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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE IOC: **JACQUES ROGGE**



Dear Athletes,
Welcome to Beijing for
the Games of the XXIX
Olympiad.

For two weeks, you
are going to experience something
exceptional, something unique –
something that I was lucky enough to
experience some years ago as an
athlete and that I continue to experience
today as President of the IOC.

These Games in Beijing are yours:
they are your history, your dream, your

supreme reward after all the years of
effort and determination.

It is up to you to make them a
success, whether through your
performances or your conduct – by
respecting each other and defending
clean sport.

For you are more than champions.
You are also role models, examples
for the young people of today
and tomorrow.

So in this special "Beijing" edition,
the IOC Athletes' Commission invites
you to make your voice heard, and to
share and pass on the fundamental
values of sport, of which you are the
best ambassadors.

Because these values that sport can
teach – excellence, friendship and
respect – are undoubtedly more
important than ever in today's world.

Good luck to every one of you
in Beijing!

A WORD FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN: **SERGEY BUBKA**



Dear Fellow Olympians,
Welcome to Beijing for
what will be 16 days of
competition, emotion
and shared excitement!

Here in Beijing, you are going to live the
dream of all of us: to take part in the Olympic
Games, the ultimate goal for any athlete
after many years of hard work and sacrifice.
The whole world will be watching you giving
the best of yourselves, and living your joys
and sorrows. You will thus be sharing this
dream with millions of spectators, including
millions of young people on all five
continents, for whom you are heroes and
role models. And, believe me, I know what
this means, having been lucky enough to
compete in four Olympic Games.

Today, you all know that an athlete (an
Olympian) is, more than ever, a world citizen
belonging to a family promoting its own
ideal, the sporting ideal. It is therefore
important that, as you have the right to take

part in the Olympic Games, you have also
the right and the responsibility to play an
active role in the whole area of sport. So take
the opportunity to raise your issues and
express your concerns by electing four
representatives on the IOC Athletes'
Commission, "your voice" within the Olympic
Movement. Vote and make a difference!

Just like your colleagues in Athens in
2004 and Turin in 2006, you will have the
opportunity of making one more difference to
the lives of people in need worldwide by
giving clothes or equipment and also by
raising awareness of the danger of HIV/AIDS.
Without forgetting having an exemplary
attitude during the Games, respecting others
and competing with no doping, thus
preserving ethics in sport. Please continue to
be ambassadors of sport and its values on
and off the field of sport so that the dream of
taking part in the Olympic Games will be
perpetuated throughout the young
generation! Good luck to all of you in Beijing!



4 NAMES, 4 SPORTS, 4 YOUR FUTURE

Thirty athletes, representing as many countries, are
candidates for the IOC Athletes' Commission elections, which
will be held during the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008.

Four of the thirty (30) candidates will be elected by vote
and will become members of the Athletes' Commission for
a term of eight years. After acceptance by the IOC Session,
they will also become IOC members for the same duration
as their term-of-office on the Commission.



All the athletes participating in the Games in 2008 will be able
to vote. For an athlete's ballot to be valid, an athlete must vote
for **four (4) candidates** from **four (4) different sports**. This
is to ensure that the diversity of the Olympic Programme is
reflected within the IOC Athletes' Commission. Only NOCs with
an Athletes' Commission can put forward a candidate. To be
eligible, the candidates must have taken part in the Athens
2004 Games or be taking part in the Beijing 2008 Games.

Each athlete will receive a manual (*pictured left*) in which
the roles and responsibilities of the Athletes' Commission are
explained and in which the profiles of the 30 candidates are
featured. Voting offices will be set up in Beijing from 5 to 20
August 2008, and in Hong Kong and Qingdao from 5 to 11
August 2008. Athletes in football host cities will also have the
possibility to vote.

The results of the elections will be announced on 21 August
2008 at 2 p.m. in the "Amphitheatre" of the International Zone
of the Beijing Olympic Village. The new IOC Athletes'
Commission members will be officially introduced during the
Closing Ceremony of the Games.



PLAY SAFE HELP STOP HIV

HIV is everybody's responsibility

In 2007, around 33.2 million people were living with HIV and 2.1 million died of AIDS-related

diseases. Sports people have not been spared by this epidemic. Most people infected with HIV do not know that they have become infected, although they can transmit the virus to others.

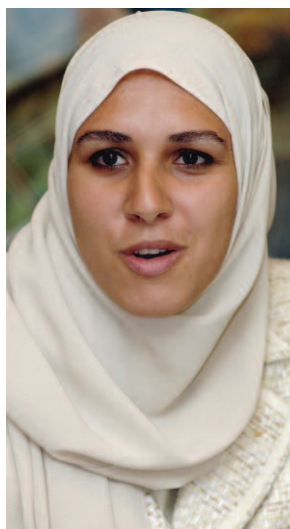
Refrain from risky behaviour (unprotected sex and sharing needles/syringes) – Limit your risks of contracting HIV. Pick up an HIV prevention package at any Olympic Village clinic during the Games, which includes HIV information and two condoms.

Help educate the public and young people – your voice as an athlete can be a very effective way to drive home messages about HIV prevention, care and support as you are regarded as a role model by young people and the public at large. A number of committed sports champions, including some who are HIV-positive, have helped raise HIV awareness in

their community and country, and throughout the world. Your contribution will also be very valuable and can make a real difference.

"As a true Olympian – show the spirit of responsibility, friendship and fair play. Stop HIV – Stop the discrimination – and let everybody be part of the game."

Rania Elwani (pictured below), Egyptian swimmer and member of the IOC and the IOC Athletes' Commission.



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ARE YOU A TEAM PLAYER?

Then join our world-wide winning team by donating your clean sports and casual clothing to those that are in need. Your clothing will be donated to thousands of refugees around the world so that they too can experience the joy of sport.

Please deposit your donation at the Beijing Olympic Village in the receptacle at the IOC Corner "The Best of Us" (Residential zone, next to the main dining hall).

REPRESENTING ATHLETES ON THE IOC ETHICS COMMISSION

All those taking part in the Olympic Games must respect the rules of Ethics.

This means that individual and team competitors, every delegation member, referees and jury members and all other accredited people must respect and ensure respect of the IOC Code of Ethics. For example, there may be no discrimination of any sort among the participants; all forms of harassment of participants, be it physical, professional or sexual, are prohibited; and participants must not act in a manner likely to

tarnish the reputation of the Olympic Movement.

What is more, since 2006, all forms of participation in, or support for betting related to the Olympic Games, and all forms of promotion of betting related to the Olympic Games have been prohibited.

If you have the slightest doubt about betting on the Olympic Games or anything that might risk tarnishing the image of sport, do not hesitate to contact the Ethics Commission Secretary; your message will be treated in confidence.

Additional information can be found at the following address:
www.olympic.org/ethics.

During the period of the Olympic Games, the Ethics Commission Secretary will be at your disposal for any confidential consultation by sending an e-mail to the address specially created for the Olympic family from 25 July to 28 August 2008:
ethics@olympic.org.

Right: Pernilla Wiberg, IOC Member and IOC Athletes' Commission member, your representative on the IOC Ethics Commission

