



Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

| NGB | USA Weightlifting |
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| <i>Session Information</i> | |
| Date of NGB Submission | 15 January 2021 |
| Date of Report | 20 January 2021 |

| Reviewed Competitions | |
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| Competition | IWF World Championships |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| The World Championships are open to senior level athletes who are selected by the NGB through a selection process. | |
| Competition | IWF World Junior Championships |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| This event is an important feeder event to the senior elite level of competition and provides a larger pool of potential athlete representatives. Participation in this event is based on NGB selection procedures. | |
| Competition | IWF World Youth Championships |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Not Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| The Working Group agreed that while this event is a feeder event for senior level competition and the NGB selects participants through a selection process, it is too far removed from the senior level to be rightly considered elite competition for the purposes of athlete representation. | |

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| Competition | IWF Grand Prix Series |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| IWF Grand Prix Series events are the highest-level recurring events on the international calendar and include participants selected by the NGB using established selection processes. | |
| Competition | IWF Olympic Qualification Events |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| IWF Olympic Qualification events lead to the Olympic Games and participation in the event for Team USA athletes is restricted to athletes selected by the NGB through an established selection criteria. | |
| Competition | FISU World University Games |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| With relatively few international events in the sport, combined with the elite nature of the FISU competition in Weightlifting, the Working Group agreed this should be included. The Working Group indicated that this competition should be monitored closely for future requests to ensure that this truly is an elite competition and is creating eligibility for athletes that is both needed and utilized in the NGB governance structures. | |
| Competition | IWF Pan American Championships |
| NGB Recommendation | Approve |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Approve |
| Working Group Finding | Approve |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| The Pan American championship is a premiere and important international event for the national team athletes. Selection to the event is via an NGB selection process. | |

| Reviewed Committees | |
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| Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit • Compensation • Finance • Ethics • Judicial • Nominating and Governance |
| NGB Recommendation | Designated |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Designated |
| Working Group Finding | Designated |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| These committees were based on the NGB Bylaws and met the definition of Designated. | |

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| Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal • Fundraising • LWC Presidents • Hall of Fame • Technical • Competition • Coaching • Diversity and Inclusion • Marketing • Youth • Sport Medicine |
| NGB Recommendation | Other |
| NGB AAC Recommendation | Other |
| Working Group Finding | Other |
| <i>Finding Notes</i> | |
| <p>These committees did not engage in any of the designated functions outlined in the USOPC Bylaws and thus were approved as Other Committees.</p> <p>The Working Group clarified that the LWC Presidents, Technical, and Competition Committees do not in fact have authority over team selection or selection to competitions that can impact team selection. The NGB confirmed that they do not and thus were approved as Other Committees.</p> | |