



# Belize Volleyball Association

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## ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE BVA ATHLETES COMMISSION

Athletes are the most important element of any sport. Athletes are the main attraction and the key factor in determining the success of a sport. They must have representation at the administrative and executive level to share their opinions, concerns, and recommendations directly to the Board of Administration. Athletes shall have direct participation and influence on the direction and development of the sport. The BVA shall have elections for the BVA Athletes Commission.

## COMPOSITION OF THE BVA ATHLETES COMMISSION

The BVA shall have an Athletes Commission comprised of the following:

1. Two (2) representatives (1 male, 1 female) of Volleyball elected by BVA athletes.
2. Two (2) representatives of Beach Volleyball elected by BVA athletes.
3. The BVA Board of Administration, in consultation with the above representatives may appoint one (1) athlete each for Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.
4. If there are not sufficient candidates to fill the positions, the BVA Board of Administration shall appoint the necessary athletes to fill open positions.

The BVA Athletes Commission shall select from among themselves:

- A. President of the Commission (who represents the Athletes at the Board of Administration)
- B. Secretary of the Commission
- C. Representatives to the AFECAVOL Athletes Commission
  - a. 1 for volleyball and 1 for beach volleyball and preferably that one is male and one is female.
  - b. Will have had to have been on final roster of a national team for an AFECAVOL tournament.
  - c. Preferable but not obligatory that the representatives be at least at intermediate competency in Spanish.
- D. Athletes Representatives to any other commissions, organizations, boards, etc. as required by the BVA.

## TERM OF ATHLETES COMMISSION

The term of the AC elected at this election shall be one year. Thereafter, the elections shall coincide with or be shortly after the BVA Election Congress and the term shall be same as the BoA.

## ELECTION DATE

The Elections for the members of the BVA Athletes Commission shall be held over 2 days (depending on capacity of voting platform):

**ELECTION DAYS: February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

The online platform shall be opened on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and shall close at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.



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## CANDIDATURE

Candidates shall meet the criteria as set out in the Candidature Form and as set out below. **Candidates for the BVA Athletes Commission elections shall complete the BVA Athletes Commission Candidature Form.** Among the items on the form is to indicate candidature for either Volleyball or Beach Volleyball. Candidates Deadline for submission shall be:

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION FOR CANDIDATURE: Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

The primary role of the BVA Athletes Commission is to represent the BVA athletes at the Board of Administration level and at any other organization that may require representation of BVA Athletes and as appointed by the BVA. **The duties include:**

- a) To represent BVA athletes and communicate their opinions, concerns, recommendations, to the BVA board of administration;
- b) To promote the values of volleyball and beach volleyball as a clean and fair sport;
- c) To disseminate information to athletes regarding medical and anti-doping matters, and any information related to and of interest to athletes;
- d) To study proposals for the improvement of athletes' conditions when participating or preparing for competitions;
- e) To study proposals for the athletes' post-career opportunities;
- f) To provide feedback on BVA competitions and propose improvements;
- g) To study any other athlete related issue assigned to it by the BVA Board of Administration;
- h) To seek support from and coordinate activities for athletes with the BVA administration;
- i) May be required to represent BVA athletes and the BVA on related local and international commissions, boards, bodies, etc;
- j) To meet at least 4 times a year to discuss reports, activities, projects, proposals presented and the working program.

### Candidate Eligibility:

- a) Be a member of an association affiliated to the BVA;
- b) Be a citizen of Belize;
- c) Be at least eighteen (18) years old;
- d) Be an active athlete in or have participated in a competition organized by the BVA, its affiliates, or represented Belize at National Team level, in the 8-year period preceding this election (2013 – present)
- e) Have never been sanctioned by the BVA or any competent body of any sport association for major disciplinary, ethical or anti-doping offence;
- f) Have no ongoing legal procedures against the BVA, its affiliates, or volleyball organization the BVA is affiliated to;
- g) To be available to accomplish Athletes' Commission duties and attend meetings, courses and seminars.



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## VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Be a member of an association affiliated to the BVA (played in a competition);
- b) Be at least sixteen (16) years old;
- c) Be an active athlete in or have participated in a competition organized by the BVA, its affiliates, or represented Belize at National Team level, in the 2-year period preceding this election (2019 & 2020).

## VOTER REGISTRATION

1. Registration can be done at the following Link by **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK0CTu7cgjNYybnJNdatLH13cwKQGKA\\_1DMBUPg-c-DqPrPBg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK0CTu7cgjNYybnJNdatLH13cwKQGKA_1DMBUPg-c-DqPrPBg/viewform?usp=sf_link)
2. OR a BVA Athlete shall send by email to [SecGen@BelizeVolleyball.bz](mailto:SecGen@BelizeVolleyball.bz) by **15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**
  - a) In the SUBJECT: AC VOTER REGISTRATION
  - b) Their full name (first and last name)
  - c) Date of Birth
  - d) Association to which they are affiliated.
  - e) Email address (to receive online voting information and access)
  - f) Mobile phone number (in case need to verify information)
  - g) Whether they are a Volleyball Athlete, a Beach Volleyball Athlete or Both. (this is for eligibility to vote for candidate in respective category)
  - h) Name and date (month(s)) of recent tournament played (Volleyball and Beach Volleyball) in the 2-year period preceding this election.
3. The voter shall receive a confirmation email of receipt of information.
4. If necessary, the voter will be contacted by mobile phone or email to confirm their information.
5. The voter shall receive by email the necessary detail procedure and information to vote via the online voting process.
6. **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021.**

## VOTING

1. A voter shall be eligible to vote for candidates of Volleyball OR Beach Volleyball depending on the category the athlete voter is registered for. For those athletes registered for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball, they will vote separately for each category.
2. The voter will be given their personalized credentials which will authorize the user of the email address provided to vote using the online process. It is the responsibility of the athlete to keep their information confidential.
3. Once the online platform is open for voting, the voter may enter using their credentials and submit their vote.
4. The voter can vote for up to 2 persons, one male and one female.
5. The system will tally the votes and provide the results after the closing of the voting period.
6. The candidates receiving the highest amount of votes per gender per category shall be elected to the BVA Athletes Commission.
7. In the case of a tie, the BVA will hold a run-off system or may incorporate the respective tied candidates in the commission.
8. The final results of the BVA Athletes Commission members will be published on BVA's social media.

**VOTING PERIOD: 8:00 am February 20<sup>th</sup> to 5:00 pm February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**