



## Terms of Reference

### 1. Purpose

- To ensure that the Council of the WMRA can benefit from the perspective and expertise of past and current international athletes in its deliberations and decision making.
- To provide international athletes with a formal mechanism for ensuring that their views on important matters are heard by the WMRA Council

### 2. Membership

- The Commission membership shall comprise of up to 12 members elected in accordance with the criteria and election procedures set out below.

### 3. Duties

- At all times make decisions and provide advice based on the best interests of the discipline of mountain running
- To bring matters to the WMRA Council for discussion and or recommendation via the stated Council liaison person (currently John Bowden)
- Where requested, provide feedback and guidance on relevant matters to the WMRA Council.
- Proactively help provide an open two-way communication channel between the WMRA Council and international athletes.
- It is not envisaged that the Athletes Commission will need to physically meet, rather that it will work via electronic means.
- At all times, act in a manner which best represents the spirit of mountain running.

### 4. Election of Commission Members

All athletes who have competed in a senior WMRA Championship or WMTRC short trail championship within the last 10 years can apply to be a member of the Athletes Commission

- At least 50% of the Athletes Commission members will have competed in a senior WMRA Championship or WMTRC in the last two years.
- No more than 2 athletes per country may serve on the Athletes Commission at any one time.
- Athletes will serve for a period of four years.
- Commission members may stand for a second term if they still meet the eligibility criteria.
- The formal election procedures will be administered by the WMRA and will consist of election via voting at the biannual WMTRC Championships or another suitable time with as a minimum:
  - Call for applicants in advance via WMRA outlets and Member Federations
  - Applicants to submit the EOI form which will outline their suitability for the role and their commitment to assisting the WMRA develop the sport of mountain running.
  - Voting to be conducted at the biannual WMTRC Championships or by email/zoom etc.