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# **AETF Athletes Committee - Terms of Reference**

# 1. Introduction

The **AETF Athletes Committee** represents and supports athletes in all aspects of their training, competition, and well-being. The committee ensures that athletes' voices are heard in the decision-making process and that their needs are met in areas such as mental health, funding, and performance development.

Athletes are the heart of Taekwon-Do ITF, and their needs must be prioritised. This committee will work to ensure that athletes receive the support, resources, and recognition they deserve.

#### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

The Athletes Committee will:

- Establish a structured feedback system to address athlete concerns.
- Develop mental health support programs to enhance athlete resilience.
- Coordinate with national federations to **improve funding opportunities** to support training and competition costs.
- Organise athlete performance assessments to optimise training strategies.
- Ensure that athletes have an active role in AETF decision-making, allowing them to shape policies that affect their careers.

#### 3. Implementation Plan

- Conduct **athlete consultation meetings** to identify key concerns and areas for improvement.
- Work with **sports psychologists and mental health professionals** to create mental resilience programs.
- Develop **initiatives and sponsorship programs** to ease financial burdens on athletes.



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- Collaborate with **high-performance coaches and sports scientists** to enhance athlete development.
- Ensure that athletes have a strong voice in AETF decision-making, empowering them to advocate for necessary changes.

## 4. Collaboration & Reporting

- **Reports to**: AETF Board of Directors.
- Works closely with: Coaches Committee, Anti-Doping & Health Promotion Committee, Development Committee, Technical Director.
- **External Partners**: Sports Psychologists, Performance Analysts, Funding Organisations.
- **Reporting Frequency**: Quarterly reports on athlete well-being and representation.

## 5. Conclusion

The **Athletes Committee** is essential in ensuring that athletes receive the resources, support, and recognition they need to excel. **By prioritising mental health, financial aid, and performance optimisation, this committee strengthens the foundation of Taekwon-Do ITF in Europe.** 

**Moving forward, the integration of athlete voices into AETF governance** and the expansion of athlete support systems will be key in creating a sustainable and thriving competitive environment.