

OCEANIA ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION ATHLETES' COMMISSION

2024 ELECTION

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SUVA, FIJI ISLANDS

CANDIDATE PACK

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INTRODUCTION

The elections to the OAA Athletes' Commission will be held during the 2024 Oceania Athletics Championships due to be conducted in Suva, Fiji. Voting booths opening times will be:

1 June 2024 – 1.00pm

6 June 2024 - 7.00pm

Voting booth will be at the main stadium during competition sessions and at designated times at athlete accommodation venues. Votes to be cast by accredited athletes competing in Senior and Para events only at the Oceania Athletics Championships.

In this pack, you will find the requirements to be elected to the OAA Athletes' Commission. There are 4 positions available for election and a further 3 positions will be appointed by OAA Council. The appointed positions can be chosen from candidates for election and MF nominated candidates. All nominations must be endorsed by the Athlete's Member Federation.

Candidates will need to advise if they wish to be considered for the position of Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson of the OAA Athletes' Commission.

Links to relevant documents:

[OAA Athletes' Commission Terms of Reference](#)

[OAA Constitution](#)

[OAA Commissions Committee Working Groups Policies and Procedures](#)

ROLE, COMPOSTION & REQUIREMENTS

Role

The role of the OAA Athletes' Commission is to contribute the perspectives of athletes in the Oceania Area to the Association in fulfilling out its objects.

Composition and Term of Appointment

The OAA Athletes' Commission is comprised of up to seven (7) members as follows:

- 4 members who are elected by their peers;
- Up to 3 other members who are nominated by Member Federations and appointed by the Council.

The term of appointment is generally 4 years commencing on the appointment by Council following the election at the Area Championships and expiring at the Area Championships up to 4 years later.

The maximum number of terms that an Athlete can serve is 3 (i.e. up to 12 years).

Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the 2024 elections, every athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Be a current member of the Member Federation (or a body affiliated to the Member Federation) in good standing.
- b. Be nominated by their Member Federation.
- c. Be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- d. Not be under investigation, or convicted or otherwise sanctioned for
 - i) A doping offence (whether or not they have served the sanction imposed on them); or,
 - ii) Any other offence or breach of any rules of World Athletics, the Oceania Athletics Association, or a Member Federation (whether or not they have served the sanction imposed on them); or,
 - iii) An offence under any applicable laws punishable by a term of imprisonment of two (2) years or more (unless the person has served the sanction imposed on them).

13.2.1 To be eligible to be nominated for, and to remain as, an OAA Athletes' Commission Member

13.2.2 (whether as an Elected Athletes' Commission Member or an Appointed OAA Athletes' Commission Member) the person must:

- a) Be a current member of the Member Federation (or a body affiliated to the Member Federation) in good standing.
- b) Be nominated by their Member Federation.
- c) Be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- d) Be able to speak and understand English reasonably well.
- e) If seeking to be an Elected OAA Athletes' Commission Member
 - i) Have competed in at least one (1) of the last two (2) Oceania Area or Regional Championships, or
 - ii) In the last Commonwealth or Olympic Games, or
 - iii) In the World Athletics Championships in the immediate 2year period before election.
- f) Not be under investigation, or convicted or otherwise sanctioned for:
 - i) A doping offence (whether or not they have served the sanction imposed on them); or,
 - ii) Any other offence or breach of any rules of World Athletics, the Oceania Athletics Association, or a Member Federation (whether or not they have served the sanction imposed on them); or,
 - iii) An offence under any applicable laws punishable by a term of imprisonment of two (2) years or more (unless the person has served the sanction imposed on them).

13.6.1 Appointed Members

13.6.2 In addition to the Elected OAA Athletes' Commission Members, Council may appoint three (3) persons to be Appointed Athletes' Commission Members, once every four years by the following process:

- e) In deciding both the number of Appointed OAA Athletes' Commission Member positions available, and the persons to appoint, Council must take into account the requirement for at least two (2) OAA Athletes' Commission Members of each gender, and the desire for a balance of OAA Athletes' Commission Members from across Oceania, athletics disciplines and the person's skills/expertise and availability to be on the OAA Athletes' Commission.

**Oceania Athletics Association Inc.
Election OAA Athletes' Commission
2024
Nomination Form**

This form should be used for nomination of candidates for the OAA Athletes' Commission, for which elections will be conducted at the 2024 Oceania Athletics Area Championships to be held in Suva, Fiji Islands, 1-8 June 2024.

Nominations must be received in writing by the Executive Director no later than two months prior (**1 April 2024 – 4.00pm AEST**) to the Championships at which all positions will become vacant. A National Governing Body Member may nominate one person for election to the OAA Athletes' Commission.

In accordance with the Oceania Athletics Association Constitution, Clause 14.6 – Commissions and Committees:

The Association shall have an Athletes' Commission established and operating in accordance with terms of reference decided by Council. The role of the Athletes' Commission is to contribute the perspectives of athletes in Oceania to the Association in fulfilling out its objects.

In accordance with the Oceania Athletics Association Constitution, Clause 13.3 (d)

- d. Every person seeking election as the OAA Council must first be declared Eligible by an Oceania Athletics Association Independent Vetting Panel and/or the World Athletics Vetting Panel (or equivalent), prior to the Election Congress meeting. *Vetting Rules attached.*

As the position of Chairperson of the OAA Athletes' Commission is a member of the OAA Council, any person wishing to be considered for the position of Chairperson of the OAA Athletes' Commission must be declared eligible by an Oceania Athletics Association, Independent Vetting Panel and/or the World Athletics Vetting Panel (or equivalent), prior to the Election.

To ensure the vetting process, which can be time-consuming, is completed on time, it is crucial that those who intend to nominate for the OAA Athletes' Commission Chairperson position, advise the OAA Office no later than the **8 March 2024**. Once your intent to nominate is received, the OAA Vetting Panel will commence the vetting process for potential candidates.

Please be aware, your nomination will not be considered eligible until such time as the vetting process has been concluded and you have been deemed eligible by the OAA Vetting Panel. A list of candidates will be released 17 May 2024 and candidates must be aware of and abide by the OAA Commissions, Committees and Working Groups Practice and Procedures Policy Appendix 1.

If the Chairperson is no longer able to continue in the role, the Deputy Chairperson will be required to undertake the Vetting process as outlined above. For convenience, it is suggested that any person wishing to nominate as Deputy Chairperson also undertake the vetting process at this time.

OAA Athletes' Commission – Nomination Form 2024

Part A – The Candidate

Personal Information

First Name

Last Name

Nationality

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Gender

Please indicate which position you wish to be considered for – Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Member

Contact Information

Email

Phone number (international code)

Country of Residence

Eligibility

Relevant Competition/Date(s)

Please provide further detail to support your nomination below – see Biography and Candidacy Statement

Candidate's Signature

Date

Part B –Member Federation Approval*Name of Member Federation**The decision to nominate the Athlete was made by (meeting where approval was sought):*

Name

MF Position

Signature

Date

Biography

The information you provide in your Biography will be published in information sent in Candidate Profiles to Member Federations and on social media.

Provide Passport size colour profile picture – please send in separate file and in high resolution (this will be used for your Candidate profile)

Athletics Disciplines

Sport career and athletics achievements & Professional career

Sport Administration Experience

Three words that describe you best.

Your objective as a Candidate in one sentence

Candidacy Statement

Please explain why you wish to be elected to the Oceania Athletics Association Athletes' Commission and how you want to use the position if elected.

The statement must be typed and should not exceed 500 words. This statement should be addressed to the athletes encouraging them to vote for you.

Why I am running for the election.

Four (4) positions will be elected by your fellow athletes. Up to three (3) other OAA Athletes' Commission members can be appointed by Oceania Athletics Association Council Members.

List below your competencies for additional support of your nomination for appointment.

Can include but not limited to: Experience on Committees, Athletes representative, Leadership, Knowledge of Athletics, Decision Making, Honesty and Integrity, Interpersonal & Communication Skills, Organisation Skills, Administrative or Governance Experience, Vision and Passion.

Competencies