



FISO Athlete Advisory Council (AAC)

Overview

The World OCR (FISO) Athletes' Advisory Council is a standing committee of World OCR that broadens communication between FISO and elite athletes and serves as a source of opinion and advice on FISO policies that effect obstacle sports worldwide. The AAC makes recommendations to the Central Board on issues related to the needs and concerns of the elite athlete members of the national federations, including but not limited to:

- (1) selection of elite athlete races;
- (2) qualification procedures for the selection of members to Elite National Teams;
- (3) the establishment and maintenance of elite rankings;
- (4) event disciplines and formats;
- (5) adoption, amendment and enforcement of competition rules; and
- (6) procedure for the appointment or election of elite athletes to the AAC

The AAC may appoint athletes to FISO nominating committees, panels empowered to resolve grievances, and any committee that prepares, approves or implements programs regarding the selection of international championships, Olympic, Continental and Sub-continental Games team members, including athletes, coaches, administrators and support staff.

The Council may appoint a Council Advisory Board which has no vote and does not have gender or nationality requirements.

Members

The AAC consists of up to seventeen (17) voting members and six (6) members with voice but no vote:

- (1) The Chair of the Athlete Commission who shall be the AAC Director and shall have the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
- (2) Up to fourteen (14) elite athletes, two (2) representatives from each continental region. At least one (1) athlete from each region must be a woman, with full vote.
- (3) Two (2) elite para-athletes, one man and one woman, who may not be from the same continental region, with full voting rights.
- (4) The presidents of each of the five (5) continental regions, with voice but no vote.
- (5) The president of FISO, with voice but no vote.

The AAC meets once per month by phone conference or video call and may meet more or less frequently as required. Written discussion is through a workgroup on the federation @Workplace platform.

All members of the AAC are bound by the World OCR Member Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.

Athlete Seats

Elite athletes may hold a seat on the AAC if:

- (1) within the ten (10) years preceding an election, they have represented their country in obstacle or related sports in the Olympic or Pan American Games, a World Championship,

a Continental Championship recognized by the FISO, or an IPC-recognized World Championship in events on the Paralympic Games program; or

- (2) within the twenty-four (24) months before election, they have demonstrated that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of elite national championships or team selection competition for the events listed in paragraph (1) above; or
- (3) hold a current elite license as defined by the AAC and approved by the FISO Central Board; and
- (4) authority for approval of applications and nominations for the AAC resides with the Chair.