

# WADA Athlete Council

11 July 2024

## Meeting Outcomes

Athlete Council Members		Athlete Council Members	
Ryan Pini, Chair		Inaki Gomez	
Gaby Ahrens, Vice-Chair		Jennifer Harss	
Ivan Cosic		Dora Hegyi	
Clare Egan		Humphrey Kayange	
Adriana Escobar		Kristen Kit	
Jitske Visser		Emma Terho	
Patrick O-Leary		Hong Zhang	
Apologies			
Maja Wloszczowska		Olumide Oyedeji	
Ella Sabljak		Alessia Zecchini	
Yuhan Tan			
WADA Staff			
Karine Henrie, Head of Athlete Engagement		Stacy Spletzer-Jegen, Senior Manager, Athlete Engagement	

WADA's [Athlete Council](#) (AC) held a virtual meeting on 11 July 2024. The key outcomes of the discussions are outlined below.

### Welcome and updates

- WADA AC Chair, Ryan Pini welcomed the members to this virtual call.
- The Chair mentioned that the draft agenda was provided to all members two weeks prior to the meeting date as per the Terms of Reference and for discussion or changes. While no comments were received from members during that time, the Chair asked if anyone had any agenda items to add. No one did.
- The Chair provided a debrief on the Extraordinary Executive Committee (ExCo) [meeting](#) (held on 9 July 2024) which included informing the members of the [interim report](#) (and [annex](#)), that was delivered by Independent Prosecutor Mr. Eric Cottier regarding his review of WADA's handling of the China Anti-Doping Agency's (CHINADA's) case involving 23 swimmers from China in 2021.
- The Chair then invited questions and comments on this case.
- Members welcomed the findings of the interim report and were pleased to see the details contained in the Annex. The AC agreed that before exploring next steps or proposing any follow-up actions, they would wait to review the final reasoned report, with recommendations, expected at the end of August 2024.

### Code and International Standards Update

- Clare Egan is leading the AC's participation in the Code and International Standard Update process to ensure the AC's voice is captured and that comments from the AC are provided as part of this consultation phase
- Clare thanked those members from the AC that have offered their support to review the proposed changes. She provided a high-level update on the process and timeline for AC to provide feedback
- Clare also reminded the AC that an athlete focused webinar will be held on 16 July to provide updates on the process, timelines, proposed changes to the Code and the Standards and guide athletes on how to provide comments to ensure their voice is heard. She encouraged AC members to attend, and to share the information about the webinar with their respective athlete groups.

### AC Action Plan Update

- Karine Henrie provided a progress update regarding the development of the AC Action Plan, namely that:
  - Following the session held in March 2024 regarding the development of an Action Plan, a document collating and summarizing the proposed next steps was circulated to the AC.
  - No additional comments have been received by the AC.
  - Therefore, WADA's Athlete Engagement as well as the Strategic Management Office, will work with the AC Action Plan Sub-Group to develop a draft outlining proposed initiatives for the remainder of 2024 and 2025. Once the Sub-Group is satisfied with the draft, the proposal will be sent to the AC for their review and endorsement.

### Paris 2024 Updates

- Members provided updates on their roles with WADA at the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris. This included:
  - Independent Observer Programs
  - Athlete Engagement Programs
  - Pre-Games Taskforce and Supervisory Panel

### **Athlete Engagement Update**

- Karine Henrie provided an update on the work of the Athlete Engagement unit, including:
  - The Election plans for Group 2 in 2024
  - The Athletes' Anti-Doping Ombuds
  - The Initial Human Rights Impact Assessment
  - The plans around improvements to Athlete Central (whereabouts App) which includes athlete involvement
  - Athlete focused communication

### **Other Business**

- The Chair invited members to provide updates on specific areas of involvement
  - Kristen Kit, elected AC member to WADA's Finance Committee, provided an update on the recent Finance meeting which she attended virtually.
  - Emma Terho gave a general update on Paris 2024 and the different programs created to support athletes.

### **Wrap Up/Meeting Adjourned**

- The Chair wrapped up the meeting wishing everyone success in Paris and reminded the group that the next in-person meeting for the AC will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 3 December and all members will be invited to observe the Foundation Board meeting on 5 December.