



PAHF ATHLETES COMMITTEE ELECTION PROCEDURE 2017

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1. Preliminary stages

The preliminary stage of the election begins with the mailing, by the Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF), of an invitation to each National Association (NA) to present, within a deadline set out by the PAHF, one candidate for election to the Committee.

a. Eligibility criteria regarding the proposed Athlete

National Associations can only nominate one candidate to stand for election.

To be eligible for election for the Committee, any candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Be over 18 years old;
- Have not incurred any measure or sanction in relation of any violation of the World Anti-Doping or Anti-Corruption Codes and must not have been banned from the game;
- Be able to communicate effectively in English;
- Be current or former international Athlete who last played international hockey no longer than 4 years before the date of their nomination.

b. Nomination procedures

Any Athletes and NA intending to submit a candidature proposal must complete a Nomination Form established by the PAHF, duly signed by the candidate and the CEO or President of the proposing NA before **the 23rd June 2017.**

The Nomination Form includes the information listed below:

- An up-to-date CV (personal information, sport career and education);
- A short statement (200 words), written by the candidate in English, explaining the reasons for his or her candidature. This Statement will be made available for use on the PAHF communication channels;
- One recent digital passport photo and one action photo of the candidate playing hockey.

In addition to the above, the candidate has the possibility (not mandatory) to send:

- A video presentation of no more than 1 minute for use on the PAHF communication channels.

c. Announcement of candidates

The PAHF will issue a release publishing the list of all validated and admissible candidates on **the 3rd of July 2017.**

d. Promotion of candidates

As soon as the candidates' list is approved and communicated, the candidates can promote themselves in any way they see fit.

e. Committee Composition and election period

The PAHF Athletes Committee shall be composed of 7 (seven) persons:

- 6 Committee Ordinary Members (elected); 1 (one) elected member will be appointed Chair by the Board of Directors.
- 1 Committee Secretary (PAHF staff member)

3 (three) Committee Members shall be elected for a term of 4 (four) years by the Athletes who last participated in international competitions. The members to be elected will come from nominations by the athlete endorsed by their National Associations. There can be only one representative per country. The 3 (three) highest polling Athletes will be elected.



Before Congress, the **Committee Chair** shall be appointed for a term of 2 (two) years by the PAHF Executive Board from **one of the elected members of the Athletes Committee at the time of the appointment.**

The Committee membership shall be limited to a maximum of two consecutive 4 year terms as summarized in the table below, subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

2015-2019	4 Members Elected after the Pan Am Games for 4 years	The Committee Chair appointed by Board of Directors for 2 years before Congress 2015
Pan American Cup – Election year		
2017-2021	3 Members Elected after the Pan Am Cups for 4 years	The Committee Chair appointed by Board of Directors for 2 years before Congress 2017
Pan American Games – Election year		
2021-2025	4 Members Elected after the Pan Am Games for 4 years	The Committee Chair appointed by Board of Directors for 2 years before Congress 2019



2. The election

a. Electorate

Each Athlete that competed for their senior national team at the most recent International Event (event/tournament must be sanctioned by PAHF or FIH as international) will be entitled to a vote. If the respective national team has not participated in any international sanctioned event in the last 2 years then the voting rights will go to the members of the team who last competed in an international match.

The NA must provide email addresses for each athlete that is on the record for the last International Event their country participated in. The most recent tournament roster will apply for voting rights.

Voters will be instructed regarding the need for regional and/or gender balance within the committee.

b. Election procedure

Each voting eligible athlete will receive an email with a link to the PAHF website for online voting. A list of the candidates for which they can vote will be made public at PAHF website. The online voting tool will guarantee voting eligible athletes are allowed to cast their vote only once.

During the Pan Am Cups 2017, there will be physical voting for those athletes participating at the tournament that still did not cast a vote online.

c. Election period

The voting dates are **from the 22 July 2017 to 08 August 2017.**

d. Counting of the votes

The online voting tool used should calculate the election results automatically and a scrutineer, appointed by the Managing Director of PAHF, will count the physical votes cast during the Pan Am Cups 2017, to confirm the total votes for each candidate.

e. Announcement of elections

PAHF shall announce the list of the elected candidates at the **PAHF Congress on the 10th of August 2017**

3. The appointment and ratification of members

a. Board of Directors appointments

The Board of Directors will appoint the Chair and the staff member before at the Board meeting scheduled to take place on August 9, 2017.

b. Announcement of the composition of the Athletes Committee

The PAHF shall announce the complete list of the PAHF Athletes Committee to the NAs at the PAHF Congress on the 10th of August 2017.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This election procedure is applicable for the 2017 Athletes Elections and shall be reviewed for the next term.