



Athlete Council Charter
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ATHLETE COUNCIL CHARTER

Introduction

1. Under C20.1 of the IJRU Constitution, IJRU hereby adopts the Athletes' Council (here forth referred to as the "Council"). The following Charter outlines the Council role, responsibilities, membership, operations and authorities.

Composition of the Council

2. Composition
 - 2.1. The Council is composed as follows:
 - 2.1.1. Up to twelve (12) athletes (as defined by IJRU Constitution) elected at by athletes
 - 2.1.2. Up to six (6) additional active athletes appointed by the IJRU President in consultation with Athletes' Council Chairpersons and IJRU BOD, as per Constitution
3. The Council member is required to:
 - 3.1. be at least 18 years of age by August 1st of the election year,
 - 3.2. confirm that he/she must have never received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code,
 - 3.3. be approved by the IJRU Ethics Panel,
 - 3.4. be able to read and write in English,
 - 3.5. be able to attend online meetings regularly, and
 - 3.6. belong to an IJRU NGB (Full/ provisional member and in good standing)

Objectives and Competence of the Council

4. Roles of the Council
 - 4.1. The Roles of the IJRU Athletes' Council (hereinafter the "Council") is to represent athletes within the sport of Jump Rope/Rope Skipping and support them to succeed in their sporting and non-sporting careers,
 - 4.2. Act as the cumulative Athlete's voice and represent that voice to the IJRU Board,
 - 4.3. The Council may be invited by the IJRU President to submit proposals, recommendations or reports to the IJRU Board of Directors (hereinafter "BOD ") meeting, and
 - 4.4. The Council is to be represented on IJRU Committees and the IJRU BOD, subject to the applicable rules of the IJRU Constitution (hereinafter the "Constitution"),
5. Authority
 - 5.1. The Council is not a separate legal entity. It has no authority to act on behalf of the IJRU or to represent it towards any third parties. The Council has no authority to legally bound or commit the IJRU,

Responsibilities

6. The duties of a Council member include:
 - 6.1. Support the objectives of the Council as outlined in Article 2 above,
 - 6.2. Respect the Charter, the IJRU Code of Ethics and any other IJRU regulation, as well as the World Anti-Doping Code,
 - 6.3. Lead and support specific projects outlined in the IJRU Strategic Plan,
 - 6.4. Appoint two (2) members, one (1) male, one (1) female to be delegates at the IJRU General Congress and Board of Directors with the right to vote,
 - 6.5. Participate in:
 - 6.5.1. One to two (1-2) Council meetings, and
 - 6.5.2. Bi-monthly Council conference calls with the worldwide network of athletes' councils
 - 6.6. Represent the athletes in existing IJRU Committees, including attending meetings and providing written and verbal reports to the Council as required,
 - 6.7. Serve as a liaison between the Council and other International Federations, National Governing Body's (hereinafter "NGB") Committee and other stakeholders, including attending their meetings and providing written and verbal reports to the Council as required,
 - 6.8. Council members will be required to attend meetings which are of interest for the Council and athletes in general requested by IJRU BOD, and
 - 6.9. The NGB of the athlete's country will cover the travel cost of the council member,
7. Removal
 - 7.1. In the event of any failure by a member to perform the duties set forth in Article 4 above, or in the event of any other misconduct, the IJRU President, in consultation with the Council, may remove such member from the Council and replace such member in accordance with the provisions applicable to vacancies set forth below. The removal shall enter into force immediately,
 - 7.2. The removal of a member is decided without prejudice to the possible opening of any disciplinary procedure,
 - 7.3. The IJRU Board of Directors may remove any member from the council at any time if there is reason to believe the individual has breached the code of ethics as laid out by IJRU, the IOC, WADA and or this charter in part or in whole,
 - 7.4. Any appeal by a member removed from Council, shall be made in writing within 30 days, internally, to the Ethics Panel,

Organisation of the Council

8. Organisation of the Council
 - 8.1. The Council shall be co-chaired (one female and one male),
 - 8.2. Upon proposal by the Council, the IJRU BOD shall appoint Co-Chairpersons,
 - 8.3. President, or his/her representative, shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Council,

- 8.4. Upon consultation with the IJRU President, a Council Co-Chairperson may invite representatives from international sporting stakeholders as liaisons to Council meetings, working groups or events, as and when needed, based on their areas of expertise. Such liaisons are not entitled to vote,
 - 8.5. The IJRU BOD shall provide the necessary administrative and secretarial support to the Council,
 - 8.6. The Chairpersons are responsible for organising and preparing all meetings of the Council and can delegate all or part of their powers to this effect to the IJRU BOD,
 - 8.7. Subject to this Charter, the Council shall establish its own working rules and procedures, which shall be subject to the approval of the IJRU BOD,
 - 8.8. Ongoing and re-elected members of the Council are eligible to run for the positions of Co-Chairpersons,
 - 8.9. The terms of office for the Co-Chairpersons shall be approximately two (2) years from the date of appointment by the IJRU BOD. Such terms may be renewed,
9. Voting procedures of the Council
 - 9.1. Each member of the Council, elected or appointed, is entitled to one vote,
 - 9.2. The quorum required for any decision of the Council shall be a majority of the total number of members eligible to vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted,

Elected Members

10. Election of members
 - 10.1. The procedure for election of the members of the Council shall be conducted in accordance with the “IJRU Athletes’ Council Election Procedure” (the “Election Procedure”)

Representation

11. If there are twelve (12) elected members,
12. The election of new members shall be organised in the year of the IJRU World Championships, six (6) new members shall be elected,
13. Up to two (2) athletes (one female and one male) from a recognized Member Country can serve the Athletes’ Council concurrently.
14. On request, and in consultation with the Chairpersons and IJRU BOD, IJRU President may appoint up to six (6) additional members to the Council which ensures a balance between regions, gender and sport discipline following IJRU mission statement, Diversity, Inclusion, Excellence and Innovation,
15. Alternatively, the IJRU BOD may appoint in consultation with the Chairperson, athletes who were not candidates in the election, but who participated in the IJRU World Championships or in one of the previous two editions of the Championships, based on their area of expertise,

Term of Office

16. The term of office of a member begins on the date of announcement of their appointment. The length of such term of office shall be approximately four (4) years. At such time, the IJRU BOD may extend an appointment by renewing it with a term of office expiring on the day of the election after such renewal. The maximum length of an appointed member's term of office shall be consistent with their eligibility in accordance with the IJRU Constitution C22.8. However, should any athlete from the same country as the appointed member be elected subsequently as a member of the Council, the extended term of office of the appointed member may not be renewed,
17. Any elected member, upon completion of his or her term of office, may stand for re-election, provided that such member is eligible in accordance with the Election Procedure.

Vacancy

18. In the event of any vacancy caused by a Council member's death, resignation, incapacity, impediment or any cause of inability to perform their function, the BOD may replace that member in accordance with the same criteria as those applied for the initial appointment as set forth in Article C20.10 of the IJRU Constitution. Any member thus appointed shall serve out the term of office of the replaced member.

Final Provisions

19. Languages
 - 19.1. In case of discrepancy between language versions of this document, the English version shall prevail.
20. Athletes' Council Charter and entry into force.
 - 20.1. These Regulations, together with the Election Procedure, have been issued pursuant to the Constitution, and were adopted by the IJRU BOD on 15 August 2020. They enter into force immediately upon adoption.