



Athletes' Commission of Wrestling Federation of India

What is the Athletes' Commission

Athletes Commission is a group of athletes, whose mission is to:

- Represent the athletes' viewpoint in decision-making.
- Support athletes to success in their sporting and non-sporting career.

Why have Athletes' Commission

- Athletes' involvement in decision-making is a core component of good governance within sports organization and help safeguard the credibility of sport.
- An Athletes Commission enables athletes' voices to be heard and experiences used for the improvement of sport.

Who is the Athletes' Commission

Athletes' Commission is a model of athlete involvement that is replicated across a wide variety of Olympic Movement stakeholders. The remit of an Athletes' Commission varies depending on the athletes they represent and their mandate within their organization.

The Athletes' Commissions across the country communicates on a regular basis and the WFI Athletes' Commission brings this network together, and engages with them through events such as the WFI Athletes Forum, regular video conferences and online discussion forums. Regular communication ensures the WFI Athletes' Commission is discussing the most relevant athlete issues directly with athletes and it provides an opportunity to support and learn from each other.

The benefit of the Athletes' Commission

An Athletes Commission can strengthen the decision-making process by:

- Ensuring that all decisions across the organization consider the impact on the athletes.
- Providing a platform and resource for discussion and research related to new ideas and issues.
- Providing advice and a perspective straight from the field of play.
- Consulting with athletes and providing early feedback on potential decisions that will affect them.
- Strengthening the links with athletes through peer-to-peer communication.
- Updating athletes about the organization's activities from an informed person.
- Becoming ambassadors and supporting the organization in its mission to develop and promote the sport.
- Being a point of contact for their athlete community to support both the athletes and the organization's communications.

What could WFI the Athletes' Commission discuss

- Sport rules and regulations
- Events, qualifying and the program of championships
- Gender equality
- Athlete support
- Anti-doping
- Athlete welfare
- Athletes Commission elections
- Athlete image rights

Responsibility of the Athletes' Commission

- To actively communicate with all wrestlers across the country
- To provide important information to all active wrestlers across the country
- To propose improvements on behalf of the athletes to the WFI Executive Committee
- To contribute their opinion to the WFI Executive Committee improvements to the competition system and to the rules.
- To actively develop and organize the athletes' ambassador program in collaboration with the WFI.
- To provide feedback on the content of the Athlete Transition Program and actively promote the program to all athletes.

Eligibility Criteria & Election Rules of the Athletes' Commission

The Athlete's Commission is consisting of 7 Members on a tenure basis. Minimum 2 seats are reserved for the Women. The representatives across the country are the member of the Athletes Commission. One of the members of the Athletes' Commission has the right to attend the Executive Committee of WFI.

For the contesting the election, a candidate fulfills the following criteria:

- A candidate must be 18 years old
- He / she should not be sanctioned for doping, disciplinary charge or for any violation against the integrity of sports during their career.
- A candidate must have participated in any Asian Championship, World Championship, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games in the previous 6 years.
- He / she must be well conversant about Hindi or English language.
- All the members of the Athletes Commission are elected by the secret ballot paper by the Wrestlers entered in the National Championships conducted by the WFI of the concerned year.
- The tenure of the Athletes Commission will be 2 years and is renewable.
- The President WFI can appoint further Commission members.
- The Chairman of the Athletes Commission is elected by the elected 7 Members of the Commission. The Chairman can attend the Executive Committee Meeting and entitled the same rights and obligations as the other elected Executive Members of WFI.

Since the elections of the Executive Committee of Wrestling Federation of India has already been held and the Executive Committee of WFI has unanimously formed the Athletes' Commission and the following are the members of the Commission for a period of one year functioning from 16th January 2024 and next election of the Athletes' Commission will be held in the 2024 Senior National Wrestling Championship in November / December 2024.

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| 1. Mr. Yogeshwar Dutt | : | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Sarita Mor | : | Member |
| 3. Ms. Bharti Baghel | : | Member |
| 4. Mr. Narsingh Pancham Yadav | : | Member |
| 5. Ms. Priyanshi Prajapati | : | Member |
| 6. Ms. Anjana U. Rajan | : | Member |
| 7. Ms. Mansi Bhadana | : | Member |