

20 September 2021

RE: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BWF ATHLETES' COMMISSION ELECTIONS 2021

Dear Member Associations

We are calling for candidates for the **BWF Athletes' Commission** which will be held electronically on **Friday 17 December 2021**. This date has been chosen as it is during the **TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2021** when many athletes will gather in Huelva, Spain to compete in the Championships.

Please pass this information on to your players.

The four-year term of all the current Commission members ([linked here](#)) will expire in December 2021, so there will be **six (6) vacant positions**. The six members elected in December 2021 will serve a four-year term (2021 – 2025). The Chair of the Athletes' Commission will become a Council Member to represent the badminton athlete community on Council.

KEY POINTS

Date of Elections	Friday 17 December 2021 – Voting "in-person" and electronically / online.
Who can be Candidates?	<p>Active Players – those in the top 200 World Ranking as at 14 September. Inactive Players – those who have retired from the sport and who have competed in at least one of these - Tokyo 2020 or Rio 2016 Olympic Games OR in a World Championships (between 2013 to 2019) and who achieved a World Ranking of 50 or better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years of age or older as at 17 December 2021 - In "good standing" with their Member Association - Not serving a period of ineligibility under the BWF Statutes. <p>Please download and use the nomination form (linked here) to nominate candidates. Nominations can be made by "active players" and BWF Member Associations.</p>
Who can Vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 years of age or older as at 17 December 2021. - In "good standing" with their Member Association. - Not serving a period of ineligibility under the BWF Statutes. - Be an "active player" – in the top 200 World Ranking as at 14 December. - Have registered to vote at least 48 hours before elections starts.

ROLE OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The members of the Athletes' Commission are elected by the player population as defined in the regulations. This Commission is an important link between the players and the BWF Council which is the day-to-day decision-making body of the BWF.

Our aim is to ensure that **athletes' opinions** are expressed at the highest level of governance in the BWF. We aim to involve players in the work of the BWF and to assist with the positive development of the player's experience and the sport as a whole.

Please see the last page of this letter for more details on the time commitment members of the Commission are expected to make during their four-year term.

ELECTION PROCESS 2021

- **21 September 2021 – Announcement of the Elections** – BWF sends a notice out. **Call for Nominations** – candidates for elections.
- **22 October 2021 – Deadline for Nominations** – Nomination of candidates must be made in writing using the *Nomination Form* – send to Patricia Wong p.wong@bwfbadminton.org
- **29 October 2021 – Announcement of Candidates** – the list of candidates will be announced and published on the BWF website.
- **29 October – 16 December 2021 – Election Campaign.**
- **15 December 2021 – Registration to Vote** closes at 1000 Central European Time.
- **17 December 2021 – Elections** – starts at 1000 AM Central European Time.

RESULTS

Once voting is complete and the results counted, the candidates will be ranked according to the number of votes each received. The female player and male player with the highest number of votes will automatically be elected to the Commission. The other positions will go to the players (male or female) with the next highest numbers of votes.

I would like to encourage all players and Member Associations to consider putting forward a candidate for this election.

Being a member of the Commission is a rewarding experience and an opportunity to be actively involved in improving the lives and experiences of the professional players. It will also be an excellent learning experience for the successful candidate.

If you have any questions about the role of the Commission and the scope of duties, please contact me directly on - Marc Zwiebler m.zwiebler@bwfbadminton.org

Please see Clause 10.1 – 10.8 of the **Guidelines for Council, Executive Board, Committees and Commissions** ([linked here](#)) for more details of the Athlete Commission elections.

I look forward to seeing the candidates for the election of the Athletes' Commission 2021 - 2025.

Yours sincerely

Marc Zwiebler
BWF Council Member / Chair - Athletes' Commission

Guidelines - Time Commitment for Athlete Commission Members

Member

- **Athlete' Commission meetings in person:** 2 times per year, 2-3 hours in length (1 day, 2 nights and usually organised at major tournaments).
- **Online meetings:** approximately 10 per year (sometimes more depending on issues).
- **Responding to emails:** approximately 1 hour per week – this can vary.

Deputy Chair

- **Meetings in Person / Online meetings:** the same as above.
- **Writing up notes of meetings:** after every "in person" meeting and online meeting.
- **Responding to emails:** approximately 1-2 hours per week (maximum, usually less but the Chair and Deputy Chair may discuss meeting agenda and wider topics that require further time commitments than that of the ordinary members)

Chair (also a BWF Council Member)

- **Attend BWF Council meetings**(online and face to face): at least 3 times per year, with one meeting 5 - 6 days long (usually organised at major tournaments).
- **Preparation of reports and presentations for BWF Council meetings:** at least 3 times per year, 3 - 4 hours prior to each series of meetings.
- **Reading of meeting papers ahead of BWF Council meetings:** at least 3 times per year, 3 - 4 hours prior to each series of meetings.
- **AC In person meetings:** 2 times per year, 2-3 hours in length (1 day, 2 nights and usually organised at major tournaments).
- **AC Online meetings:** approximately 10 per year (sometimes more depending on the level of work).
- **Preparation of agenda for AC meetings:** 1-2 hours (maximum).
- **Responding to emails:** approximately 2-3 hours per week (maximum, usually less).
- **Skype meetings with BWF Council members:** 1-2 hours per month (maximum).
- **Representation** - at meetings such as WADA Athletes' Committee representative meetings and/or IOC Athletes' Forums.