

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP SUBMISSION FORM



UNITED STATES
OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC
COMMITTEE

NGB: USA Rugby

INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the following pages with your request as completely as possible. The following pages will be the final decision report once approved by the panel.

To help the panel reach their decision, please answer the following questions:

(Please note, numbers do not need to be exact, an estimate is acceptable.)

1. How many individuals are in your current eligible athlete representative pool? There are approximately 114 individuals in the current eligible athlete pool.
2. How many athletes will the above requests add to the eligible athlete representative pool? Approximately 500 men and 200 women will be added to the pool.
3. At what date will the competitions be added to the eligible competitions (i.e., beginning in 1995). (When choosing this year, please consider when competitions became gender equitable to avoid bringing forward past inequities as much as possible.)

The request reaches back to 1975 and the formation of the United States of America Rugby Football Union.

4. Are any of the requested competitions age-restricted (e.g., U23, Junior, Masters or Veterans)? No.
5. Are there any other things the panel should know?

15s athletes compete in elite international events such as the World Cup, tours and official World Rugby sanctioned international competitions. However, as the 15s are not an Olympic or Pan American sport and this discipline is played differently than the 7s, these competitions do not directly link back to a Delegation Event. Thus, they may not be considered an “Internationally Qualifying Competition” under the current rules. The end result is that most if not all of men’s and Women’s Rugby’s 15s athletes would be excluded from participating in the governance of USA Rugby.

- The input of the 15s athletes is essential to the long-term happiness of USA Rugby athletes and the sustainability of the NGB as a whole. Thus, USA Rugby would like to request a slight addition to the definition of “Internationally Qualifying Competition” to include those Men’s and Women’s international rugby 15’s competitions in which athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations in World Rugby sanctioned international matches for which “caps” are awarded consistent with World Rugby criteria.

All submissions must be approved by the internal NGB Athlete Advisory Council (NGB AAC). Signature of the NGB AAC Chair to attest to this is required prior to submission.

NGB AAC Approval

The NGB AAC approves this request:

Date of NGB AAC Approval: 8/16/2023

X 

NGB AAC Chair

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP RECORD OF DECISION



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Section 8.5.1 of the USOPC Bylaws grants the NGB Athlete Representative Review Working Group the authority to review and approve any deviations from the requirements of Section 8.5 regarding Athlete Representation on NGB Boards, Designated Committees, and application of the NGB 10 Year and 10 Year+ Athlete Definitions. Approvals are granted by a majority vote out of three panel members. Unless otherwise noted, exceptions are valid through the end of the current quadrennium.

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The following report is effective as of: August 30, 2023

Competitions

The following competitions qualify for 10-Year and 10-Year + Athlete status.

N/A

Additional competition exemptions:

- An addition to the definition of “Internationally Qualifying Competition” to include those Men’s and Women’s international rugby 15’s competitions in which athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations in World Rugby sanctioned international matches for which “caps” are awarded consistent with World Rugby criteria, effective for competitions in 1975 forward.

Additional context regarding competitions:

N/A

Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

N/A

Additional exemptions for committees:

N/A

Additional context regarding committees:

N/A



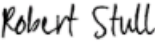
Other

Other Exemptions: N/A

Panel Approval

(For signature following the Athlete Representative Working Group review)

The below panel members agree to the exceptions presented above.

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