



GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONS OF THE USF ATHLETES' COMMITTEE **SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018**

1. Establishment of USF Athletes' Committee

There shall be established a USF Athletes' Committee pursuant to Article C 20.2 of the Constitution, which will be governed by the Charter enshrined under the USF Rules & Regulations.

2. Composition of the USF Athletes' Committee

The USF Athletes' Committee will comprise –

- a) Eight (8) members directly elected or agreed by Athletes belonging to the Athletes in good standing;
- b) Two (2) members to be appointed by the USF Executive; and
- c) Any member of the FINA or CANA Athletes' Committee who is a citizen of Uganda.

3. Eligibility to Serve on the USF Athletes' Committee

To be eligible for election or appointment to the Athletes' Committee, an athlete must be –

- a) A Ugandan athlete of at least eighteen (18) years of age and must not have been sanctioned for a doping or any other sporting offence during his or her sports career;
- b) Without a criminal conviction for an offence involving moral turpitude;
- c) In good standing and fully paid up.

4. Election of Athletes Committee Members

The USF Executive will arrange for and conduct elections for members of the Athletes' Commission at a date after finalization of the USF elective General Assembly. Elections will be conducted under the following Rules: -

4.1 Delegates at the Elective Meeting

Each USF Member in good standing shall be represented at the elective meeting for the Athletes' Committee by 2 (two) Delegates who must be at least 16 years old and registered athletes with USF.

4.2 Nomination of Candidates

A candidate for an elective position on the USF Athletes' Commission shall be nominated by at least one Member in good standing and seconded by another member in good standing.

4.3 Verification of Candidates

Following nomination, a candidates will present proof of his/her –

- a) Registration with a USF Member;
- b) Settlement of athletes' annual fees;
- c) Ugandan citizenship and age;
- d) Any other information as may be necessary for verification of the candidate.

4.4 Nullification of Election

Notwithstanding the verification conducted at the elective meeting, the election of an athlete may be nullified if information is availed to the USF that renders the athlete ineligible to hold a position on the USF Athlete's Committee.

4.5 Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot. Voting may be by any other method deemed appropriate under given circumstances.

4.6 Quorum to Elect Athletes' Committee

An election of the Athletes' Committee shall take place only if a simple majority of the duly registered and fully paid up USF Members in good standing are represented at the meeting.

5. Chairperson and Secretary of the Athletes' Committee

The fully constituted Athlete's Committee shall as its first order of business elect or choose from among its members, a Chairperson and Secretary.

- 1) The Chairperson shall be the leader of the Committee and will chair all its meetings and communicate with the USF Executive on behalf of the Athletes' Committee.
- 2) The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a record of all meetings of the Committee, and will perform any other functions that may be assigned by the Chairman and Members.
- 3) Other members of the Committee will perform tasks as assigned by the Chairperson and or the Athlete's Committee consistent with the roles of the Committee.

6. Term of Office for Athletes' Committee Members

Members of the Athletes' Committee will hold office for the same period as the USF Executive and will cease to hold office at the USF elective assembly when the new USF Executive is to be elected.

7. Advice of the Athletes' Committee and Meetings

The USF Athletes' Committee will advise the USF Executive on all matters relating to all USF athletes and will for this purpose, meet at least twice a year with the prior approval of the USF President and or Secretary General at the expense of the Federation. Quorum for such meetings will consist of six (6) members of the Committee including the Chairperson.

8. Duty of the Athletes' Committee to Act in Best Interest of USF

The members of the Athletes' Committee must:

- a) Act solely in the best interests of the USF and its members as a whole.
- b) Exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence, in good faith and for a proper purpose.
- c) Not make improper use of their position or information acquired by virtue of holding their position so as to gain an advantage for themselves or any other person or to cause detriment to the Committee.

9. Conflict of Interest by Members of the Athletes' Committee

- 1) At meetings of the Athletes' Committee, any member of the Committee who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at such meeting must:
 - a) Disclose the nature and extent of that interest to the meeting.
 - b) Not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting;
 - c) Not vote on the matter.
- 2) Sub-Rule 9 shall not apply to a material personal interest that exists only because the USF Athletes' Committee member is a member of the Committee.

10. Revision of the Guidelines

These Guidelines may be revised anytime before the Elections of the Athletes Committee as and when the need arises.

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9 February 2018

USF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE