1. Mission

The mission of the BWF Athletes Commission (hereafter the ‘Athletes Commission’) is to represent the views of the players and ensure that their voice is heard and taken into account by the BWF at all times.

2. Objectives

2.1. The objectives of the Athletes Commission are:

2.1.1. To act as the official link between the players and the BWF;
2.1.2. To proactively consider issues relating to players and give advice to the BWF on player related matters;
2.1.3. To represent the rights and interests of the players to the BWF Council to ensure the athlete opinion is heard at the highest level of governance of Badminton; and
2.1.4. To maintain contact and good relations with the IOC Athletes Commission.

3. Scope of work

3.1. The Athletes Commission shall have the following specific work areas:

3.1.1. To establish a method of seeking player opinions on issues of major importance in badminton that aims to reach as wide a player demographic as possible;
3.1.2. To update and improve upon that method of communication where deemed appropriate;
3.1.3. To work constructively with the BWF to provide player feedback on areas of player interest as entrusted to the Athletes Commission by the BWF;
3.1.4. To act in good faith toward the players and the Athletes Commission and to at all times conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the good reputation of those bodies; and
3.1.5. To promote clean sport and fair play by all players.

3.2. The Athletes Commission Chair shall have the following additional responsibilities:

3.2.1. To keep the BWF Council regularly informed of player opinion on rules and regulations, branding and marketing, sponsorship and any other areas of player interest in badminton;
3.2.2. Is a member of the BWF Events committee and must report to the committee concerning player opinion of issues arising at BWF events;
3.2.3. To consult with other BWF commissions and committees where appropriate;
3.2.4. The Chair of the Athletes Commission is a full voting member of BWF Council and therefore bound by the BWF Guidelines for Council Procedure and all other relevant Council rules and regulations; and
3.2.5. The Chair of the Athletes Commission shall where possible provide an agenda to all members prior to all meetings of the Athletes Commission no later than 48 hours prior to that meeting.

3.3. The Athletes Commission Vice Chair shall have the following additional responsibilities:

3.3.1. To take the minutes of all Athletes Commission meetings and to distribute these to the other Athletes Commission members where possible no later than two weeks after the meeting has taken place; and

3.3.2. To support the Athletes Commission chair in their additional tasks they may be undertaking for the Athletes Commission; and

3.3.3. To take the lead on certain Athletes Commission activities with relation to player feedback where agreed by the other members of the Athletes Commission.