



Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

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<i>Session Information</i>		
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Reviewed Competitions	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA World Cups (all FIFA World Cup Disciplines) • FIFA World Cup Qualification Tournaments and Matches • CONCACAF Gold Cup • CONCACAF Olympic Qualification Tournament
NGB Recommendation	Elite Competitions
NGB AAC Recommendation	Elite Competitions
Working Group Finding	Elite Competitions
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
All of these events are based on NGB selection procedures and represent elite level international competition in the context of the sport.	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA U17/U20 World Cups
NGB Recommendation	Elite Competitions
NGB AAC Recommendation	Elite Competitions
Working Group Finding	Elite Competitions
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The NGB and athletes agreed that these age restricted competitions are elite level competitions in the sport and that the athletes have the ability to make a substantial contribution to the leadership of the sport. The panel agreed with that assessment.	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFPC World Cup
NGB Recommendation	Elite Competitions
NGB AAC Recommendation	Elite Competitions
Working Group Finding	Elite Competitions
<i>Finding Notes</i>	

The IFCPC World Cup is the premiere international soccer event for athletes with Cerebral Palsy. The event is not operated by FIFA, but Team USA is selected and supported by US Soccer Federation and thus these athletes are elite athletes within the NGB.	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIPFA Power Chair World Cup
NGB Recommendation	Elite Competitions
NGB AAC Recommendation	Elite Competitions
Working Group Finding	Elite Competitions
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The NGB is currently in the process of evaluating submissions from organizations to sponsor Team USA in the FIPFA Power Chair World Cup. The NGB and the AAC agreed that they would like to ensure that if the NGB elects to support these events that the athletes in those events be eligible for athlete leadership in the sport.	
As the relationship with these events is new, the eligibility in these events will only be for events effective now, with no events held in the past conferring eligibility. However, as the athletes competing in these high levels may be strong leaders for athlete voice in the NGB, the NGB and its AAC are encouraged to resubmit in the future to confer eligibility on competitors in previous iterations of these events should they elect to support these events.	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf World Cup • Deaflympics
NGB Recommendation	Elite Competitions, if NGB Sponsors Team
NGB AAC Recommendation	Elite Competitions, if NGB Sponsors Team
Working Group Finding	Elite Competitions, if NGB Sponsors Team
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The NGB is currently in the process of evaluating submissions from organizations to sponsor Team USA in the Deaflympics and for the Deaf World Cup. The NGB and the AAC agreed that they would like to ensure that if the NGB elects to support these events that the athletes in those events be eligible for athlete leadership in the sport.	
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Reviewed Committees	
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals • Rules • Independent Ethics • Risk Audit and Compliance • Nominating and Governance • Investment • Budget and Finance • Technical • Commercial
NGB Recommendation	Designated
NGB AAC Recommendation	Designated
Working Group Finding	Designated
<i>Finding Notes</i>	

All committees have implications in governance, finance and/or national team matters and thus all agreed were designated.	
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentials • Referee • Disability Soccer
NGB Recommendation	Other Committee
NGB AAC Recommendation	Other Committee
Working Group Finding	Other Committee
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
These committees do not deal with team selection, finance nor with governance issues and thus were deemed Other Committees.	
Committee	National Council
NGB Recommendation	Designated, With Weighted Voting
NGB AAC Recommendation	Designated, With Weighted Voting
Working Group Finding	Designated, With Weighted Voting
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The US Soccer Federation National Council is a body that includes a broad base of the membership and has the ability to modify the Bylaws of the NGB. As a large body is also one where an exceptionally large amount of voters can result in the need for a considerable amount of athletes to vote in order to ensure 1/3 representation. The panel agreed that this is a Designated Committee and that weighted voting for athletes is permissible.	
Committee	National Team Selection Committee
NGB Recommendation	Designated
NGB AAC Recommendation	Designated
Working Group Finding	Designated
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The panel affirmed that any panel charged with the development of or approval of team selection policies or team selections is a Designated Committee.	