



**World ParaVolley Athletes' Commission Regulations**  
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**1. AIMS**

- 1) To regularly communicate with current and past World ParaVolley athletes
- 2) To represent the views of World ParaVolley athletes and to provide such advice to the President and Board of Directors
- 3) To provide two people, one from each gender, to serve as voting members of the World ParaVolley Board of Directors

**2. FUNCTIONS**

- 1) The Chairperson shall represent the Athletes' Commission as a voting member of the World ParaVolley Board of Directors
- 2) The Athletes' Commission shall vote to choose another member of a different gender to the Chairperson to serve as a voting member of the World ParaVolley Board of Directors and this person shall be designated as the Vice-Chair
  - i. In the case where the Chair or Vice-Chair are unable to attend the WPV Board meeting, the Commission shall designate a substitute
- 3) The Athletes' Commission shall survey the views and opinions of athletes on topics of interest and relevance using valid and reliable statistical techniques
- 4) The Athletes' Commission shall regularly liaise with the President
- 5) The Athletes' Commission shall provide written reports to the Board as required
- 6) Upon request, The Athletes' Commission shall provide advice to World ParaVolley Commissions and Committees
- 7) The Athletes' Commission shall examine the feasibility of having athlete representatives serve on World ParaVolley Commissions and Committees and avoid conflict of interest situations

**3. COMPOSITION**

- 1) The Athletes' Commission shall be comprised of the following:
  - i. Chairperson via election by the members of the Athletes' Commission
  - ii. Five members, at least one from each of the Zones via election by the current players of that Zone (all four Zones to be represented and the fifth person shall be the one with the next highest number of votes)

- iii. Up to two additional members co-opted by the Commission to represent the two ParaVolley disciplines of strategic focus: Sitting Volleyball and Beach ParaVolley (Standing)
- iv. Up to two additional members co-opted by the Commission to undertake specific roles defined by the Commission
  - 1. Such members must have the approval of the Board
  - 2. Such members cannot be elected as Chairperson
  - 3. One of these members may be the person voted by the Commission to represent the Commission as a voting member of the World ParaVolley Board of Directors as Vice-Chair
  - 4. The Commission shall take into account the gender balance of the Commission when making these co-opted appointments
- v. At the time of election, members of the Commission must be a current player or a past player who has actively participated in World ParaVolley competitions at some stage over the previous 4 years
- vi. Replacements of any person in any position shall be decided by the remaining members of the Commission until the next election, subject to Board approval

#### **4. ELECTIONS**

- 1) Elections for the Athletes' Commission shall be held in the year of the World Championships i.e. 2018, 2022, 2026
- 2) Elected and co-opted members of the Commission shall serve for the four year cycle period as per point 4. 1)
- 3) The maximum number of cycles of four years that a person may serve on the Commission is three (3)
- 4) Nominations for the various positions shall be conducted electronically via the World ParaVolley Member who shall verify that the nominees are or were World ParaVolley athletes registered with the Member
- 5) Elections for the various positions shall be conducted electronically and votes shall only be accepted from each individual after verification is provided by the Classification Master List that the person voting is a current World ParaVolley athlete or by some other acceptable means of proof via the World ParaVolley Member

#### **5. MEETINGS**

- 1) The Athletes' Commission shall conduct at least 3 meetings per year via Skype or face-to face meetings or other means
  - i. A member of the Athletes' Commission that doesn't attend 66 % of the meetings (2 out of 3) shall be removed
- 2) The Chairperson shall act as the Chair of the meeting or appoint another member of the Commission to act as the Chair if necessary
- 3) The quorum of the Commission meetings shall be four members
- 4) The World ParaVolley President or Vice President or nominee may "attend" Commission meetings
- 5) The Minutes of Commission meetings will be sent to the President and General Manager within one month of each meeting

- 6) Meeting procedures shall in general follow the meeting procedures used by the World ParaVolley Board (See "Procedures for World ParaVolley Board Meetings")
- 7) The Athletes' Commission Chairperson shall regularly report to the Board by "attending" meetings and to the General Assembly (held every two years)
- 8) The Athletes' Commission may conduct special meetings with athletes to undertake discussions and receive feedback at any World ParaVolley events