



## **BY-LAW**

### **Elections of FIB Athletes Committee Members**

#### **Electoral Rules 2025**

##### **1) Background**

In line with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) principles, we introduced Athletes representation at the FIB Executive Committee (EC) in 2023. The Fundamental mission of the Athletes Committee is to represent Athletes in FIB's governance, support them to succeed on and off the field, during and after their active career.

According to FIB Statues Article 32.2, the Athletes Committee shall be elected by the Athletes in line with the Athletes Committee By-Law. Due to no World Championship being held in 2024, an election was not possible to be organized. The Athletes Committee was then appointed in compliance with the Interim Rules of the Athletes Committee By-Law.

Set out below in these Athletes Committee Electoral Rules is the process for the election of the members of the Athletes Committee. The Election will be held during the 2025 World Championships for Men's A group, Men's B group and Women.

##### **2) Composition and eligibility**

2.1 Article 3.1 of the Athletes Committee By-Law prescribes that the composition of the Athletes Committee are to be composed by the following terms:

- a. The Athletes Committee shall consist of five (5) members.
- b. A maximum limit of (1) member per country.
- c. A minimum of two (2) members from both genders.

2.2 Article 3.2 of the Athletes Committee By-Law prescribes the following eligibility criteria for candidates seeking to be elected to the Athletes Committee:

- a. A candidate must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of election.
- b. A candidate must have participated in FIB sanctioned events maximum four (4) years prior to the election.
- c. A candidate may never have committed any violation of the Anti-Doping Rule under the World Anti-Doping Code or the FIB Anti-Doping Rules.

##### **3) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Athletes Committee**

3.1 Article 3.4 of the Athletes Committee By-Law prescribes that the Chair shall be elected among the members of the Athletes Committee by the members of the Athletes Committee. The Athletes Committee may also elect a Vice Chair.

##### **4) Term of office**

4.1 Article 5 of the Athletes Committee By-Law prescribes that the term of office for the elected members and Chair of the Athletes is four (4) years.

4.2 The term of office starts when the Athletes Committee is elected. The date of the election is herein defined as the date of announcement of the election results at the FIB Congress.

4.3 Article 5 of the Athletes Committee By-Law prescribes that the members are eligible for re-election if they meet the conditions in Article 3.2 of the Athletes Committee By-Law.

## **5) Nomination**

5.1 Nomination of a person for election to the Athletes Committee shall be made by a Member Association, with the consent of the person nominated.

5.2 A Member Association can nominate a maximum of one (1) male and one (1) female.

5.3 A Member Association shall only nominate athletes with citizenship in its country.

5.4 The deadline of a nomination of a candidate is 23:59 pm in Stockholm, Sweden on the 24th of February 2025.

## **6) Eligibility vetting**

6.1 All candidates nominated for election to the Athletes Committee shall be subjected to a determination by the Election Committee as to whether the candidate is eligible or ineligible.

6.2 The Election Committee must by no later than the 28th of February 2025 determine the eligibility or non eligibility of nominated candidates.

6.3 A list of nominated candidates who are eligible shall then be published on the FIB website.

6.4 Only the persons who are declared as an Eligible Candidate by the Election Committee shall be entitled to election to the Athletes Committee.

## **7) Voting and election method**

7.1 The 2025 Athletes Committee Election shall take place during one (1) day of the period of each of the following FIB events:

- a. Men's World Championship B group 10th to 14th of March 2025.
- b. Men's World Championship A group 24th to 30th of March 2025.
- c. Women's World Championship 24th to 30th of March 2025.

7.2 Each athlete competing at the FIB events named in Article 15 of this By-Law shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote in the 2025 Athletes Committee Election.

7.3 Each athlete voting in the election shall be required to show a valid ID together with their players accreditation when casting their vote. The Election Management Group shall conduct the ID-check.

7.4 The 2025 Athletes Committee Election shall be conducted by secret ballot voting.

7.5 The 2025 Athletes Committee Election shall be conducted using ballot papers.

7.6 Each ballot paper shall include a list of all Eligible Candidates including the following information:

- a. Name of the Eligible Candidate,
- b. Nationality of the Eligible Candidate,
- c. Gender of the Eligible Candidate.

7.7 An Eligible Voter may vote for between one (1) and five (5) Eligible Candidates, however a ballot paper shall be invalid in any event where an Eligible Voter casts a vote for any amount of Eligible Candidates that's less than one (1) or greater than five (5).

7.8 In the case of a tie for any position, the person to be declared elected shall be decided by a drawing of lots conducted by the Election Management Group, provided that the Article 1.b and 1.c of this By-Law is observed and complied with.

## **8) Election Management Group**

8.1 An Election Management Group shall have the operational responsibility to ensure compliance with the Electoral Rules.

8.2 The Election Management Group shall consist of the following:

- a. The General Secretary of FIB or another member of the Executive Committee appointed by the General Secretary of FIB,
- b. One person appointed by the local organization of the FIB event where the election is held,
- c. One person who is a member of the current Athletes Committee and who is not a candidate in the Election, or one athlete of the current Athletes Committees choice, who is competing at the FIB event where the election is held and who is not a candidate in the Election.

## **9) Announcement of Election Results**

9.1 The results of the 2025 Election of the Athletes Committee shall be announced at the FIB Congress on the 29th of March 2025, which is considered the date of the election.

## **10) Executive Committee**

10.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered in this By-Law regarding the 2025 Athletes Committee Election. The Executive Committee shall decide according to right and justice.

## **11) Adoption and enforcement**

This By-Law was adopted by the FIB executive Committee on 17 February 2025 and comes into force immediately.