

USA SWIMMING
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AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Location: Page 15 – (new) Official Glossary

ACTIVELY ENGAGED ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE – an athlete who qualifies as a 10-Year or 10-Year+ Athlete representative, or who has been actively engaged in 24 months prior to election/selection in a USA Swimming-sanctioned competition (as defined by the USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council and approved by the USA Swimming Athlete Representation Working Group [as defined in the USOPC Bylaws]), which may include events that categorize entrants in age-restricted classifications.

DELEGATION EVENT – individually or collectively as applicable, the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

SEMI-INDEPENDENT – an individual who (prior to the election to the Board of Directors) has not been a member of a House of Delegates at the national level, but who at present or in the past, has/had an obvious connection to swimming as a swimmer, parent of a swimmer, coach, official, etc.

10-YEAR ATHLETE – an athlete who has represented the United States in a Delegation Event, World Championships, or another event designated by the USOPC (together with the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council) and the relevant NGB USA Swimming (together with USA Swimming's Athletes' Advisory Council) as an elite-level event for purposes of this definition, within the previous 10 years.

10-YEAR+ ATHLETE – an athlete who has represented the United States in a Delegation Event, World Championships, or another event designated by the USOPC (together with the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council) and USA Swimming (together with USA Swimming's Athletes' Advisory Council) as an elite-level event for purposes of this definition, but not within the previous 10 years.

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Location: Page 5 – Corporate Bylaws Article 4.2 Voting Board Members

ARTICLE 4
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4.1 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** – The Board of Directors shall have fifteen (15) voting members. The President/CEO and Secretary/General Counsel shall be ex-officio members with no vote.
- 4.2 VOTING BOARD MEMBERS** shall be as listed herein; ~~a minimum of one individual from each zone's geographic area shall be maintained among the members who are elected by the House of Delegates; a minimum of three (3) coaches shall be maintained, inclusive of the Chair of the National Team Steering Committee.~~
- .1 The Immediate Past Board Chair shall be a voting member.
 - .2 The Chair of the National Team Steering Committee shall be a voting member.
 - .3 ~~Three "athlete representatives" (as defined in the then current USOPC Bylaws) directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as an "athlete representative" shall be voting members. Five (5) 10-Year Athlete representatives shall be voting members and shall be directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as 10-Year Athletes. The five (5) 10-Year Athlete representatives shall be: The USOPC AAC representative, the USOPC AAC alternate, and three (3) at-large 10-Year Athlete representatives.~~
 - .4 ~~Nine Seven (7) individuals elected by the House of Delegates in accordance with 6.3 (Elections) shall be at-large voting members, at least two (2) of whom shall be Semi-Independent (i.e., prior to election on the Board, have not been members of a House of Delegates at the national level, but who at present or in the past, have/had an obvious connection to swimming as swimmers, parents of a swimmer, coaches, officials, etc.). A minimum of one (1) individual from each zone's~~

geographic area shall be maintained among the members who are elected by the House of Delegates. NOTE: If the Immediate Past Board Chair was originally elected by the House of Delegates as an at-large voting member, he or she may be included as one (1) of the individuals on the Board to fulfill the Semi-Independent requirement and/or as one (1) of the individuals on the Board to fulfill the zone geographic area requirement.

- .5 One (1) individual directly representing the interests of all organizations that are members of USA Swimming pursuant to 2.3 and which conduct a national program or regular national athletic competition on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of swimmers to represent the United States in international swimming competition ("Allied Member Director") shall be a voting member. The Board of Directors shall determine whether an organization satisfies the criteria of this Article. If there is no Allied Member Director, there will be an additional individual elected by the House of Delegates in accordance with 6.3 (Elections), who shall be an at-large voting member.

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Location: Page 103 – (new) 501.1 Operating Committees

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.1 ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A The USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) shall consist of nine (9) voting members who meet the requirements of 10-Year Athlete representatives directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as 10-Year Athletes. The voting members may include the USOPC AAC representative and the USOPC AAC alternate.
- B The Chair shall be elected by its voting members.
- C The Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. Up to two (2) additional Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives may be appointed by the AAC Chair, in consultation with the AEC Chair, with voice but no vote.
- D Each AAC voting member shall serve a two (2) year term, staggered so that one-half (1/2) of such members are elected each year. There shall be no term limits, but voting members must be eligible to serve pursuant to the USOPC Bylaws at the time of election.
- E The AAC shall be responsible for: (i) reviewing the programs and services offered by the USA Swimming National Team division; (ii) evaluating and proposing rules and regulations that directly affect the National Team Athletes; (iii) addressing the specific needs of the National Team Athletes in preparation for major international events; (iv) evaluating and developing projects and conducting long term plans in all areas concerning National Team Athletes; (v) reporting to the members of the National Team Steering Committee and Open Water Steering Subcommittee any issues that warrant attention from those groups; and (vi) fulfilling its duties set forth in the USOPC Bylaws, including: selecting athlete representatives to serve on committees and defining sanctioned competition for purposes of athlete representative eligibility.

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Location: Page 103 – 501.1 Operating Committees

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.1 RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

- A The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:
 - (1) ~~The Officials Committee Chair (or his/her designee) and, the Director of Sport Swimming and Diving of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) (or his/her designee), the Program & Events Committee Coordinator, the immediate past Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee and the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, or their respective designees;~~
 - (2) ~~A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes' Executive Committee so as to constitute at least~~

~~twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee;~~ Three (3) Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives appointed by the AEC;

- ~~(3) A representative (or his/her designee) from the NCAA and a representative (or his/her designee) from the YMCA;~~
- ~~(3) Seven (7) 10-Year Athlete representatives appointed by the AAC;~~
- ~~(4) Eight (8) non-athlete members appointed by the President/CEO (or his/her designee), at least three (3) of whom shall be coaches; and~~
- ~~(5) The immediate past chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, and one (1) representative (or designee) from each of the following: the USMS, the NCAA, the YMCA, and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), as ex-officio members with voice but no vote; and~~
- ~~(5) The President/CEO and the Secretary & General Counsel of the Corporation, or their respective designees, and others appointed by the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, as ex-officio members with voice but no vote.~~

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Location: Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.2 NATIONAL TEAM STEERING COMMITTEE

A **Membership:** The National Team Steering Committee shall consist of:

- (1) Eight (8) coaches selected as follows:
 - ~~Preceding-Head Men's Olympic Coach (4)~~
 - ~~Preceding-Head Women's Olympic Coach (4)~~
 - ~~The Head Women's Coach for the two (2) Long Course World Championships preceding the Olympic Games (2)~~
 - ~~The Head Men's Coach for the two (2) Long Course World Championships preceding the Olympic Games (2)~~
 - ~~Two coaches appointed by the President/CEO (or his/her designee) in consultation with the National Team Managing Director (2)~~Any vacancies on the committee shall be filled by appointment by the President/CEO (or his/her designee) in consultation with the National Team Managing Director.
- (2) The Chair of the committee shall be elected by its voting members.
- (3) Once the new Head Olympic Coaches are named, they shall become ex-officio members of the National Team Steering Committee, if not already on the Committee.
- (4) ~~Two (2) athletes (different genders) appointed by the Athletes' Executive Committee, both former USA National Team members; A sufficient number of 10-Year Athlete representatives appointed by the AAC so as to satisfy the requirement that such athletes constitute one third (33.3%) of the voting membership of the Committee; and~~
- (5) The Chair of the Senior Development Committee, and the Chair of the Sports Medicine Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Committee with voice but no vote. The Committee may name additional ex-officio members.

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Location: Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.3 SENIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A The Senior Development Committee shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members. The President/CEO (or his/her designee) shall appoint eight (8) members, at least five (5) of whom shall be coaches, and the ~~Athletes' Executive Committee AAC~~ AAC shall appoint ~~two (2)~~ four (4) athlete members (in consultation with the AEC). The Age Group Development Committee Chair (or his/her designee) shall be an ex-officio member with voice but no vote.

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501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.4 AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A The Age Group Development Committee shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members. The President/CEO (or his/her designee) shall appoint (8) members, with at least one (1) representative from each Zone and at least five (5) coach members. The ~~Athletes' Executive Committee AAC~~ AAC shall appoint ~~two (2)~~ four (4) athlete members (in consultation with the AEC). The Senior Development Committee Chair (or his/her designee) shall be an ex-officio member with voice but no vote.

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Location: Page 103 – **(new) 501.1 Operating Committees**

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.6 SELECTION PROCEDURE APPROVAL COMMITTEE

A The Selection Procedure Approval Committee shall consist of the following: (i) the President/CEO; (ii) the National Team Managing Director; and (iii) the AAC Chair, or their respective designee(s).

B The Selection Procedure Approval Committee shall develop, approve, and implement selection criteria for the selection of athletes, coaches and/or staff for Delegation Event teams and Protected Competition (as defined in the USOPC Bylaws).