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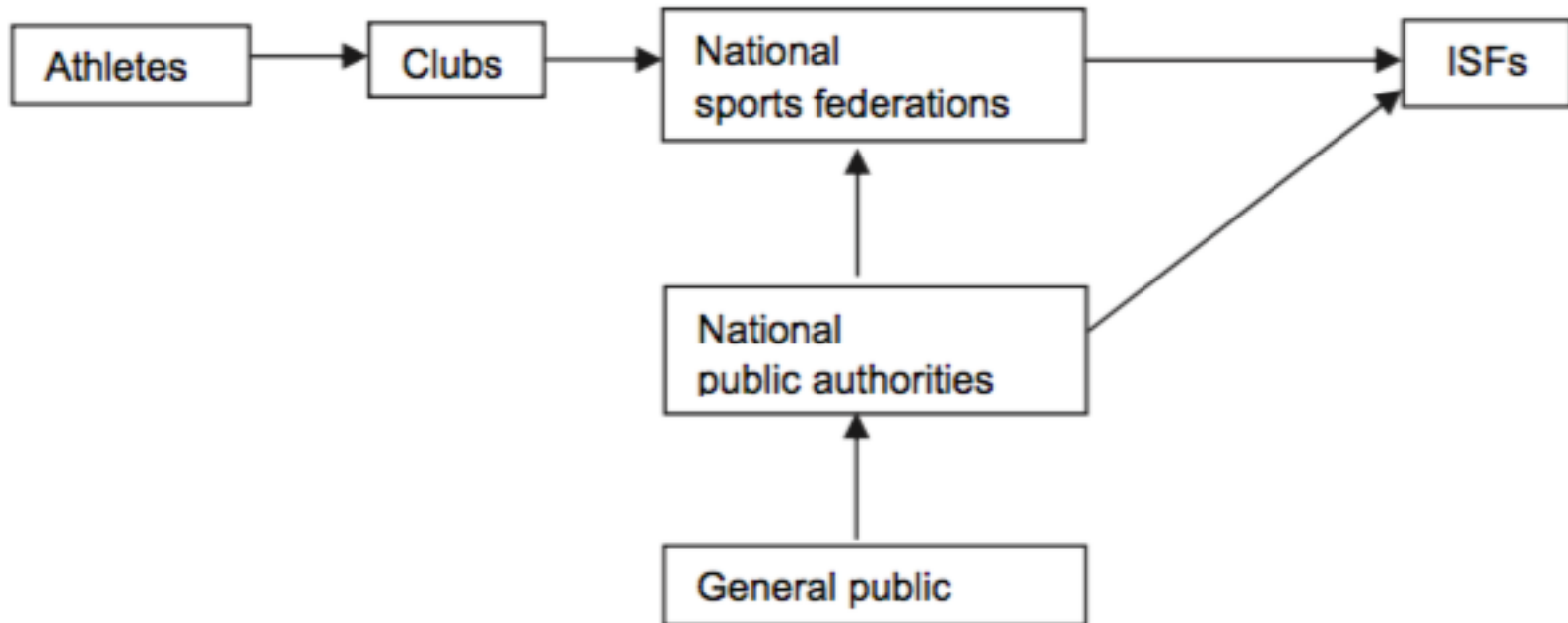
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- In a majority of 23 federations (66%), the chairman/woman of the athletes' commission is a member of the decision-making body.
- In only eight federations (23%), athletes elect the chairman/woman of the athletes' commission.
- In eight other federations (23%), the chairman/woman of the athletes' commission is elected by the congress.

SGO report (3)

Operationalisation

Score		Conditions
1	Not fulfilled at all	The organisation makes no formal efforts to involve athletes in its decision making processes
2	Weak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes are represented within the organisation, but the chairman/woman of the athletes committee is not a member of the organisation's governing body <u>and/or</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes are represented but there is no athletes committee in place
3	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes are represented within a specific athletes' committee. The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is a member of the organisation's governing body The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is not elected by the congress or by athletes <u>Or</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> he/she does not have voting authority
4	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes are represented within a specific athletes' committee. The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is a member of the organisation's governing body The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is elected by congress
5	State of the art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes are represented within a specific athletes' committee. The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is a member of the organisation's governing body The chairman/woman of the athletes committee is elected by athletes

Question

- How should the position of athletes in ISFs be improved?
- How can athletes contribute to good governance in ISFs?
- What is the importance of collective bargaining agreements?
- How are athletes represented at the national level?
- How should athletes unions be improved?