

Athletes Advisory Commission (AAC) Terms of Reference

Role

The role of the Athletes Advisory Commission (AAC) is to help to inform the Sports Committee and WTGF Board as to the intricacies and particulars of specific sports conducted at the World Transplant Games (summer and winter).

Objectives

1. To foster a closer relationship between the athletes and the WTGF.
2. To involve more athletes in the WTGF movement.
3. To serve as a panel of individuals who can share expertise in their sports.
4. To act as a source of expert opinion and reference for the Sports Committee in all aspects related to sport.
5. To be available to assist the Judiciary in cases of dispute or appeal where the Judiciary does not have complete clarity or knowledge.

Scope

AAC committee members may be asked questions related to expertise about their specific sport. They may be asked to advise on issues such as the following:

1. The technical aspects of each sport including:
 - a. Equipment
 - b. Uniforms
 - c. Bibs (e.g. color coding by age and coding for triathletes)
 - d. Athletic field, court, swimming pool, course
2. Issues relevant to all the sports including:
 - a. Code of conduct
 - b. Competition Schedule
 - c. The Judiciary Process
3. The AAC will consult on the preparation and follow-up on the summer and winter games.
4. The AAC can suggest guidelines for each sport based on the international federation rules for each sport. The goal is to make the games as professional as possible, considering any special issues relating to transplant sports.



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Duties

AAC members can be consulted for two years to provide feedback to the WTGF Sport Committee before, during, and after the summer or winter World Transplant Games. AAC members will act solely in an advisory capacity and will not represent the WTGF in any official capacity. Members of a specific sport discipline will be consulted when the Sport Committee has a particular question about that sport. All discussions within the AAC groups and between the AAC and the Sport Committee are confidential in nature and must be respected.

Requirements

AAC members must have expertise in their sport and should have attended a previous World Transplant Games. Interested AAC members must submit a brief application explaining their interest and any previous/present experience in sport administration relevant to their wish to serve on the AAC.

Selection

Interested AAC members must submit an application. Team Managers will be consulted on all applicants. The WTGF Sports Committee will share the list of finalists to the Executive Committee who will appoint AAC members. Three athletes per sport representing three separate countries will be ideally appointed. The selection of members will be based on sport knowledge, sport commitment, and in some cases members will be chosen to ensure the broadest possible representation.

Removal and Replacement

The WTGF Executive Committee reserves the right to replace members of the AAC at any time.

AAC and the Judiciary

Members of the AAC may be consulted during the World Transplant Games to assist the judiciary. If an issue arises, it is the duty of the onsite sport judge to resolve the problems. If that is not possible, the issue will be referred to a member of the Judiciary who may call upon an AAC member for input. Since AAC members in a given sport will ideally come from three separate countries, the Judiciary will not allow any conflict of interest as far as requesting input from an AAC member. AAC members should have strong English speaking and writing skills.