



Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

NGB	USA Volleyball
<i>Working Group Personnel</i>	
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<i>Session Information</i>	
Date of NGB Submission	January 2022
Date of Report	January 2022

Reviewed Committees	
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Volleyball Association Council • Officials' Assembly • Junior Assembly • Beach Assembly
NGB Recommendation	Allow for Weighted Voting for Athletes
NGB AAC Recommendation	Allow for Weighted Voting for Athletes
Working Group Finding	Approved, With Condition
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
<p>The NGB and its AAC agreed that for these bodies, and other bodies with greater than 11 members, weighted voting would allow for the athlete voice while not taxing the pool of athletes available to serve. The size of the assemblies for which the NGB has requested an exemption are all above 11, with several being substantially more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Volleyball Association Assembly – 40 Members • Officials Assembly – 100 Members • Junior Assembly – 80 Members • Beach Assembly – 13 Members <p>In the course of the discussion the panel asserted, with concurrence from the NGB and the AAC representative that the NGB will need to establish that the bodies outlined above would need to have weighted voting, but also have a requirement that an athlete must participate in discussions and votes so that there cannot be a scenario in which a small amount of athletes are not able to attend and the athlete voice is not captured as a result.</p> <p>Members of the panel suggested that the</p> <p>Thus, the panel approved weighted voting for the committees above with the condition that the Bylaws and/or Committee Charters be changed to reflect that athletes must be present and able to exercise their 33% weighted vote in order for committee business or decisions to proceed.</p>	

The panel voted on this recommendation. The vote was 2 -1 in favor of approval. Following common procedure, Cody Mattern requested that his dissent be noted as part of the record of decision.