



Athlete Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The British Athletes Commission (BAC) is a member's association for individuals who have represented their Home Nation or Great Britain across a broad range of sports. The recognised sports cover disciplines for able-bodied athletes and for those with disabilities. Most of the recognised sports are Olympic and Paralympic, but not exclusively so.

Purpose

The Athlete Advisory Group (AAG) is a small body of elite athletes past and present that represents the members in the recognised sports of the BAC. Its main purpose is to inform the BAC Board and executive on the organisation's position regarding athlete related matters and to assist in the BAC in decision-making and setting strategy within the context of the high-performance sporting environment.

Scope

The focus for the AAG will be in relation to athlete welfare (both whilst competing and through transition) and athlete representation. However, there may well be ad hoc issues that require the AAG's input to establish the BAC's position e.g. regarding anti-doping or equality. Athlete representation can cover the role of effective athlete representation in different recognised sports or regarding proposed selection policies for major competitions and / or template athlete /team agreements.

Membership

The AAG shall consist of individuals eligible for BAC membership who are either currently competing or who have transitioned out of sport in the last four years. All members shall remain in post for a maximum term of four years. The AAG will be reflective of the membership of the BAC and will therefore contain representatives;

- From Winter and Summer sports (and not restricted to UK Sport funded sports)
- Who are male and female
- Who are from disability sports disciplines (and not exclusively Paralympic sports.)

- Who reflect the diverse racial mix of the core membership.

Membership of the AAG is on a voluntary basis (paying reasonable agreed expenses where relevant.) It is recognised that the membership will have other commitments (e.g. work, training, competing) so the AAG will be relatively large in size so that the numbers attending any meeting will be sufficient to be a representative voice.

Meetings

The AAG will meet up to 6 times a year (including the BAC AGM). Meetings will either be in person, “virtual” or a combination of the two. The Chair of the AAG will be an eligible member (current or former athlete) appointed by the Board with the jobholder sitting on the main BAC Board providing a link between the two.

The agenda for the meetings will be set by the AAG Chair based on upcoming main Board agendas and / or important subjects that are current at the time.

The AAG chair may invite others at his /her discretion to join the AAG meetings either as an observer or contributor to the agenda e.g. but not limited to representatives from;

- UKAD Athletes Commission
- BOA Athletes Commission
- BPA Athletes Commission
- TASS Athlete Advisory Group

Individual responsibilities

Members of the AAG will be expected to respect requests from the AAG Chair to keep any matters confidential as required. Members will also be committed to:-

- Equality and inclusion in sport
- Fairness and transparency in governance
- “Clean Sport” as it relates to anti-doping, gambling and classification

Whilst respecting the voluntary nature of the role members of the AAG may be asked to help and advice other BAC members seeking our support and / or represent the BAC on an individual ad hoc basis for example at;

- Stakeholder meetings e.g. EIS, UK Sport, Sport Resolutions UK, DKHLT
- Athlete Commissions e.g. UKAD, BOA, BPA, TASS
- As an independent observer in NGB selection processes (selection, appeal.)

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