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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 Climbing
Approval Date: August 15, 2026

Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Committee Type	Exception / Addition
1	Medical Committee	Other	Exempt from the athlete representation requirements.

Additional context regarding committees:

USA Climbing respectfully requests an exception to the 33.3% of Medical Committee members be "Athletes" as defined under the Bylaws.

Per the Charter, the Committee assists and supports the development, implementation, and evaluation of medical-related programs, including injury reporting protocol and review, athlete development protocols, Para athlete considerations, and policies and procedures for the care of all USA Climbing athletes, using a multidisciplinary approach to athlete safety.

This request is not based on any assumption that athletes lack medical knowledge — many athletes have significant medical training, and some are medical professionals themselves. The issue is availability: despite good faith efforts, USA Climbing has been unable to identify Bylaws-defined Athletes who are both eligible and willing to commit to service on the Committee at this time. USA Climbing requests approval to continue operating with its current members so the Committee can carry out its responsibilities without interruption while the search for eligible Athlete candidates continues.

USA Climbing will continue to actively recruit eligible Athlete candidates and will fill the reserved seat(s) as qualified candidates become available.

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Panel Approval

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

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

Signed by:
Sophia Cuccio
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NGB Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative — August 17, 2026 | 1:25:20 PM MDT — Date

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

Signed by:
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Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative — August 19, 2026 | 3:06:21 AM MDT — Date

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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NGB Council Representative — August 17, 2026 | 9:31:16 AM PDT — Date