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Athletes Commission

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## Athletes Commission

### 1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1.1 To represent the Athletes within the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL), protect their interests and uphold their rights and obligations;

1.2 To promote open communication with, and solicit feedback from, lacrosse athletes, and give them a formal role in the decision-making process of FIL.

1.3 To provide current and past international Athletes with the opportunity to contribute to the continuous development, evolution and growth of the sport of lacrosse;

1.4 To raise awareness and educate Athletes on topics of direct concern

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 To prepare for the FIL Board, an Athletes Commission Operational Plan

2.2 To implement and evaluate the agreed Operational Plan

2.3 To serve as a consultative body and make recommendations to the FIL Board, FIL Committees, and other bodies as required

2.4 To seek feedback from Athletes and provide feedback to the relevant areas of the FIL

2.5 To encourage and assist Athletes, and FIL member NGBs to establish their own Athletes Committees

2.6 To liaise with the Athletes Commissions of the IOC and other sporting organizations to enable the sharing of information and research

2.7 To create, manage and promote platforms and structures for Athletes which facilitate communication and the sharing of knowledge and experiences amongst the group

2.8 To develop, collate, provide and promote resources for Athletes on topics of direct concern including but not limited to Athlete health and welfare, anti-doping, betting, ethics and match-fixing.

### 3. COMMISSION COMPOSITION

The Commission will consist of three (3) male (two (2) from Field and one (1) from Indoor) and three (3) female active or recently active athletes. The members will be voted on by their respective male and female peers at each World Championship and will serve for a four (4) year term. A member may serve for two (2) consecutive terms only.

The FIL Board will appoint two people to serve on the Commission for a single up to four (4) year term

The Commission will elect its own Chairman

### 4. ROLE

The purpose of the Athletes Commission is to examine all questions of interest to the athletes and to present suggestions or recommendations to the FIL Board. It may not present proposals directly to the General Assembly however it may present proposals to the Board or to the other committees of the FIL

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and for this reason it has the right to assign one of its members to represent the athletes interest in each of the Rules and Competition Committees.

The Athletes commission will meet up to two (2) times annually either in person or via electronic medium, such as Skype or internet meeting tools.

The Vice-President of the FIL shall be responsible for the administration and representation of the Athletes Commission.