



IPC Athletes Council Meeting 20 – 22 June 2018 Bonn, Germany

Executive Summary

Reports

The IPC Athletes' Council (AC) was updated by reports from the Chairperson (Chelsey Gotell), the IPC CEO (Xavier Gonzalez) and the IOC Athletes Commission Member (Aya Medany). Furthermore, members received an update report from the IPC Medical Committee prior to the meeting. AC member Monica Bascio reported from her attendance at the WADA Athletes' Forum.

Athletes Council elections and Proud Paralympian activations during the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympic Winter Games

The IPC Athletes' Council was provided with a report and statistics from the 2018 Athletes Council elections and Proud Paralympian activations. Based on data collected and experience from the staff, a number of recommendations were made for the next edition during the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Following questions received from athletes at the voting booth, the AC unanimously agreed that AB athletes (guides/pilots) continue not to be eligible to vote at IPC Athletes Council elections; however they do support a further discussion about the creation of an Entourage Committee in which they would be part of.

Athletes Hub

It was agreed that the structure of the Athletes Hub, which will be launched by the end of the year, will follow the four-pillar structure of the IPC Athletes' Council Strategy. Various recommendations were made by the Athletes' Council members that will be considered when further developing the hub. The hub will serve as a central online hub where all athletes can access information that pertains to them in an athlete friendly way as well as a learning gateway.

Medical, Scientific and Anti-Doping Update

IPC Medical and Scientific Director Peter Van de Vliet provided a status update in regards to the suspension of the Russian Paralympic Committee as well as on the testing results



from the 2014 Sochi Paralympic Winter Games. Furthermore, he commented on the WADA Independent Observer Report from the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympic Winter Games.

In regards to Classification, an update was provided on the IF Compliance review.

As the Athletes Council is receiving many questions from athletes in regards to protest procedures, it was agreed to develop a graphic that is clearly outlining the communication flow for classification protests from an athlete perspective.

The IPC Athletes' Council will also have a conference call with IPC Medical and Scientific Director Peter Van de Vliet and Chair of the Classification Committee, Ann Hart in mid-July to discuss the Governing Board decision to remove factor systems from the Paralympic Games (2024 and 2026 timeline.)

Outlook 2018-2019

Members of the Athletes' Council plan to be present at various World Championships over the summer. Furthermore, initial discussions are taking place in regards to time and place for the 2019 Athletes' Forum. Further details will be communicated by the end of 2018.

Athletes Council Strategy

The Athletes Council Strategy was further developed. The following mission statement was approved by the Athletes' Council:

"To be the voice of all current, future and retired athletes within the Paralympic Movement and support our athletes both on and off the field of play."

The four pillars of the Strategy are:

Pillar One: Building Athlete Leaders

Pillar Two: Supporting Athlete Careers

Pillar Three: Guiding the Progress of the Paralympic Movement

Pillar Four: Enhancing the Unique Sporting Environment of our Athletes

Furthermore, each pillar will be led by an AC member who will present milestones and an implementation plan for the respective pillar at the next meeting.

The Athletes' Council identified individual members to act as the liaison point with athlete representatives for each Paralympic sport, regional organisation, IPC Standing Committee, and the World Anti-Doping Agency. By doing so, the IPC Athletes' Council aims to build relationships with each athlete representative and ensure there is a strong foundation for



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ongoing two-way communication to gather a good cross-section of views from across the athlete community.

The draft Strategy was presented to the IPC Governing Board during the first ever joint session on 22 June 2018. It will be presented to the IPC membership at the September 2018 Membership Gathering in Madrid and launched publicly by the end of 2018.

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in December 2018.

In case of any questions, please contact us:

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