

WFDF Athletes Commission Report for 2017 WFDF Congress

Saturday, June 17th – Royan, France

AC Members: Ali Smith, Andres Perez, Felix Angue, John McNaughton, Véronique Riopel, and Ryan Purcell

Dear WFDF Members:

On behalf of my fellow Athletes Commission members, it is my pleasure to share a brief update on the activities of the AC over the past 12 months, and our plans for the year ahead.

Apologies that I was not able to attend Congress in person this year. Work obligations prevent from arriving until the evening of the 17th. I will be around all week (playing with USA Open Masters), however, so please come say hello and let me know if you have any thoughts on how the AC can best support our athletes in the future.

Sincerely,

Ryan Purcell
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Year in Review

July 2016: The third AC election was held during WUCC in London. New AC members Angue, McNaughton, and Smith were elected for a 4-yr term to mid-2020. The terms for AC members Perez, Purcell, and Riopel expire in 2018, when the next AC elections will be held.

June-August 2016: Purcell involved in development of SoTG activities at WJUC Poland.

August 2016: Purcell unanimously chosen to remain as Chair.

October 2016: Purcell represents AC at the Board face-to-face meetings in NYC.

Nov-April 2017: AC contributions to discussions around WADA testing protocols, player fees at WFDF events, and any other topics impacting WFDF Athletes.

May 2017: After a request came through from the World Anti-Doping Association asking that WFDF name an 'Athlete Point of Contact', AC Member Ali Smith was connected with WADA's Athlete Relations staff as our PoC.

Looking Ahead

2017:

-Continued involvement in WFDF Strategic Plan initiatives and Olympics Target 2024 activities and working groups.

-Help review and assess 2017 WFDF events and support continued improvement and expansion of future events

-Proactive outreach to the Athlete Commissions in other IFs to better understand their structure and activities.

2018:

-Participate and support annual cadence of topical networking/educational events around major WFDF events. Reach out to members to understand what type of event would be most useful.