its members and hence comprise both genders, and representation from all ACF states.

The ACF will be accepting nominations from each state for athletes to be appointed to the Athlete Commission. Nominees must meet the required definition of the Athlete and cannot be a voting member of the current ACF Executive.

In 2021 an election system will be put in place for the Athlete Commission.

Please submit nominations (male and female from each state), endorsed by an Executive state member, to President Kim Forge at Forge.kim.d@gmail.com by September 30, 2019.

ACF Athlete Commission - Terms of Reference

Approved by the Executive Committee of the Australian Curling Federation (ACF) on 10 September 2019.

Background

The foundation of the ACF Athlete Commission is necessary to meet constitutional requirements.

The first Athlete Commission will be appointed by the ACF Executive Committee at the next meeting on 19 November 2019 based on nominations from State Associations (SAs).

Objective

The mission of the ACF Athlete Commission is to communicate the interests of the Athletes in cooperative support of the ACF achieving its mission.

- The Athlete Commission will serve as an independent and a consultative body, and act as a link between active curlers (athletes), the ACF Executive.

Guiding Principles

The ACF Athlete Commission (AAC) will:

- Use our passion for curling to be the collective voice of our Athletes.
- Be a non-political body that provides recommendations and solutions.
- Actively engage our Athletes in the process.
- Be proactive and responsive with our work.
- Value the unique contributions and perspectives of all our Athletes, the ACF, its State Associations, and the AOC.

Authority/Limits of the Committee

- The Athlete Commission will define its own approach in order to obtain results within its specific field, this approach will be agreed with the ACF Executive Committee liaison.

Duration/Timelines

- Election of new members will take place by “Athletes elected by Athletes”.
- The first Athlete Commission will start to rotate 2 members in 2021. The new members shall be announced after the last nationals occurring in 2021.
- Creation and dissolution of Athlete Commission is under the ACF Committee authority

Composition

- The number of members in the ACF Athlete Commission shall be 4 + an ACF Executive Committee liaison.
- The Athlete Commission shall elect a “Skip” and a “Vice Skip” from different ACF states.
- To be eligible for election as a member of the Athlete Commission, the requirements of the definition of an Athlete must be met. An Athlete is any curler who, within the preceding 8 years, has represented Australia at one of the following WCF sanctioned events:
 1. World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships
 2. World Junior Curling Championships (must be a current Junior)
 3. Pacific-Asia Curling Championships (Men’s, Women’s)
 4. World Senior’s Curling Championships (Men/Women)
- The Athlete Commission shall strive to have diversity among its members and comprise both genders, wheelchair representative and representation from all ACF states.

Succession Planning

The election system of members to the Athlete Commission will be developed to secure continuance among its members from 2021 onwards.

Budget Required

- The Athlete Commission duties will be completed during the meetings outlined within this Terms of Reference, by teleconference calls or by electronic means.
- Any requirement for funding shall be directed through ACF Executive liaison to the ACF Executive for consideration.

Reporting Requirements

- Regular reporting to the Executive.
- The Secretary will make available resources to the Athlete Commission as needed and achievable within the resources available to Secretary.