

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP SUBMISSION FORM



UNITED STATES
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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: USA Softball

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? 113 elite athletes in the 10-year window
2. How many athletes will the requests add to the eligible athlete representative pool?
758 elite and actively engaged athletes who participated for a national team (not in an Op Gold event) or a national championship
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.)
2023
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?

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:

4/23/2024

X Aubree Munro Watson

NGB AAC Chair

Signed by: 418a7d20-6a8d-46a4-8fea-6707ccdfb156

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

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE
REVIEW WORKING GROUP
RECORD OF DECISION



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: February 27, 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	Any W.B.S.C. Event	International softball competition (not Op Gold)	https://www.wbsc.org/en/disciplines/softball	2023

Additional context regarding competitions:

Since softball is not a permanent sport on the Olympic program, often our National Team changes for each event based on athlete availability. Also, due to the men’s events not being consistent every year, sometimes a year of eligibility might be lost because an Op Gold event did not take place.

Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Committee Type	Explanation
1	Allied/Affiliate Members Forum	Other	AAC voted that no athlete representation is needed on this forum.
2	Commissioner Appointment Panel	Other	AAC voted that no athlete representation is needed on this forum.
3	JO Forum	Other	AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.
4	Tournament Programs, Awards, and Review Forum	Other	AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.
5	Umpires Forum	Other	AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.
6	Commissioners Forum	Other	AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.
7	Masters & Seniors Committee	Other	AAC voted that no athlete representation is needed on this forum.

Additional exemptions for committees:

Modified Pitch Committee: AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.

Special Programs Forum: AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.

Membership Improvement Panel: AAC voted that only a designated athlete liaison is needed to be present at meetings.

Other

Other Exemptions:

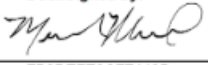

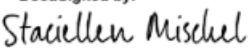
Weight the elite athlete (specifically athletes who meet the USOPC definition of 10/10+ athlete) voting at Annual Council Meetings to equate to 33% of the total voting power.

Actively Engaged Athletes qualify as athletes who competed for a national team and/or competed in a USAS sanctioned National Championship in the previous 24 months.

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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