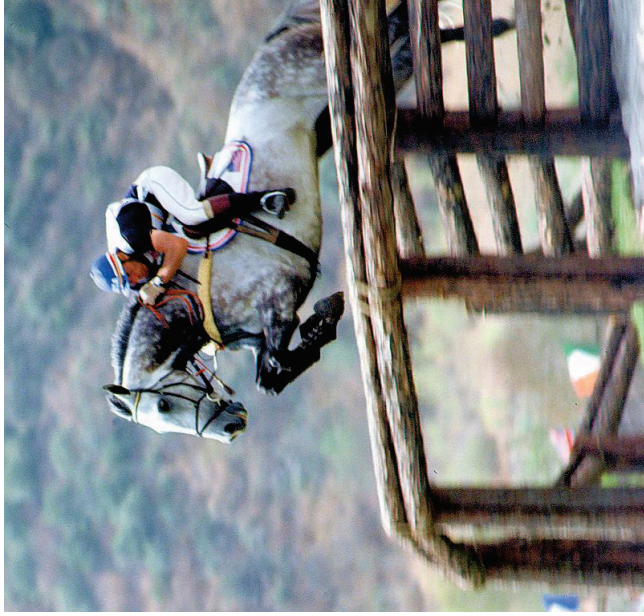


Athletes Commission

ESA Council Meeting – 12th April 2022



What is the athletes commission?

It is a member, along with the ordinary members (provinces) of the South African Eventing Association (ESA)

- 7.1.2 The Athletes Commission means a body of representative of active athletes/ participants known as the Athletes' Commission, and established from individual athletes participating in ESA, as defined in this Constitution.
- Noting that an athlete is: 7.1.4 Athlete(s) shall mean each individual participant in the sport
- For info, as per SAEF 11.1.3: Athletes Commission means a body of representative of active athletes/ participants known as the Athletes' Commission, and established from individual athletes actively participating in Equestrian Sport of the Federation, as defined in this Constitution.

It consists of participating athletes

- No criteria for qualification to serve on the athletes commission are defined in the ESA or SAEF constitutions,
- Note: For info (It does not automatically impose this on member federations, but may be persuasive), the SASCOC constitution states in section 8.7 :
 - The [SASCOC] Athletes' Commission is composed of athletes who have competed internationally and
 - Not less than 50% (fifty per cent) of the members of the Athletes' Commission shall be athletes who have received National colours and represented South Africa in an international event and endorsed by their National Federation (i.e. up to 50% of SASCOC's athletes commission may be athletes **who have not competed internationally**)

It is represented by an athletes representative who:

- Is a member of the ESA Council:
 - 15.1 The ESA Council shall consist of the following persons:
 - 15.1.5 A Representative of the Athletes commission
- Carries one vote in meetings of the council:
 - 10.1 The voting rights set out in this clause shall apply in respect of any and all meetings of the Council.
 - 10.3 Athletes Representative shall have 1 (one) vote.
- Is not subject to the term limits imposed on other officials:
 - 15.8 The positions of President, Vice - President, Treasurer must be voted for every 3 (three) years.
 - No person may serve for more than 6 consecutive years as President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary
- Whilst not specifically defined in the ESA constitution, is expected to be appointed by the athletes commission
 - Ad 26.4 of SAEF: The representatives of the Athletes Commission **will be nominated within their structure**.

ESA Athletes Commission - Proposal

Clubs' Athletes representatives

- Each club appoints an athlete representative to serve on provincial athletes commission
- **Club's athletes determine who should serve, and criteria for selection**
- **Club does not prescribe who should serve**

Provincial Athletes Commission

- Each provincial athletes commission appoints a rep to serve on the provincial eventing council
- Each provincial athletes commission appoints a rep to serve on the national athletes commission (expect both to be the same person)
- **Provincial athletes commission determines criteria for selection**
- **Provincial eventing association does not prescribe who should serve as provincial athletes representative**

National athletes commission

- National athletes commission appoints a rep to serve on the ESA council
- **National athletes commission determines criteria for selection**
- **National eventing association does not prescribe who should serve as national athletes representative**