

NGB Athlete Representative Review Working Group Submission Form

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP SUBMISSION FORM



UNITED STATES
OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC
COMMITTEE

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.

NGB Name: U.S. Soccer Federation, Inc.

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?
10 Year Athletes: 600 (40 of whom are Beach athletes – only ten of them women)
2. How many athletes will the requests add to the eligible athlete representative pool?
11 – two men and nine women, nearly doubling the number of eligible women
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.)

Beginning in 2019 (the first year that the World Beach Games were organized)

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?

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- *Our AAC added the ANOC World Beach Games to our eligibility in 2022. This event, which started in 2019, is scheduled for every four years. However, the 2023 event was cancelled after the host country withdrew its commitment to host without enough time to find an alternative.*
- *While adding the ANOC World Beach Games in the first place gave the Beach Women an avenue for eligibility, there is still an unintentional disparity between our Beach Men and Women in the number of opportunities they have:*
 - *The Men have a FIFA World Cup, so can gain eligibility via the World Cup, its Qualifiers, and the ANOC World Beach Games*
 - *The Women do not have a FIFA World Cup or equivalent event, so the ANOC World Beach Games are the only way for them to gain eligibility*
- *Although not making them completely equal, adding the qualifying competitions of the ANOC World Beach Games to our AAC eligibility will provide an additional eligibility opportunity for the Beach Women, nearly doubling the number of Beach Women athletes who are currently eligible to serve on our AAC.*

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:

10/23/2024

X 

NGB AAC Chair

Once completed and approved, submit to Dave Patterson at David.Patterson@usopc.org.

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.

NGB Name: U.S. Soccer Federation, Inc.

The following report is effective as of: October 23, 2024

Competitions

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

	Competition Name	Competition Type/Description	Link or External Reference	Start Year
1	ANOC World Beach Games qualifying	Event that serves as a qualifying competition to the ANOC World Beach Games	https://beachsoccer.com/category/competitions/world-beach-games-qualifiers	2019

Additional competition exemptions:

N/A

Additional context regarding competitions:

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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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NGB Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative

Signed by:

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Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative

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NGB Council Representative

November 13, 2024 | 10:52:22 AM EST

Date

November 13, 2024 | 8:52:27 AM MST

Date

November 13, 2024 | 11:43:30 AM PST

Date