

2025 Athletes Committee Summary

In 2025, the Athletes Committee (AC) developed and administered its first Athlete Survey for participants in the 2025 World Championships (WCS) in Lidköping and Uppsala, Sweden in March 2025. A total of 119 athletes responded out of 309 participants. The AC analyzed the results and shared key findings, athlete comments, and recommendations to the FIB Executive Committee (EC).

The AC also reviewed the FIB Hall of Fame Terms of Reference Category and Requirements for Athletes. The existing requirement of 100 international World Championship games was determined to be unattainable within some players' careers because of the limited frequency of the WCS events. The AC proposed revised eligibility criteria that are more achievable, which were subsequently approved by the EC.

The Vice-Chair represented bandy athletes at the 12th International Athletes Forum in Lausanne, Switzerland, ensuring athlete perspectives were included at the international level.

Throughout the year, the AC worked closely with other FIB committees. Collaboration with the Gender Equity Committee focused on providing athlete perspectives on the Gender Policy. In partnership with the Technical Committee, the AC contributed athlete input on several topics, including the structure and organization of the jury responsible for selecting tournament awards, and proposed the creation of a new "Best Coach" award category.

The Chair participated in a virtual IOC Athletes' Commission meeting with IOC President-elect Kristy Coventry, where key topics included barriers athletes face in pursuing Olympic participation.

The AC also compiled and shared the top five athlete requests with the organizing committee for the 2026 WCS to help inform event planning and athlete experience.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the FIB Development Camp held in Uppsala, Sweden, in November 2025. The camp provided valuable networking opportunities, education on club operations, and opportunities for game analysis and learning.

Finally, the AC reviewed and refined the Athlete Survey for 2026, improving and expanding questions to gather more meaningful feedback for the FIB Executive Committee. The updated survey will be distributed to athletes during the WCS events in Pori, Finland, and Uppsala, Sweden.