



## **THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ATHLETES' COMMITTEE**

### **1. PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ATHLETES' COMMITTEE**

1. The duties of the Athletes' Committee are the following:
  - 1.1.1. To consider issues related to athletes and to report to the ESC;
  - 1.1.2. To gather information and opinions on athletes' needs and problems during training and competitions at the European Championships;
  - 1.1.3. To represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations to the ESC Presidium;
  - 1.1.4. To maintain contact with the ISSF Athletes' Committee;
  - 1.1.5. To establish a direct link with the athletes within the ESC
  - 1.1.6. To promote clean sport and fair play among all athletes in shooting sport

### **2. STRUCTURE**

- 2.1. The Athletes' Committee consists of seven (7) athletes: two (2) Rifle, two (2) Pistol, two (2) Shotgun and one (1) Running target athlete.
- 2.2. The members of the Athletes' Committee are elected by athletes during the European Championships (50/300m Rifle, 50/25m Pistol, 50m Running Target events and Trap, Double Trap and Skeet) in the year following the year of the Olympic Games.
- 2.3. In case the full number of seven (7) members is not achieved during the elections at the European Championships, in order to ensure a fair balance in terms of disciplines, gender equity etc., the ESC Presidium can supplement the athlete's Committee with a maximum of three (3) members.
- 2.4. The Athletes' Committee is composed of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are at least participating in competitions at the European or/and

international level in the corresponding disciplines (Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and RT), or have done so within the previous four years.

The candidates for election must not have any doping violations in the past.

### **3. RULES FOR MEETINGS AND COOPERATION WITH THE ESC BODIES**

3.1. The Athlete's Committee convenes at least once a year, after invitation by the Chairperson of the Committee or the ESC President. The ESC is responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Athletes' Committee is able to meet.

3.2. The ESC Member Federations are obliged to support the athletes in the Athletes' Committee.

3.3. The ESC President has a right to invite the representative of the Athletes Committee to take part in the Presidium meetings when a topic on the agenda is related to the rights and interests of athletes. The minutes of the Committee meetings must be submitted to the President within four (4) weeks.

3.4. The Athletes' Committee is represented at the ESC General Assembly by two of its members who must be elected by the Committee, and who have no voting right, but have the right to speak.

### **4. THE TERM OF OFFICE**

4.1. The term of office is four years. The members of the Athletes' Committee are eligible for re-election, but only once.

### **5. ELECTION PROCEDURE**

5.1. The nominations for election of the Athletes' Committee members must be done by the Member Federations – one nomination per Member Federation in each of the discipline.

5.2. The ESC Member Federations may nominate a candidate for the Athletes' Committee according to the Guidelines of the ESC Statutes, but not earlier than two (2) months before and not later than 15 days before the day of the opening ceremony of the European Championships.

5.3. The Secretary General will establish a list of all nominated candidates including a C.V. separately for each discipline. This list will be published on the ESC website.

5.4. All accredited participating athletes in the European Championships will be given a voting paper showing all the candidates and all the information of the voting procedure.

5.5. The vote must be exercised in person and by secret ballot.

5.6. Each athlete may vote for a maximum of two (2) athletes in Pistol, two (2) athletes in Rifle, two (2) athletes in Shotgun and one (1) athlete in Running target shooting discipline. The two (2) athletes in each of the discipline (Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun) and one (1) athlete in Running target who will receive the highest number of votes, will be elected as members of the Athletes' Committee.

5.7. The Chairperson has to be elected by the Athletes' Committee members during their first meeting.