

“...developing a gold-standard approach to athlete eligibility...”

Update from the Inas Eligibility Committee



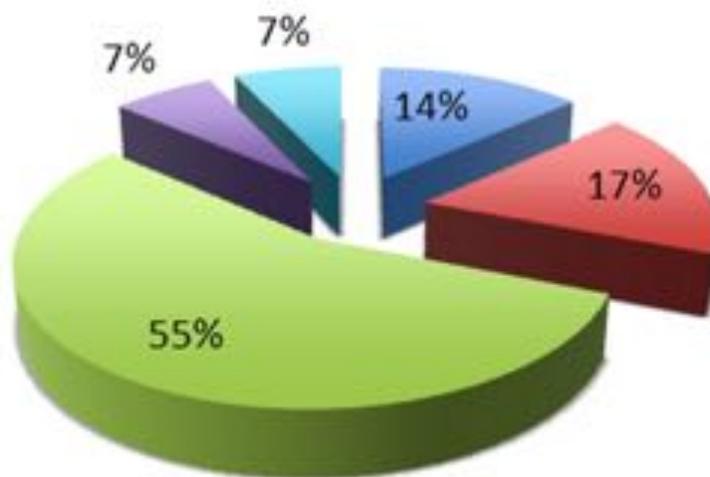
Inas Eligibility Committee

- Committee members
 - Catherine Fayollet
 - Sofia Viteri
 - Mohammad Vaez
 - Knut Dalen
- Eligibility Panel
 - 27 Psychologists from across all regions
 - More panel members needed

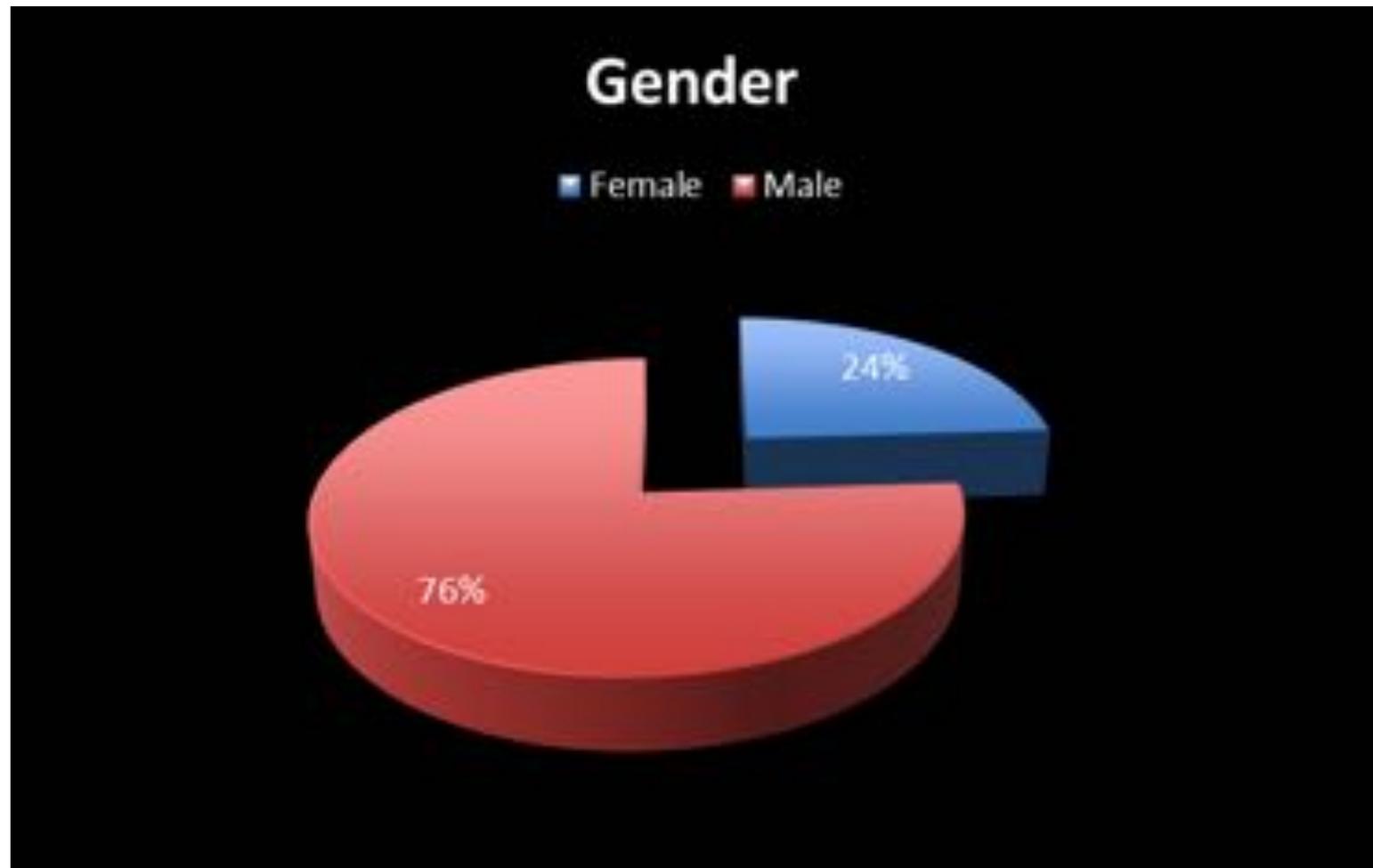
The work of the Eligibility Panel

4,110 Athletes registered on the masterlist

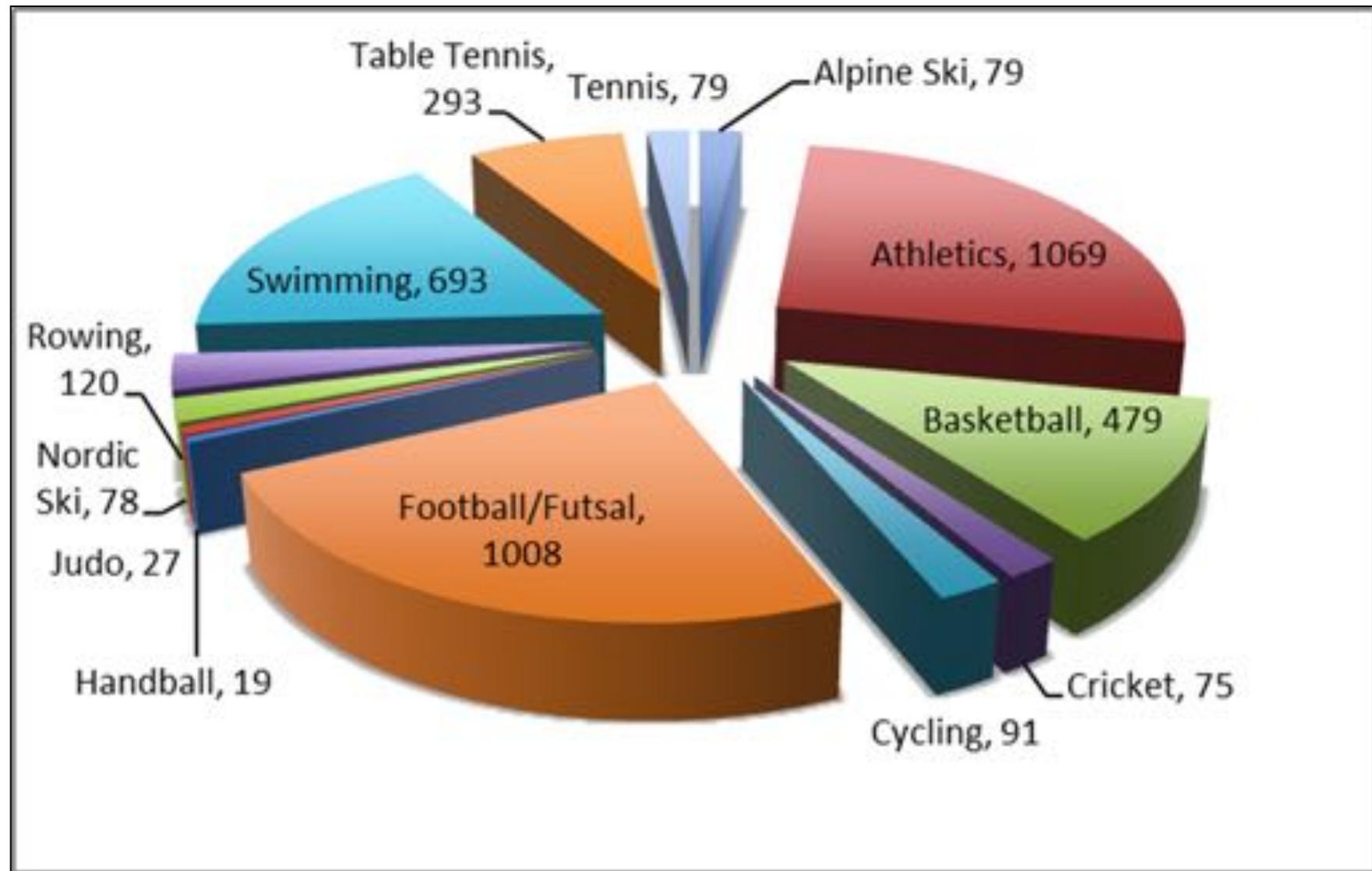
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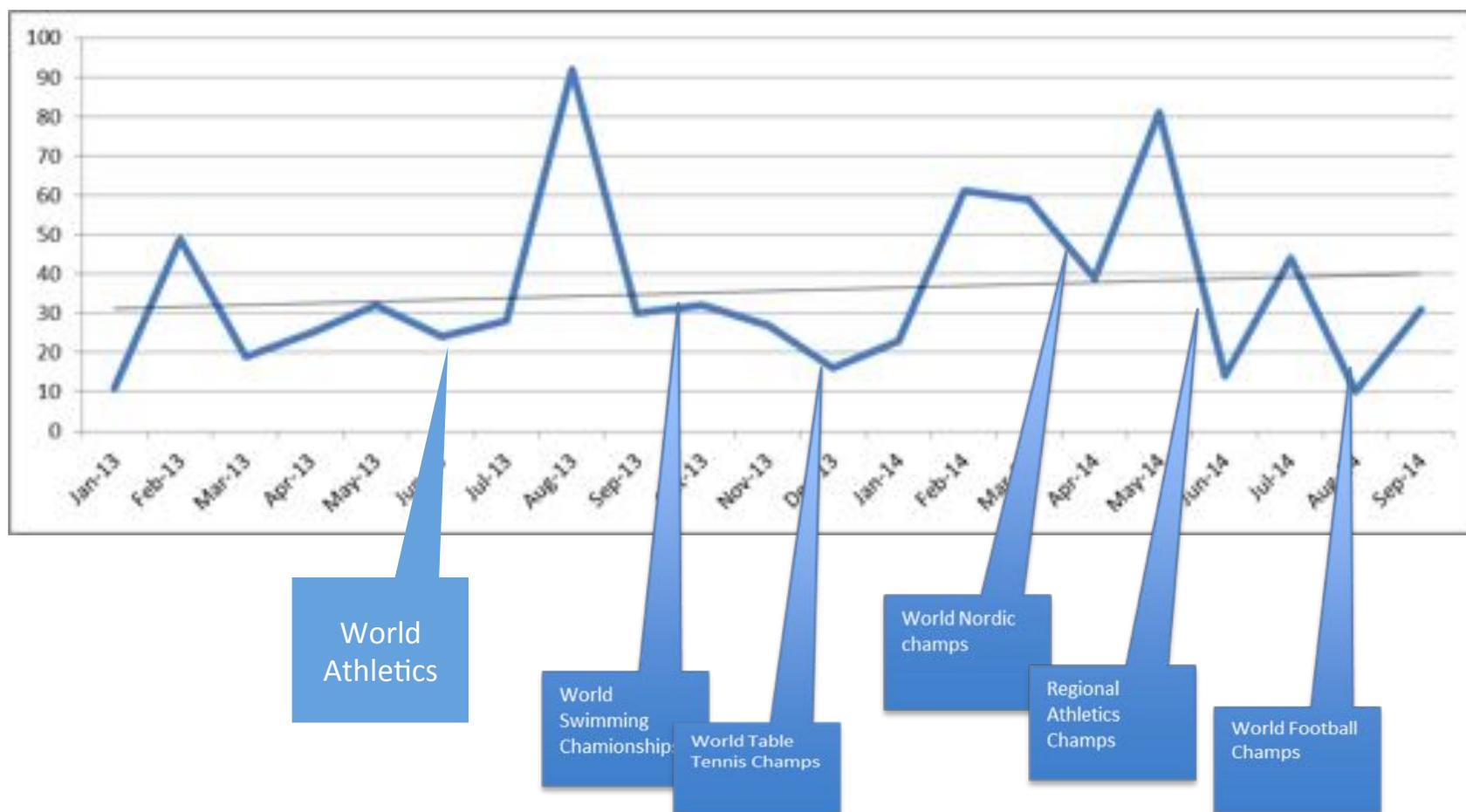


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New Applications by Month



The work of the Eligibility Panel

- Average turnaround for applications is 22 days
- Average number accepted first time 80%
- 740 files processed since last NEO conference in February 2013
- Maximum applications received in one month 92

The challenges for the Eligibility Panel

- 81 national members but only 53 National Eligibility Officers
- 20% of applications do not make it through 1st time
 - Some should not (small % & decreasing)
 - Not sufficient information/not followed template
 - Adaptive behaviour information not clear or insufficient

Adaptive Behaviour Assessment

- More problems with clinical assessment – vague, does not follow guidance, insufficient information, tells what ‘can do’ not what ‘can’t do’, source of evidence missing.
- Harder for Eligibility Panel members to rate in a consistent manner

Adaptive Behaviour: Good Practice

➤ Clinical Assessment

- Follow the guidance in the notes:

'Assessment should be made in the areas of communication, self-care, self-direction, social/interpersonal skills and ability to respond to life changes and environmental demands.'

- State where the information comes from
- Use more than one source
- Refer to previous assessments if possible
- State clearly if there is a significant limitation in at least one of these areas, conceptual, social and practical skills

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Evidence of onset before 18

- Not sufficient for the Psychologist to just state this – they need to evidence this
- Evidence
 - Previous assessments
 - Developmental history
 - Attendance at special schools/services
 - Medical records
 - Etc
- Provide copies of evidence if possible or traceable information dates, names, places

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 - No final diagnostic summary

Diagnostic statement

The assessing professional must state clearly that they believe the athlete meets all three of the diagnostic criteria and are therefore in their view eligible under INAS regulations.

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- Late applications – at least 12 weeks before the deadline. 30+% arrive late, pressure placed on the panel, priority dilemmas, worse for team events

When things go wrong.....

File first submitted

2 weeks to assess
AB information
unclear
Letter sent to NEO

NEO responds with a query

Required
information
clarified
Psychologist
contacted
Report re-written

Second submission

Corrected form
re-submitted
Two weeks for
assessment

4w

8w

3
w

Event

Case example: World Football Championships (Brazil, Sept 2014)

- 144 players took part
- 118 new footballers registered in 2014
- 66 (46%) applied with less than 12 weeks to final entry, 49 (34%) of whom were within 4 weeks of final entry
- 1 player applied after deadline and was denied entry

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- Late applications
- Eligibility Panel – variable activity
 - Incentivise
 - Increase numbers

The Future for Eligibility

- ✓ Improve current processes
 - NB Global Games coming up
- ✓ Respond to new scientific/research findings – evidence based
- ✓ Encourage use of Primary Eligibility to grow INAS
- ✓ Be more inclusive of ID athletes – another class?
Downs Syndrome?