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Elections of the FIS Athletes' Commission 2019 - 2021

Dear President,
Dear National Ski Association colleagues,

Elections for the FIS Athletes' Commission for 2019 to 2021 will take place this winter during the FIS World Championships in 2019. This communication provides you with the necessary information and background about its organisation, the process to submit candidacies and details of the elections.

Purpose

The purpose of the FIS Athletes' Commission is to discuss and address issues concerning athletes in general and not address discipline-specific technical matters as such.

In addition, the elected members serve as the representatives of their fellow athletes to present viewpoints to the respective FIS Technical Committee/s and interact with the FIS Competition Management in their discipline on a regular basis. It is the role of members to communicate decisions of the FIS Technical Committees back to their fellow athletes.

Composition of the Commission

Each of the six FIS Olympic disciplines will be represented by one female and one male representative. Following the elections, confirmation of the members will be carried out by the FIS Council at its meeting in May 2019.

Athletes' Commission Meetings

Athletes' Commission meetings involve one in-person meeting during the FIS Congress or Calendar Conference that last at least one full day. The Athletes' Commission meeting takes place alongside the FIS Technical Committee meetings, which last from three to four days each spring ([here is a link](#) to these meetings in 2018 and 2017). Travel and accommodation expenses for the Athletes' Commission meeting are paid for by FIS. In addition there are regular online meetings.

The FIS Calendar Conference 2019 will take place in Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO) from 28th May to 1st June, with the Athletes Commission meeting scheduled on Wednesday 29th May.

Nomination of Candidates

The National Ski Associations may nominate eligible candidate(s) to stand for election to the Athletes' Commission. A maximum of two candidates per nation may stand for election, and they must be in different FIS disciplines and genders.

Nominations are to be submitted in writing on the online form until one month before the Opening Ceremony of the respective Championships (please see table below for details).

[LINK TO NOMINATION FORM](#)

It is important to ensure candidates for the FIS Athletes' Commission are committed to participating in its' work. Therefore, the athlete must make a statement on the application form about why they want to join and their contribution to the Commission. The candidate will be contacted by a current member of the Commission to discuss their potential engagement.

Eligibility of Members

The members are elected for two years, i.e. for the period between FIS World Championships 2019 to 2021.

Candidates for the Athletes' Commission should be active or recently retired athletes, who competed at the highest level of competition on a regular basis, are therefore familiar with the latest developments and concerns of their fellow athletes and command their respect.

To qualify as an eligible candidate, athletes must have competed at the FIS World Championships in 2015 or 2017, Olympic Winter Games in 2014 or 2018, or therefore at FIS World Cup level in season since 2014/2015.

All professional positions must be declared in the candidacy. A candidate, who has any conflicts of interest with the role of representing fellow athletes, is not eligible to stand for election or must withdraw during the term. For example if a recently retired athlete has become a coach, other team official or athlete agent, etc.

Any athlete who has committed a doping offence is not eligible. If a serving member commits a doping offence during their term, they will be removed from the Commission.

Election and Voting

Only athletes who participate at the respective FIS World Championships in 2019 are eligible to vote. An athlete may only vote once. The elections will be organised by FIS during the FIS World Championships at the following sites and online during the same period:

<u>Event and Place</u>	<u>Nomination Deadline</u>	<u>Election Dates</u>
FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Åre (SWE)	5 th January 2019	5 th - 17 th February 2019
FIS Nordic World Ski Championships Seefeld (AUT)	19 th January 2019	19 th February - 3 rd March 2019
FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Championships Park City (USA)	2 nd January 2019	1 st - 10 th February 2019

Should you have any further questions, Jenny Wiedeke (athletescommission@fiski.com), Athletes' Commission Coordinator is at your disposal. Information about the current Commission can be found [here](#).

With kind regards

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Sarah Lewis
Secretary General

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Jenny Wiedeke
FIS Athletes' Commission Coordinator