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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 Judo
Approval Date: July 8, 2026

Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Exception / Addition
1	State Committee	Reduced Athlete Representation to two Athletes.

Additional context regarding committees:

At present, the committee consists of representatives from 20 states. Under current USOPC requirements, committees must maintain 33.3% athlete representation, which, in this case, would require an additional 10 athlete representatives. As the committee grows, additional athletes would need to be added.

The USA Judo AAC feels that the State Committee has a large number of members because each state needs to be represented. It is the best way for the committee to distribute info to local clubs in each state and for those small local clubs to have their concerns heard. However, the athlete's contribution is not state specific, but specific to the sport and the needs of its athletes. We feel that two representatives would suffice when keeping that focus in mind.

Panel Approval

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

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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