INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

STATUTE
of the
IOC Ethics Commission

A. COMPOSITION AND ORGANISATION

Article 1.

The IOC Ethics Commission is independent; it is composed of nine members, among whom there must be:

- four IOC members, be they active, honorary, honour or former IOC members, including a representative of the IOC Athletes' Commission;
- five personalities, independent members, who are not active, honorary, honour or former IOC members and who have no direct link to the sports movement.

Article 2.

The members and the Chair of the IOC Ethics Commission shall be elected by the Session on the proposal of the IOC Executive Board in accordance with paragraph 2 of Rule 22 of the Olympic Charter.

The Chair and the members of the IOC Ethics Commission may be re-elected by the Session at the end of their term of office, subject to the limit of the number of terms provided for in Article 9 below.

Article 3.

The IOC Ethics Commission' Chair shall be an independent personality who is not an active, honorary, honour or former IOC member and has no direct link to the sports movement. The Chair could be a former independent member of the IOC Ethics Commission.

The IOC Ethics Commission Chair calls the Commission's members for the meetings, at least once a year, presides over the Commission's discussions, presents its annual report at the Session and is supported by the Ethics Commission Secretary.

Article 4.

The quorum required for a decision of recommendation is reached when at least five members, at least three of whom are independent members, are present. Each member will make every effort to attend the meetings.

Article 5.

The IOC Ethics Commission's management is supported by its Secretary.

The administrative organisation is provided by the IOC Ethics and Compliance Office.

B. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION

Article 6.

In the framework of the competence as defined in Rule 22.1 of the Olympic Charter, the terms of reference of the IOC Ethics Commission are:

a.) to define and update a framework of ethical principles, including a Code of Ethics, based upon the values and principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter, of which the said Code forms an integral part;

b.) to analyse complaints raised in relation to the non-respect of such ethical principles, including breaches of the Code of Ethics and, if necessary, to propose sanctions or measures to the IOC Executive Board;

c.) to answer requests for opinions from the IOC President, Executive Board or any IOC commission.

Article 7.

The IOC Ethics Commission presents an annual report on its activities to the IOC Session. This report will be published.

C. CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Article 8.

Members of the IOC Ethics Commission shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests or any other conflict exists or is perceived to exist.

D. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Article 9.

The duration of the term of the IOC Ethics Commission Chair and members is four years. This four-year term may be renewed no more than twice in respect of each role.

Upon ceasing to be an IOC member, the term of office of the member of the IOC Ethics Commission as an IOC member shall end.

Article 10.

The term of the IOC Ethics Commission Chair and members takes effect on the day of his/her election by the IOC Session.

Article 11.

In the event of the Chair of the IOC Ethics Commission being unable to act, his/her duties shall be performed by the senior member of the IOC's independent members (the longest-serving independent member).

In the event of death, resignation or inability of a member to perform his or her functions, the member shall be replaced by a newly elected member following the procedure; thus, the IOC Executive Board shall propose a new member to the election by the next IOC Session.

Article 12.

In the event of a breach of the present Statute, an IOC Ethics Commission member and the Chair may be removed from office by a specific vote by the IOC Session, and with the approval of two-thirds of the IOC Ethics Commission members, the member concerned being heard by the IOC Executive Board.

E. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 13.

The present provisions enter into force at the time of their approval by the IOC Executive Board on 10 December 2025.