

Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

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Session Information		
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Reviewed Competitions		
Competition	FINA World Championships	
NGB Recommendation	Approve	
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve	
Working Group Finding	Approve, From 1986 Onward	
Finding Notes	<u>.</u>	

The FINA Worlds are the premiere IF competition in the sport for both men and women. Team USA at the event is selected via an NGB led selection process.

The addition of FINA Worlds will add some athletes beyond those selected for delegation events so as to provide a larger pool of potential elite athlete leaders to serve in governance roles in the NGB. FINA Worlds in Water Polo became open to women starting in 1986 and thus the eligibility is extended only to that time so as to ensure equality of access for 10 and 10+ Year athletes of both genders.

Reviewed Committees		
Committee	 Diversity and Inclusion Masters Hall of Fame National Training Center 	
NGB Recommendation	Other Committee	
NGB AAC Recommendation	Other Committee	
Working Group Finding	Other Committee	
Finding Notes		

All of these committees are not involved in core financial/governance functions nor in national team selection issues. The National Training Center Committee, of note, is charged with working on a plan to have a national training center created – not the ongoing function/programming of such a Center.

Committee	 Audit and Finance Ethics and Judicial Nominating and Governance Competition Zone Assembly Delegates 	
NGB Recommendation	Designated	
NGB AAC Recommendation	Designated	
Working Group Finding	Designated	
Finding Notes		
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