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**IWF Member Federations  
To Member Federation Athletes**

**Dear Athletes and Colleagues,**

A total of 30 countries sent applications for the 10 positions of the interim Athletes' Commission so the Executive (Interim President's) Advisory Commission had a pool of great candidates from which to select. We want to thank all countries for sending in candidates and supporting inclusion of athletes in governance. We also want to thank the athletes who we hope will become the future leaders and stewards of our great sport.

While we know that this is not the best method, we are aware that it is important to include the athletes in the reform and governance changes we are working towards. This includes a formalized election procedure for the athletes by the athletes.

Without any current Constitutional direction, the General Secretary and I solicited input from the Executive Advisory Commission as well as the 2 current Athletes' Commission members, the IWF Congress elected Executive Board Member Pyrros Dimas, and the current appointed athletes' representative to several commissions, Tom Goegeboeger. We believe both Pyrros and Tom can continue to be excellent mentors as honorary members to the new Athletes' Commission.

The first step in selection was to exclude all applications from the national federations who currently have Executive Board representation. We could not have anticipated the response so this was not announced beforehand. Thankfully, due to the level of interest, we were able to diversify the representation to include member federations who currently have no seat on the Executive Board. There was also an inherent concern that there could be the optics of a conflict of interest which we wished to avoid.

The Commission composition is 5 men and 5 women total with full voting rights, one man and woman selected from each continent, which were approved by the Executive Board upon advice of the Executive Advisory Commission. There is also a Commission Chair appointed by the Interim President to liaise with the Interim President, and to assist with the onboarding process.

Please find below the members to the IWF Athletes' Commission:

Continent	Nation	Name of Athlete
Africa	Ghana (M)	Forrester Christopher OSEI
	South Africa(W)	Mona PRETORIUS
Asia	China (M)	Lyu XIAOJUN
	Japan (W)	Hiromi MIYAKE
Europe	Germany (M)	Jurgen SPIESS
	France (W)	Dora TCHAKOUNTE
Oceania	Australia (M)	Damon KELLY
	New Zealand(W)	Megan Ann SIGNAL
Pan America	Brazil (M)	Fernando REIS
	Cuba (W)	Marina de la Caridad RODRIGUEZ MITJAN

Additionally, the Commission will be chaired by Sarah Davies of Great Britain.

I would like to again thank the athletes. The quality and caliber of the candidates give me confidence that our sport has a bright future in your hands.

Stay healthy and get strong!

Yours sincerely,



**Ursula Garza Papandrea**  
IWF Interim President



**Mohammed Jalood**  
IWF General Secretary