

# Strengthening the Anti-Doping System

## *Athlete Representation & Engagement*

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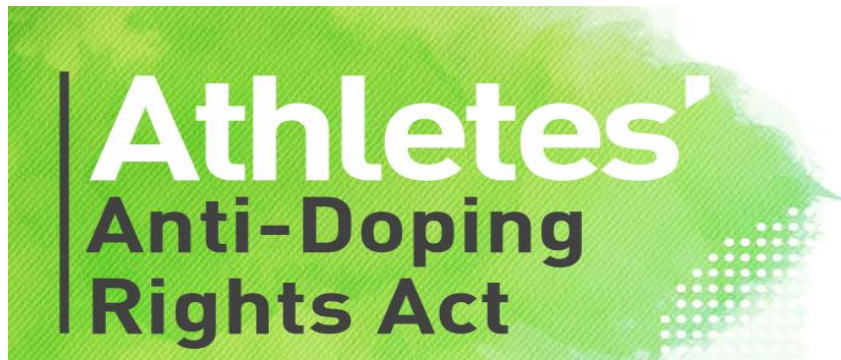




# Athlete Participation in ADO Governance

## WADA Guide

Operational Independence of National Anti-Doping Organizations under the 2021 World Anti-Doping Code



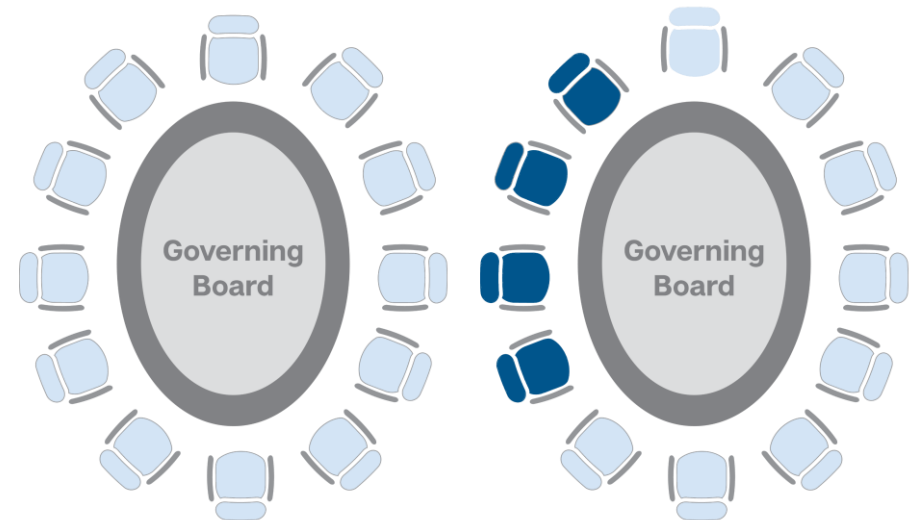
- 16. Right to participate in governance and decision-making

Athletes should be consulted in the creation and modification of the anti-doping rules to which they must comply, and it is fair and right that athletes shall also have a voice and the right to participate in the governance of any anti-doping organizations that they are subject to.

HOW?

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How can athletes participate in ADO governance?

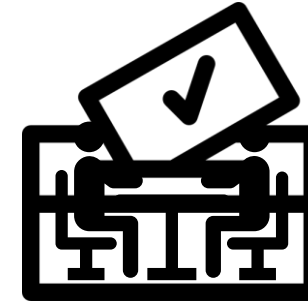
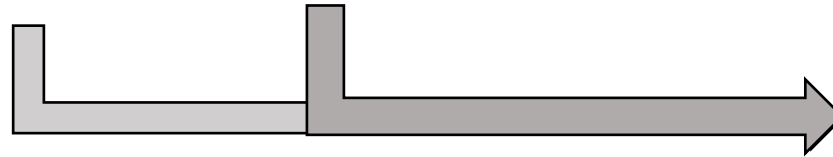




# Managing Labels and Assessing Conflicts for Athlete Seats in AD Governance

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If an athlete is called a representative, how is “representative” defined and actioned in this setting?



Communicate with Athletes?  
Elected?

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Assessing Conflicts of Interest

*A conflict of interest is a set of circumstances that creates a risk that professional judgment or actions regarding a primary interest will be unduly influenced by a secondary interest.*

↑ Value of Secondary Interest  
=  
More probable influence of secondary interest

Weak scope of relationship with athletes  
=  
More probable influence of secondary interest

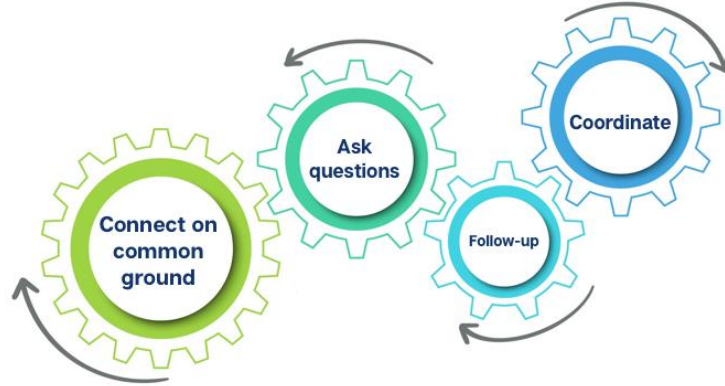




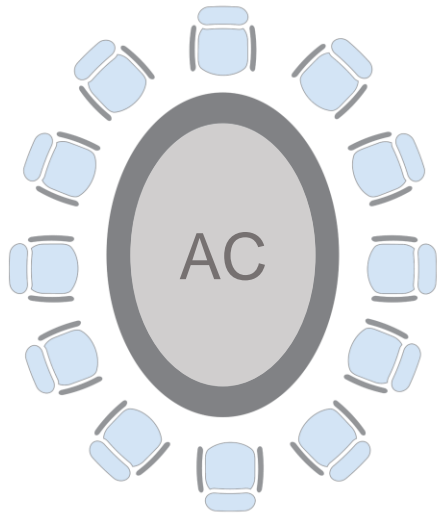
# Athlete participation in the AD system

Athlete Voice: How is the athlete voice engaged and responded to?  
Why would or wouldn't an athlete want to engage with the anti-doping system?

Feedback Loop  
Empathy  
Check for Bias



Is anyone listening?



Coordinating with Existing AD Athlete Committees (e.g. NADO AC, WADA AC).

Coordinating with External Athlete Committees

- Engaging feedback on initiatives, procedures, and existing issues athletes are facing regarding anti-doping system and responsibilities

**Athlete Centered**

More than a label?



**Thank you!**

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