

# International Association of Athletics Federations



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**To: MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

Copy: Council Members  
Committee and Commission Chairpersons  
Members of the Athletes' Commission  
Area Associations  
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Dear General Secretary,

**RE: ELECTION OF THE IAAF ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

The IAAF Council decided in 2003 that the IAAF Athletes' Commission would be made up of nineteen members, twelve of whom shall be elected by their peers and seven appointed by the IAAF. Six of those twelve members are in place for a four-year mandate which began in 2007 at the time of the Osaka IAAF World Championships in Athletics, whereas the six others serve a two-year mandate and will need to be replaced.

The elections for the six new elected members will take place during the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin.

Please find attached the election procedure, together with the Candidature Form, which you are requested to return to us by **Monday, 11 May 2009** at the latest.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on the above or the attachments.

Kind regards,

Pierre Weiss  
General Secretary

Enclosures: Appendix A – Procedure for Election, 2 pages  
Appendix B – Candidature Form, 2 pages



## PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF IAAF ATHLETES' COMMISSION MEMBERS

### 1. Designation

The IAAF shall organise the election of six Athletes' Commission members, on the occasion of the 2009 World Championships in Athletics in Berlin.

### 2. Submission of a Candidature

- a) to be admissible, the official candidature application form must be sent by an IAAF Member Federation and received by the IAAF by **Monday, 11 May 2009** at the latest. This deadline will be strictly enforced;
- b) each Member Federation can submit only one candidature;
- c) the candidate can also send a one-page, A4 document in which he/she can detail his/her **biography**, explaining the reasons for his/her candidature (see Appendix B - 2<sup>nd</sup> page);
- d) the eligibility of each candidate shall be confirmed by the IAAF General Secretary.

### 3. Eligibility criteria

The candidate:

- a) must have participated in at least one of the last two editions of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics (Helsinki 2005 and/or Osaka 2007), or in the last Olympic Games (Beijing 2008) or be a competitor at the 2009 World Championships in Berlin;
- b) must be 18 years of age at the end of Championships in Athletics (born before 23 August 1991);
- c) must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence;
- d) must have been nominated by his/her Member Federation;
- e) must be able to understand and speak reasonably well English.

### 4. Electorate

All accredited athletes at the Berlin World Championships have the right to vote.

### 5. Duration of the Mandate

The elected members of the Commission shall begin their mandate **on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year** (the mandate will be from 01.01.2010 until 31.12.2013).

### 6. Composition of the Election Committee

The Election Committee is responsible for the election. The Committee will be composed of five members designated by the IAAF President: one Chairperson, one Secretary, and three Scrutineers. The names of the members will be made public.

### 7. Role of the Election Committee

- a) To ensure that candidates abide by the campaign rules, to deal with all infringements and propose sanctions to the IAAF Council, should it be necessary.
- b) To organise and oversee the election procedure, including the counting of ballot papers, and to certify the results.

**8. Campaign**

- a) All the candidates must have an equal opportunity to be elected.
- b) Each candidate must campaign with respect for every candidate in the election and since each candidate comes from a different economic background, the rules are designed to keep expenses to a strict minimum.
- c) Apart from the document defined under 2.c above, no other document, poster, sign, banner or present may be distributed and/or displayed inside or outside the Athletes' Hotels.
- d) From the opening day of the Athletes' Hotels, until the conclusion of the election, candidates may promote their candidacy in social situations inside the Hotels and the Stadium. Such promotion must be limited to discussions among athletes.
- e) Campaigning in or around the Voting Centres is prohibited.
- f) In case of infringement of these rules, and after hearing the person concerned, the following sanctions may be taken, depending on the gravity of the infringement: public reprimand or even withdrawal of the candidature.
- g) By signing their candidature document, the President or General Secretary of the candidate's Member Federation and the athlete acknowledge that they have understood these rules and have agreed to abide by them.

**9. Information**

The IAAF will compile the candidature application forms and eventually the candidature leaflet (see 2.c) sent by the candidates in a booklet which will be included in the athletes' welcome bags, as well as on the IAAF Website.

**10. Organisation of the election**

- a) The election will be held from 10:00 to 21:00 in the 2 Athletes' Hotels (Estrel Hotel and Hotel Berlin, Berlin) according to the following schedule: starting on Saturday, 15 August until Saturday, 22 August 2009 (included). *It will be confirmed on site if on 22 August 2009 a Voting Centre shall be opened in the Berlin Olympic Stadium.*
- b) The vote must be made in person, upon presentation of a valid Accreditation Card and by secret ballot.
- c) To be valid the voting ballot must include six names (not more, not less).
- d) The six elected athletes are those who obtain the highest number of votes; in the event of a tie, preference will be given to the younger candidate.
- e) The names of the elected athletes will be displayed at the Athletes' Hotels, before the closing of the Championships, the IAAF Website and the Federations will also be informed.



## CANDIDATURE FORM

### IAAF ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTIONS – BERLIN 2009

**1. The Federation of ..... proposes the following athlete as a candidate for the election of Members of the IAAF Athletes' Commission to be held during the 2009 World Championships in Berlin.**

**NAME:** ..... **FIRST NAME:** .....

**GENDER:** M - F (*please circle*) **DATE OF BIRTH:** .....

**FULL ADDRESS:** .....

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**PHONE:** ..... **FAX:** ..... **EMAIL:** .....

**2. Participation in Competitions**

- 2005 World Championships in Helsinki YES – NO. If yes: event .....
- 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing YES – NO. If yes: event .....
- 2007 World Championships in Osaka YES – NO. If yes: event .....
- 2009 World Championships in Berlin YES – NO. If yes: event .....

**3. The Federation and the candidate undertake that**

- **the athlete understands and speaks reasonably well English ;**
- **the athlete has read and understood the philosophy of the candidature campaign** (see Circular, Appendix A, § 8);
- **the athlete has the right before to send a one-page document supporting his candidature** (see Circular, Appendix A, § 2.c);
- **this official form has to be received by the IAAF in Monaco before midnight 11 May 2009 (preferably by fax: +377 93 15 95 15)** (see Circular, Appendix A, § 2.a).

**Name of the Federation's President or General Secretary:** .....

**Signature of the President or General Secretary:** .....

**Signature of the Athlete:** .....

**Stamp of the Federation:**

**ATHLETE'S BIOGRAPHY**

**(Athletes' Full Name)**

(Country)

Position sought:  
**IAAF Athletes' Commission  
Member**

**Passport-size  
Picture**

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**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**PROFESSION:**

**LANGUAGES:**

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**EDUCATION**

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**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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