

We, as the VISF can model our athlete representation to the IOC.

The responsibilities of the IOC Athletes' Commission are to:

- Empower Athlete Representation in Olympic Movement decision-making processes.
- Support Athlete Development in their sporting and non-sporting careers.
- Promote Athlete Involvement in decision-making across the Olympic Movement.
- Ensure Athlete Representation in Olympic Movement decision-making.

Therefore, VISF proposes the following language:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The VISF establishes a VISF Athlete Council in which one member, the Athlete Council Chair (ACC), will occupy a new and additional voting position on the board of the VISF. It is agreed that improving communication with athletes is an important part of good governance of our sport. It is important to put athletes at the heart of the sport and provide a link between them and the Federation which manages their competitive pathway.
2. The ACC will act as the voting member on the VISF.
3. Up to 4 additional council members will be appointed by the ACC.

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) Candidate criteria for the ACC: To be eligible, a candidate must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Must have been an active athlete for the US Virgin Islands within the last 15 years, having participated in one of the Olympic events.
 - b. Must not have any sanctions or violations against them.
 - c. Must be 18 or older.
 - d. Must meet the requirements for VI representation per VIOC rules.
- 2) Candidate criteria for VISF Athlete Council:

- a. Must have been an active athlete for the US Virgin Islands within the last 2 years, having participated in Carifta, CISC, CCAAN, or any Olympic Event.
- b. Must not have any sanctions or violations against them.
- c. Must be 18 or older.
- d. Must meet the requirements for VI representation per VIOC rules.

II. ELECTION CRITERIA

1. The ACC will be voted on per normal VISF voting procedures.
2. The ACC will then select their council members, up to 4 additional.
3. The ACC shall give selection preference to athletes who are currently training and competing in preparation for one of the international events listed above.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The ACC will have a voting position equal to other VISF voting members.
2. Coach selection recommendation for Olympic events, SC and LC World events, and University Games. This will not apply to Junior events with the same name, CARIFTA, CCCAN or CISC.
3. Attend VIOC activities when athlete participation is requested.

IV. VOTING

1. Voting on issues within the VISF Athlete Council will be by majority vote.
2. In the event of a tie vote, the ACC will break the tie.