



# 2006 ATHLETES' COMMISSION REPORT

## ONOC Athlete Commission Report

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An Athletes Commission is a very important part of an NOC. The Olympic charter states:

"Athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, IFs, NOCs and NFs", the IOC encourages NOCs, IFs and NFs to form Athletes' Commissions.

The IOC has set an example with an athlete sitting on every IOC Commission and Working Group, including the IOC Executive board so the athletes view is heard at every level.

After games a NOC is judged on how well its athletes perform. There is research that a happy athlete will perform at a higher level. Therefore the environment around that athlete is crucial. Things like uniforms, roommates, transport, recovery, and food are all critical factors. To get this right, athletes must be consulted at every level possible.

The easiest way to do this is to form an Athlete's Commission and to have an athlete as part of an NOC Executive Board.

2006 the Cook Islands formed an Athlete's Commission after the Commonwealth Games. So now we have 6 active Commissions within our region. It would be great to have 16!!!

2007 will be a big year for the ONOC Athlete's Commission. We will be holding our AGM in February in New Zealand, inviting the Island athletes that are training in NZ to be present. The results of this meeting will be presented at the General Assembly in March. We also hope to have a big presence at the South Pacific Games, to spread the word to athletes about our Commission.

For more information on how to form an Athletes Commission please contact me [barbara@barbarakendall.com](mailto:barbara@barbarakendall.com)

Thanks

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