

STATUTES - ELECTION OF THE ATHLETES COMMISSION.

- 4.5.1 The elections for the Athletes Commission are held at the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.
- 4.5.2 All athletes who, in the weapon in which they fence, have been entered to compete in either one of the last two Olympic Games or at least one of the Open World Championships held over the last 5 years can be a candidate for the Athletes Commission.
- If the fencer has fenced several weapons during such competitions, he must choose only one of those weapons for this candidature.
- Each member federation can nominate one single athlete for the Athletes Commission
- 4.5.3 Each member federation shall indicate to the FIE the name of its candidate two months before the first day of the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games.
- 4.5.4 One month before the World Championships, the F.I.E. shall send to each member federation the list of the candidates.
- 4.5.5 The athletes who will participate in the Open World Championships in the year following the Olympic Games will elect six representatives (always among the athletes nominated by the member Federations) for a four year term.
- 4.5.6 A list of candidates will be established, all weapons combined, and each participant shall vote for 6 athletes maximum, whatever weapon the athletes are applying for.
- 4.5.7 The voting athletes will personally go to the office of the FIE at the competition site to fill in their voting slip and deposit them in the ballot box, after having verified their identity by presenting their accreditation and having signed the attendance sheet.
- 4.5.8 One single ballot box will be provided for all weapons.
- 4.5.9 The voting will be open for all weapons and will begin on the first day of the World Championships, and will end at noon local time on the last day of the World Championships.
- 4.5.10 The candidates who have received the greatest number of votes will be elected, without distinction of weapon.
- 4.5.11 In case of a tie, the candidate who has the highest placing in the world Open ranking on the date of the opening of the Open World Championships will have the preference.
- 4.5.12 The Executive Committee, at its first meeting after these Open World Championships, will nominate up to 6 athletes among the list of athletes submitted by their national federations. The athletes are nominated for a four year term. If the submitted candidacies allow it, all 6 weapons and four zones – Europe, America, Africa and Asia/Oceania – must be represented within the commission.
- 4.5.13 The federations will be informed of the result of the athletes' votes at the closing ceremony of the Open World Championships and the complete list of names will be provided by the Executive Committee with as little delay as possible.