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NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

DECISION RECORD

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 for four years.

NGB Name: USA Field Hockey
Approval Date: September 24, 2026

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	World Cup (AKA: Rabobank Hockey World Cup, FIH World Cup, Vitality Hockey World Cup, Hockey World Cup)	Global competition that occurs every four years, mid-cycle from the Summer Olympics. 16 teams usually qualify. Most prestigious non-Olympic competition in Field Hockey.	FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 Belgium & Netherlands | Official Tickets & Info	2014 (founded 1971)
2	World Cup Qualifiers	Qualifying event for the World Cup, which is the premier non-Olympic field hockey event. It is equivalent to Olympic Qualifiers	2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifier (USMNT) | USA Field Hockey	2011
3	FIH Pro League	FIH Pro League (Pro League) is an annual round robin league of the top nine ranked teams in the world. It serves as a qualifier for the Hockey World Cup and served as a qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but not for 2024 or beyond. The last ranked team is relegated to the FIH Nations Cup	FIH Pro League | Official FIH website	2017
4	Nations Cup	The Nations Cup is an annual eight-team tournament hosted by the FIH. The winner of the tournament is promoted to the FIH Pro League. The last ranked team is relegated to Nations Cup 2.	Nations Cup | Official FIH website	2019
5	Champions Challenge	Champions Challenge was replaced by the FIH Hockey World League in 2014, and the FIH Hockey World League was replaced by the FIH Pro League, Hockey Series (only 2019), and FIH Nations Cup. These subsequent events have been qualifying events for the World Cup and the Olympic Games. Champions Challenge was a tournament that occurred every other year from 2001 to 2014.	Since it's defunct, there is not a FIH page on the Champions Challenge. Men's Hockey Champions Challenge I Explained	2011 (now defunct; founded 2001)

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6	Champions Trophy	Champions Trophy began in 1978 for men and 1987 for men, folding in 2018. It was a six team round robin tournament of the best teams globally. The Champions Trophy was replaced with the Pro League.	Why the Champions Trophy Still Matters in Field Hockey | Slapshots Without Borders	2011 (founded 1978(M), 1987 (W))
7	Indoor World Cup	The most prestigious indoor field hockey event that occurs every four years with the 12 best men's and women's teams. Indoor is a non-Olympic discipline of field hockey that the U.S. has been prominent in for several years.	Indoor World Cup | Official FIH website	2011 (founded 2003)
8	Indoor Pan American Cup	The qualifying event for the Indoor World Cup. Occurs every three years. Indoor is a non-Olympic discipline that the U.S. has been prominent in for several years.	PAHF | 2024 Indoor Pan American Cup	2014
9	Hockey5s Pan American Cup	Qualifier for the Hocky5s World Cup. Hockey5s is a new discipline, recently established.	Hockey5s Pan American Cups	
10	Hockey5s World Cup	The most prestigious event in Hockey5s. Hockey5s is a new discipline, recently established.	Hockey5s World Cup | Official FIH website	
11	Nations Cup 2	Qualifying tournament for Nations Cup; first season was in 2024.	Nations Cup 2 | Official FIH website	

Panel Approval

The below panel members affirm their vote on the exceptions presented above.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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