

To **National Federations**
Members of World Rafting Federation
Members of International Rafting Federation

Cc Continental Bodies

Subject: Convocation for the Election of the Athletes' Commission

Pursuant to the Statutes of United Rafting and in accordance with the Transitional Provisions adopted for the purpose of convening the First Elective Congress following the unification of the International Rafting Federation (IRF) and the World Rafting Federation (WRF), the First Elective Congress of United Rafting is hereby formally convened on 21 April 2026 to complete the election of the General Board of United Rafting.

United Rafting will also proceed with the **election of the Athletes' Commission and its Chairperson**, who shall serve *ex officio* as a member of the General Board.

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1. Athletes' Commission

The Athletes' Commission is established as a permanent body to ensure continuous and structured dialogue between active athletes and the governing bodies of United Rafting. It serves as the official representative voice of the athlete community, providing input on policies and decisions that affect athletes.

The Commission shall consist of **six (6) members**.

Eligible candidates must be **active** or recently retired athletes who have competed at the international level **within the past eight (8) years**.

At least one-third (1/3) of the members must be of a different gender than the majority, in accordance with principles of gender equity and inclusiveness.

2. Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall automatically assume the position of Chairperson of the Commission. The Chairperson shall serve, for the duration of the Commission's mandate, as an *ex officio* member of the General Board of United Rafting.

3. Committee for Evaluation of Documentation and Verification of Credentials

A single Committee composed of four (4) members (two appointed by IRF and two appointed by WRF) shall serve both as:

- Committee for Evaluation of Documentation; and
- Committee Responsible for Verification of Credentials.

One of its members shall act as Chair of the Committee.

This Committee shall evaluate documentation relating to athletes status, voting rights and candidatures. Members of this Committee shall not be eligible to stand for elective positions at the First Elective Congress.

The members are:

- Matteo Benciolini
- Eric Boudreau
- Francesco Fiorini
- Adam Bass

4. Voting rights

Athletes who, as of 21 April 2026 at 18:00 CET, hold a **valid United Rafting license** (<https://theflow.rsportz.com/memberships>) are eligible to vote.

Elections shall be conducted electronically during the Junior & U23 World Championships and World Cup, from 23 April 2026 at 08:00 CET (opening of voting) until 25 April 2026 at 22:00 CET (closing of voting).

All athletes will receive an email on 23 April 2026, a few minutes before the opening of the voting, at the address registered on TheFlow. The email will contain a unique voting code. The vote is secret.

5. Candidatures

Any candidature for the General Board must be submitted **no later than 15 April 2026** (23:59 CET) using exclusively the official candidature form available on the IRF and WRF websites (<https://theflow.rsportz.com/pages/Congress>).

Applications must:

- be submitted by email to the designated Committee at raftingcongress@gmail.com;
- include a formal declaration confirming compliance with eligibility requirements;
- include a declaration of any potential conflict of interest in accordance with the IOC Code of Ethics.

Candidates who have already submitted a candidature for a different position within the General Board shall be ineligible to submit a candidature for the Athletes' Commission.

Modifications to candidatures must be submitted within the same deadline. After the deadline, only renunciations will be accepted.

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All relevant documentation and procedural guidelines for the conduct of the Congress shall be circulated in due course.

We look forward to your participation in this historic First Elective Congress of United Rafting.