

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP



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 four years

NGB Name: American Canoe Association

Approval Date: 06/16/2026

Competitions

The following competitions qualify for 10-Year and 10-Year + Athlete status.

	Competition Name
1	ICF World Championship Events
2	ICF World Cup Competitions

Additional context regarding competitions:

Team USA competitors at the ICF world championship events are selected via an NGB-led selection process. The ICF has championship events in more than Olympic/Paralympic disciplines, and all such events will generate 10-year eligibility.

Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Committee Type	Explanation
1	Safety, Education, and Instruction	Other	Exception from the requirement
2	Regional Activity Council and Committees	Other	Exception from the requirement
3	Properties Committee	Other	Exception from the requirement
4	Introduction to Paddling	Other	Exception from the requirement
5	Canoeing	Other	Exception from the requirement
6	Coastal Kayaking	Other	Exception from the requirement
7	Rafting	Other	Exception from the requirement
8	River Kayaking	Other	Exception from the requirement

9	Stand Up Paddleboarding	Other	Exception from the requirement
10	Safety and Rescue	Other	Exception from the requirement
11	Surf Kayaking	Other	Exception from the requirement
12	Packrafting	Other	Exception from the requirement
13	Paddlecraft Fishing	Other	Exception from the requirement
14	Universal Paddling	Other	Exception from the requirement

Additional context regarding committees:

These ACA committees focus specifically on the recreational side of paddling—supporting activities, programs, and initiatives that encourage participation for enjoyment, wellness, and skill development rather than competition.

Additional exemptions for the Board of Directors:

Section 8 of the USOPC Bylaws requires that at least half of the athlete representatives on the NGB Board have generated their eligibility via a delegation event. This requirement remains in place, but athletes from non-Olympic/Paralympic disciplines who compete in the ICF competitions listed above will be able to serve within those limitations.

Panel Approval

The below panel members agree to the exceptions presented above.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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