

Athlete Commission Minutes



The Athlete Commission met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September at the ISAF Secretariat, Southampton, UK

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Present:

Ben Barger (M-RS:X) – Chairman

Peter Kruger-Andersen (49ER)

Malcolm Page (M-470) - Vice-Chairman

Mark Reynolds (STAR)

Marcelien de Koning (-470)

Dan Slater (Finn)

Laura Baldwin (W-Radial)

Rasmus Myrgren (Laser)

Claire Leroy (W-Match-Racing)

Apologies:

Alberto Predieri – Vice-President

Olga Maslivets (W-RS:X)

1. Welcome & Introductions

Marcelien de Koning opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Athlete Commission.

Claire Leroy was welcomed as the new representative for the Women's Match Racing.

Malcolm Page was welcomed as the new representative for the 470 class.

Rasmus Myrgren was welcomed as the new representative for the Laser class.

The Secretary General' Jerome Pels, welcomed the Athlete Commission to the ISAF Secretariat and gave them an update on the Secretariat activities..

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes

The Athlete Commission noted the minutes of 24 and 25 September 2008 at the ISAF Secretariat in Southampton.

There were no matters arising (not covered elsewhere on this agenda).

3. Structure of Athlete's Commission

- (a) To select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the Athlete's Commission 2009 - 2012.

Marcelien de Koning advised the Athlete Commission that she had decided to step down as Chairman of the Athlete Commission for the next term. Ben Barger has offered to take this role on. It was agreed by the Athlete Commission that Ben

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Barger would be new the Chairman.

The Athlete Commission agreed to have a secret vote for the Vice-Chairman. It was agreed that Malcolm Page would be the new Vice-Chairman after receiving a majority of the votes.

A special thank you was given to Marcelien de Koning on all of her hard work as serving as the Chairman for the last term. The Athlete Commission value all of her input for the future.

(b) Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were noted.

(c) Athlete's Commission Working Group

The Athlete Commission Working Group is agreed as per section 8.

4. ISAF Secretariat Updates

(a) Competition and Events

The Events Manager gave a verbal report on the Events Department activities.

The Competitions Manager gave a verbal report on the Competitions Department activities.

(b) Marketing and Media

The Marketing Manager gave a verbal report on the Marketing and Media Department activities.

(c) Technical and Offshore

The Head of Technical and Offshore Department gave a verbal report on the Technical and Offshore Department activities.

(d) Training and Development

Unfortunately no report was received from the Training and Development Department as the Training and Development Manager was out of the ISAF Secretariat.

(e) Administration

The Office Manager gave a verbal report of the Administration Department activities.

5. ISAF Events

(a) ISAF Sailing World Cup

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

Peter Kruger-Andersen is now on the Sailing world Cup Managing Group as the Representative for the Athlete Commission. If Peter was unable to attend these meeting Malcolm page would attend these meetings on his behalf.

The Athlete Commission agreed that the following was necessary for the Sailing World Cup:

Tracking is essential.

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To have a standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

All Sailing World Cup events should work on the same format.

Need to encourage all competitors to stay until the final day of the event.

To have a simple scoring system.

The Sailing World Cup to look into having two discards.

To have fewer events but important to have a Grand Final at the end of the series.

The competitors felt that Prize money, Olympic Qualification and to only have five events would be better idea. This will find the best sailor for each class every year.

(b) 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manger on the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

The events Manager advised that John Longley, Events Director would appreciate any feedback from the competitors.

It was agreed that Malcolm Page would work alongside the ISAF Events Manager and the Events Director as Malcolm has already had dealings with John Longley.

(c) 2015 ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manger on the 2015 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

The Athlete Commission were advised that selecting the venue would be in May 2011.

The following countries have already expressed an interest: France, Germany, Denmark and Finland

6. IOC Events

(a) 2010 Youth Olympic Games

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

The Qualification System will see qualification events in North America, Central and South America, Africa, Oceania, Europe and Asia.

(b) 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manager on the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

The proposed Qualification System was discussed. The Athletes Commission unanimously recommended that for the Unused Quota Places any unused places should be given to the next nation from the qualification events in that event. For example if an NOC rejects an entry in the Women's One Person Dinghy event then the next nation in line from that events qualification events should be given the UQP.

It was advised that the 2010 Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta would be treated as an observed event for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition. In 2011 there will be a Test Event as well as the Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta. The Athletes

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Commission raised their concern over the 2010 Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta not being an official Test event with entries limited to two per nation per event.

The Events Manger advised they are currently working on a paper for council for the Olympic Medal Race redress. They are trying not to have a redress in the Medal race. This needs to be looked at further in extreme cases.

The Athletes Commission strongly recommended ISAF to continue working with the WPNSA to lower the prices for sailors wishing to train from the venue.

(c) 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

The Athlete Commission received a verbal progress report from the ISAF Events Manager and the Secretary General on the 2016 Olympic Sailing Games.

The Athlete Commission were advised that the host for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition would be announced on Friday 2 October.

ISAF will start working with the host as soon as this has been announced.

7. Anti Doping

The Athlete Commission received a progress report on Anti Doping together with a DVD with 10 questions from the Office Manager.

8. Athletes Commission Topic Groups

(a) The final responsibilities for the members of the Athlete's Commission were agreed as follows:

Ben	Survey/ Communication to ISAF
Marcelien	Survey/ Communication to ISAF / Race Officials
Peter	Sailing World Cup – Managing Group Representative
Mark	In House Certification / Survey / Equipment Control
Malcolm	Sailing World Cup / ISAF Worlds + (SWC MG Reserve)
Laura	Website / Communication to Athletes
Olga	Youth / Feedback on racing and events / YOG
Dan	Sailing World Cup
Rasmus	Olympics
Claire	ISAF Ranking / Match Racing

9. Submissions

The following submissions deemed important by the Athlete Commission made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee.

(a) Submission 010-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 010-09 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about Payments to International Umpires – Regulation 18.16.1(c).

Opinion

Support – For Sailing World Cup Events and if prize money is being paid for other

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events. Do not support the submission for any other events.

(b) Submission 031-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 031-09 from the Polish Yachting Association about Olympic Sailing Competition - Training Facilities at Olympic Venues.

Opinion

Support.

(c) Submission 036-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 036-09 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Directors.

Opinion

Support.

(d) Submission 063-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 063-09 from the Chairman of the Windsurfing Committee about Windsurfing to be included in the Connect to Sailing Programme.

Opinion

Support.

(e) Submission 064-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 064-09 from the RS:X Class about Reach-4-The-Top Training Programme.

Opinion

Support.

(f) Submission 070-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 070-09 from the Danish Sailing Federation about the High Performance 2 Person Women's Trial.

Opinion

Support as long as trials have been done first.

(g) Submission 071-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 071-09 from the Royal Yachting Association about the High Performance 2 Person Women's Trial.

Opinion

Support as long as trials have been done first.

(h) Submission 072-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 072-09 from the International Funboard Class Association about Windsurfing Equipment Evaluation - Regulation 16.

Opinion

Support.

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- (i) Submission 073-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 073-09 from the International Kiteboarding Association about Kiteboarders – Obtaining Designation as an International or Recognized Class.

Opinion

No comment.

- (j) Submission 075-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 075-09 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee about Class Rules Changes and Interpretations – Amendment to Regulation 26.

Opinion

No comment.

- (k) Submission 081-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 081-09 from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation about Course Format – Middle Gates.

Opinion

Reject.

- (l) Submission 082-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 082-09 from the Hungarian Yachting Association and the Russian Yachting Federation about Tracking System, Electronic Control of the Starting Line and Course – Invitation to tender.

Opinion

Reject but definitely encourage trials.

- (m) Submission 083-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 083-09 from the Polish Yachting Association about Selection of Windsurfing Equipment – 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition.

Opinion

Reject but definitely encourage trials.

- (n) Submission 084-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 084-09 from the International Laser Class Association about the selection of Equipment for Olympic Sailing Competition 2016 – Regulation 16.1.1(d).

Opinion

Reject – Refer to Olympic Commission.

- (o) Submission 085-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 085-09 from the Polish Yachting Association about the ISAF Sailing World Cup – Appointment or Approval of Race Officers or Course Representatives.

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Opinion

Support.

- (p) Submission 086-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 086-09 from the Polish Yachting Association about ISAF Events – ISAF Sailing World Cup.

Opinion

Support as long as the Paralympics are included.

- (q) Submission 087-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 087-09 from the RS:X Class – ISAF Sailing World Cup – RS:X Class Racing Format.

Opinion

Reject.

- (r) Submission 088-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 088-09 from the Deutscher Segler-Verband (DSV) - about the tracking System (SWC and Grade ½) – Introductions of Standards for the Usage of Tracking Systems for Tracking and Race Management.

Opinion

Support.

- (s) Submission 089-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 089-09 from the Polish Yachting Association about ISAF Events – Tracking System.

Opinion

Reject but definitely encourage trials.

- (t) Submission 090-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 090-09 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Sailing World Championships – Regulation 17.2.1.

Opinion

Support.

- (u) Submission 091-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 091-09 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Sailing World Championships – Regulation 17.2.6.

Opinion

Support.

- (v) Submission 093-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 093-09 from the Deutscher Segler-Verband (DSV) about Ranking List Olympic Women's Match Racing.

Opinion

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Reject – The actual rankings need to be clarified. Another ranking list will confuse everyone.

(w) Submission 094-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 094-09 from the Federacion Argentina de Yachting and the Yacht Club Ypacarai about the Classes and Equipment for the Youth Olympic Sailing Competition.

Opinion

Reject.

(x) Submission 101-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 101-09 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about ISAF World Match Race Rankings – Regulation 24.2.

Opinion

Support.

(y) Submission 131-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 131-09 from US SAILING about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 14.

Opinion

Reject.

(z) Submission 132-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 132-09 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules of Sailing about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 18.2 (c).

Opinion

Support.

(aa) Submission 133-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 133-09 from US SAILING about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 18.2(c).

Opinion

Support.

(bb) Submission 134-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 134-09 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 18.2(c).

Opinion

Support.

(cc) Submission 135-09

The Athlete Commission considered submission 135-09 from US SAILING about the Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 18.4.

Opinion

Support.

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10. Athlete's Questionnaire

It was agreed that Laura and Mark would work on a proposed questionnaire to be sent to sailors in all 10 Olympic events.

11. Communication

- (a) The Athlete Commission discussed the website www.sailorvoice.org . The following was agreed:

ISAF to help promote the Athlete Commission on the ISAF website.

Laura Baldwin to send regular Press Releases to David Knapman, News Editor for Making Waves.

Laura will promote the Athlete Commission as much as possible.

Athlete Commission to work with David Knapman, News Editor as much as possible to promote both the Athlete Commission and the website.

- (b) To discuss the Athlete's Commission Forum www.sailing.org/forum

The Athlete Commission agreed that the Athlete Commission Forum was no longer required.

- (c) Communication with Olympics Sailors

Laura Baldwin agreed to work on this further. The rest of the Athlete Commission to send regular updates to Laura.

12. IOC Athlete's Forum

The Athlete Commission received a report from Marcelien de Koning on the 4th International Athlete's Forum organized by the IOC (29 – 31 May 2009, Marrakech).

13. Any Other Business

The Vice-President gave a brief and general overview on the revision of the ISAF structure and governance the Executive Committee has promoted since the beginning of this year and informed the Athletes Commission that it is too early now to understand if, when and what changes are to be proposed. As to the hypothesis of having a representative of the Athletes Commission to be invited to seat at the table of the Council (with the right to speak but with no voting right) discussed by the Athletes Commission with the President back in May at the ISAF Mid-year meeting in Warsaw, the Vice-President reminded that the granting of such opportunity is strictly a prerogative of the President. The Vice-President assured the Athletes Commission that he would raised this issue with the President after the end of the IOC Congress and Session scheduled in the first half of October