

FIH ATHLETES COMMITTEE REPORT

Nov 2018- May 2021

The mission of the FIH Athletes Committee is to protect and represent athletes' interests within the FIH. The current composition was elected and appointed in 2018 for a 4 year term that finishes at the end of 2022.

In the last 2 and ½ years the Committee was involved in many discussions and meetings with the Executive Board, FIH Committees (Competitions, Rules, Health and Safety, Development, Women in Sports, Officials) and the Pro League Management Panel, being a strong voice for the athletes.

All the members were involved in different activities around the world and very active in discussions.

They also contributed a lot with the promotion of the sport through all media platforms and were also fully engaged in several FIH, WADA and IOC campaigns, including the ones listed below:

- Hockey Invites
- Gift of Hockey
- WADA Play True Day
- IOC Believe in Sport – Competition Manipulation/Integrity

The FIH Athletes Committee works very closely with the IOC Athletes Committee and is fully aligned to the principles of the Olympic Movement, participating in meetings and conference calls organized by the IOC.

The greatest challenge that the Athletes Committee has had in the last 2 and ½ years, was to keep the activities rolling on this current pandemic scenario. There was a big commitment from all the members to meet virtually, at least once a month, to discuss the various topics related to the athletes interests.

The FIH Athletes Committee is also connected with international teams captains via an whatsapp group to seek opinions and views more often and more easily.

The FIH Athletes Committee also played a very important role on the return to hockey during the pandemic, giving the view of the ones directly involved within the trainings and matches, heavily contributing heavily for a safe return of the sport.

Committee members:

Co-Chair: Rogier Hofman (NED)

Kate Richardson-Walsh (ENG)

Regular Members: Sreejesh Parattu (IND) Janne Müller-Wieland (GER)

Camila Caram (CHI) Scott Tupper (CAN)

Carla Rebecchi (ARG) Jacqueline Mwangi (KEN)

Secretary: Eduardo Leonardo (FIH)