The Athletes’ Rights and Responsibilities Declaration is an athlete-driven initiative, developed by athletes and for athletes through a collaborative process with stakeholders across the Olympic Movement.

The Declaration outlines a common set of aspirational rights and responsibilities for athletes within the Olympic Movement. All members of the Olympic Movement, particularly the International Olympic Committee, the International Sports Federations and the National Olympic Committees, will strive to promote respect for these rights and responsibilities.

See how this exciting new initiative came to life to benefit athletes — no matter their sport or country.

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INITIATION
Idea sparked in early 2017 and discussed among various Athletes’ Commissions. Its development and delivery is part of the implementation of the IOC Athletes’ Commission Strategy.

ESTABLISH STEERING COMMITTEE
IOC Athletes’ Commission assembled a 20-person Steering Committee of athlete representatives across the Olympic Movement.

INITIAL ATHLETE DISCUSSION
November 2017 – Discussion with a diverse group of 100+ athletes at the IOC International Athletes’ Forum

ESTABLISH KEY THEMES AND RELEASE DRAFT
Initial components released by the Steering Committee as a draft document, organised under five key themes, and stakeholders invited to provide feedback.

FIRST-STAGE SURVEY
Distributed to Athletes’ Commissions (ACs) and athlete representatives to establish themes for the rights and responsibilities to be included.

SECOND-STAGE SURVEY
Second survey released for elite athletes globally to contribute their views, in parallel with stakeholder consultation.

DRAFT AND RELEASE THE ATHLETES’ DECLARATION
Survey responses and stakeholder feedback reviewed, collated and turned into the Athletes’ Rights and Responsibilities Declaration.

IOC SESSION PRESENTATION
Submitted to the IOC Executive Board and IOC Session for adoption and reference in the Olympic Charter.