



September 2026 Proposed Team USA Athletes' Commission Bylaw Revisions

This document provides the rationale for each proposed Team USA Athletes' Commission (Team USA AC) change to be voted on by the membership at the 2026 United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Assembly. It is intended to offer context and explanation for the proposed updates, enabling informed review and consideration. Any specific questions may be directed to teamusa.ac@teamusa-ac.org.

1. Article V. Section 1- Addition of Team USA AC Athlete Representatives serving on the USOPC Board of Directors as ex-officio members of Team USA AC.

Rationale. This amendment clarifies that all Team USA AC Athlete Representatives serving on the USOPC Board of Directors are ex-officio members of Team USA AC. Section 3.5.2 of the USOPC Bylaws requires that at least one Team USA AC representative serving on the USOPC Board also be a Team USA AC member. Extending ex-officio membership to all Team USA AC representatives on the USOPC Board ensures that this requirement is consistently satisfied and provides greater flexibility when filling an open Team USA AC representative seat on the Board. Specifically, it allows Team USA AC to consider a broader pool of eligible candidates rather than limiting the candidate pool to individuals who are already Team USA AC members at the time of the election.

2. Article V. Section 5. Eligibility- Revised language to reference USOPC Bylaws.

Rationale. Team USA AC is required to comply with the eligibility requirements established in the USOPC Bylaws. Rather than duplicating those requirements within the Team USA AC Bylaws, this amendment directly references the applicable provisions of the USOPC Bylaws. This approach ensures continued alignment with USOPC requirements as they are updated and reduces the need for future amendments to the Team USA AC Bylaws solely to reflect changes made to USOPC eligibility provisions.

3. Article X. Section 1. Nominating and Governance Committee- Removal of references to Athlete Service Coordinators.

Rationale. Team USA AC is reviewing and evolving how it supports and serves athletes at the Games. The Athlete Service Coordinator (ASC) role was established before Team USA AC had dedicated staff supporting athletes at the Games, and the role and broader athlete support model have evolved over time. Removing specific references to ASCs from the Bylaws provides Team USA AC with the flexibility to evaluate and adapt its Games-time athlete support structure without being required by the Bylaws to maintain a particular role or model.

Team USA AC is also working with USOPC Athlete Services to review the current function of ASCs, including the purpose of the role and the opportunities it provides for athlete involvement. This review will help determine how Team USA AC and USOPC can most effectively support athletes at future Games while preserving appropriate opportunities for athlete engagement and service.