

Have you considered an Athletes Commission ?

- Presentation by the C.I.P.S Athletes Commission
- what Can an athletes' Commission do for your organisation?





The Benefits

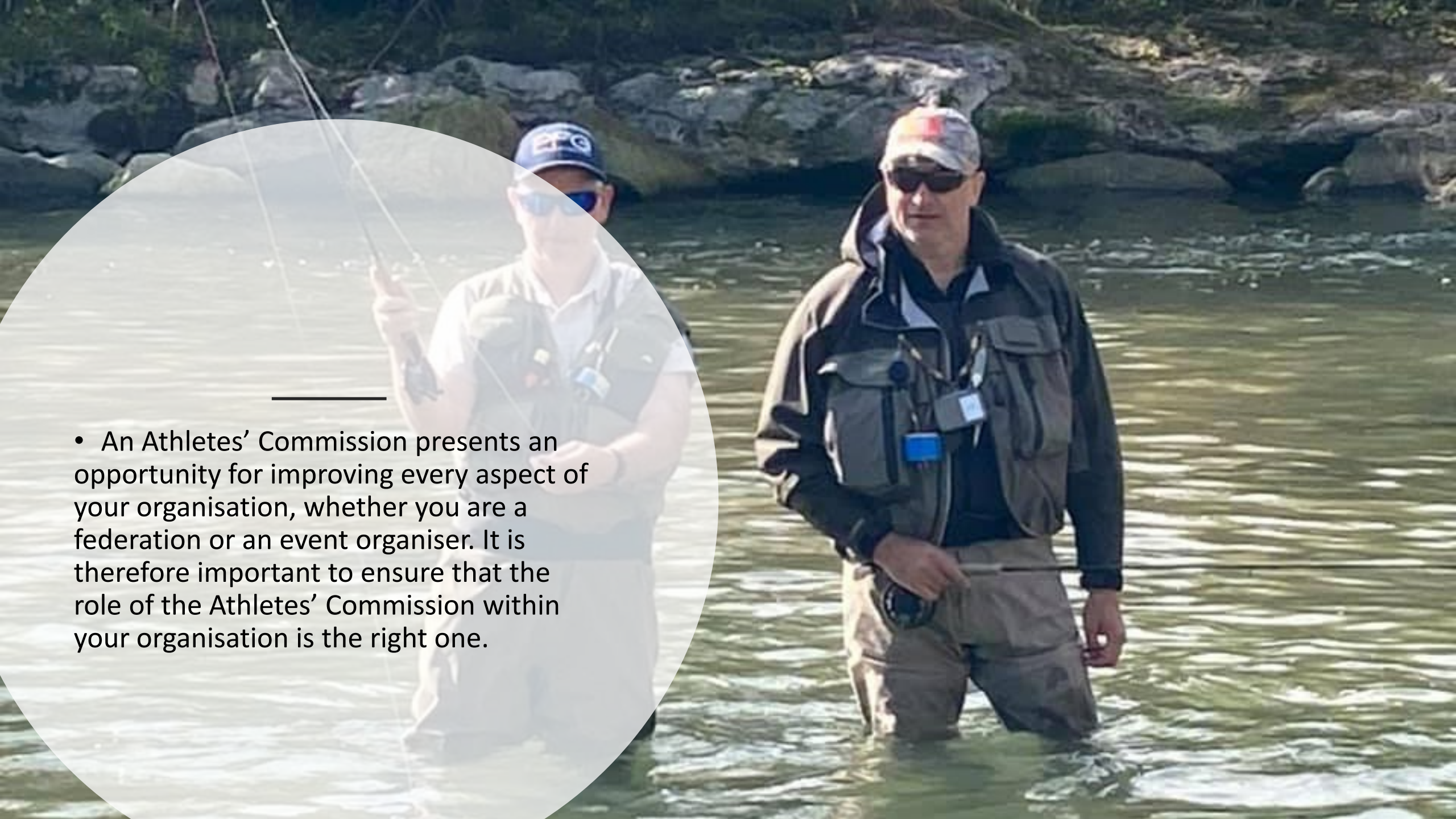
- Having an Athletes' Commission allows the athletes' voices to be heard throughout the organisation – but there are many other benefits for an organisation as well. Barriers to the creation of an Athletes' Commission can always be found; for example it will stretch resources or even interfere with the existing structure that is administering the sport. However, the potential benefits of having an active and efficient Athletes' Commission far outweighs any of these minor issues.

Cases from a variety of different sports have shown that an Athletes' Commission can:

- Develop ambassadors who are involved in and understand the decisions being made by the sports organisation.
- Improve decision-making by providing a sound testing ground for the impact and reaction to change.
- Provide credibility in an era where organisations are being scrutinised in their decision-making, inclusiveness and governance.
- Offer a fresh perspective, straight from the field of play, on the many new trends and issues that sports organisations are continually faced with.
- Reach and communicate with athletes and their entourage on a peer-to-peer basis collecting feedback and new ideas from the field of play.
- An Athletes' Commission can be as much for the benefit of the athletes as it is for the benefit of the sports organisation itself if it has an effective role and structure and communicates actively.
- make an effective athletes' Commission an integral part of your administration!

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered field, likely a winter festival or a large-scale outdoor event. The field is densely packed with hundreds of people, many of whom are sitting on the snow or standing in small groups. The background shows a town or village with buildings and trees. The overall scene is bright and active, with people engaged in various winter activities.

what Is the role
of an effective athletes' Commission ?

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- A photograph of two men fly fishing in a river. The man on the left is wearing a blue cap with 'EFG' on it, sunglasses, and a light-colored vest over a white shirt. He is holding a fishing rod. The man on the right is wearing a grey cap, sunglasses, and a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is also holding a fishing rod. The background shows a rocky riverbank with some greenery.
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- An Athletes' Commission presents an opportunity for improving every aspect of your organisation, whether you are a federation or an event organiser. It is therefore important to ensure that the role of the Athletes' Commission within your organisation is the right one.

The most effective Athletes' Commissions are a platform where the views of athletes are represented and the voice of the athletes can be heard, however, more than that, they are also:

- An integral part of an organisation's decision-making process, ensuring that decisions across the organisation are reflected upon and discussed by the athletes.
- A resource for research and discussion related to new ideas and issues.
- A point of contact for the Athletes' Commissions of other organisations (international, continental, national etc.) and of athletes both active and retired.
- The potential scope of an Athletes' Commission can be quite broad. However, the most effective Athletes' Commissions do not play the role of a 'complaints box' for athletes to feed complaints into the organisation, and alternatively they do not play the role of being a one-way communication channel from the organisation to competing athletes.



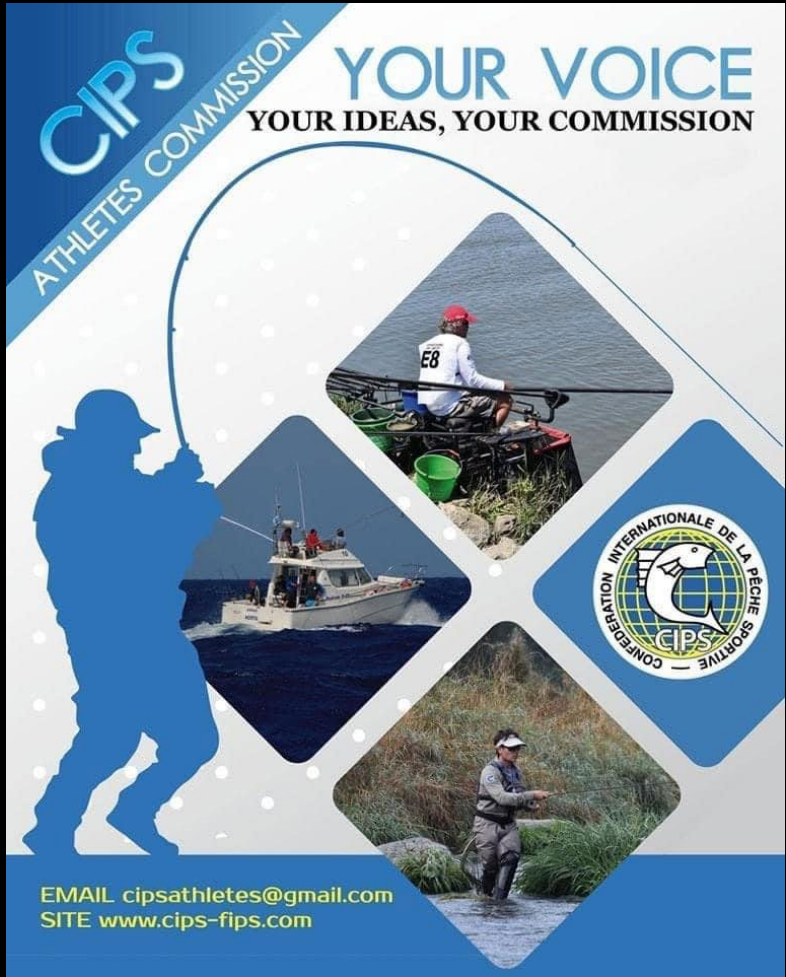
- We hope you would consider setting up an Athletes commission within your federation. It would not only benefit your own Federation but would also help us as the C.I.P.S Athletes Commission as we would then have a broader communication with the Anglers from around the World as we can work closely with your commission. This can only help us all in the long run achieve our ambitions to keep improving our sport in all areas.

How we can help

- If we have convinced you that an Athletes Commission is the way forward and you would like to set up your own commission then we are here to help point you in the right direction.
 - You can contact us on athletes@cips-fips.com and our representatives are
- Greig Brown, President, Channel Islands
 - Misako Ishimura, Japan
 - Andrzej Jaworek, Poland
 - Ben Blegen, USA
 - Ingvild Aurdal, Norway
 - Benjamin Morga, France

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