



FIB Athletes Committee (AC) Meeting

**27th of October 2025
Online**

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Meeting

Rebecca Draper welcomes everybody to the meeting.

2. Roll Call

AC members present:

Rebecca Draper, USA	Chair
Gian Luca Beeler, SUI	Vice Chair
Jordan Braam, NED	AC Member
Judith Waller, GBR	AC Member
Sanna Gustafsson, SWE	AC Member

Five (5) AC members present, the quorum of three (3) was formed

Protocol by Rebecca Draper

3. IOC Athletes Commission meeting from the 22th of October

The Chair of the AC attended the call with the global network of athlete representatives with the IOC Athletes' Commission and Kristy Coventry. It was wonderful to hear from Kristy and fellow athletes. An interesting and important topic brought to light was the barriers for athletes to compete in the Olympics.

4. Nomination for IOC Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Champions

Gender equality, diversity and inclusion are integral components of the IOC's vision of building a peaceful and better world through sport. The IOC is committed to consolidating the Olympic Games as one of the most effective global platforms for

promoting those subjects. The Champions are awarded annually. This Award presents an important opportunity to recognise those outstanding individuals who are working towards advancing gender equality, diversity and inclusion in and through sport across the world. The AC supports the movement but has nobody to nominate for this year's award.

5. Hall of Fame Proposal

In the meeting from the 14th of July the AC proposed to remove the game or year requirement from each category. After consultation with the EC during the October EC meeting(s), it was requested that the AC specify the number of games or year requirement.

Discussion was held around the topic, noting that the current set-up for World Championships differs between the mens and womens and A and B nations. 100 games is currently an unrealistic achievement for a majority of players, especially on the women's side, and in addition many contributions made to bandy occur off the ice, such as organisation of tournaments, developing national squads etc.

The AC proposes that a more realistic criteria for player inclusion would be participation over a span of a certain number of years, or participation in a certain number of world championships. To be more inclusive and achievable, the AC concludes that for Men, 50 WCS or 75 International games, and for Women, 25 WCS or 40 international games would be appropriate. With Men playing about 6 or 7 games per WCS, each year, this could be achieved in about 8 or 9 years. With Women playing 5 or 6 games per WCS, every other year, would take 8 or 9 years to achieve.

6. Athletes request for the WCS 2026

The organizing committee of the upcoming WCS 2026 in Pori, Finland asked the AC about their most important requests for the WCS 2026:

- The ceremonies, medals, MVP awards should be equal between genders
- Availability of stationary bikes for warm-up
- Massage table
- Gym access in the neighbourhood of the arena/hotel
- Tea and hot drinks during the half-time break, and fruit

7. Further matters

- How do we communicate?
- Inform bandy athletes about IOC's Athletes 365
- prepare a survey for the next WCS

Next meeting: in a month

8. Closing of the meeting