

NGB Athlete Representative Review Working Group Submission Form

# **NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE**

# **REVIEW WORKING GROUP SUBMISSION FORM**



UNITED STATES  
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COMMITTEE

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete the following pages with your request as completely as possible. The following pages will be the final decision report once approved by the panel.

NGB Name: USA GOLF

To help the panel reach their decision, please answer the following questions:

(Please note, numbers do not need to be exact, an estimate is acceptable.)

1. How many individuals are in your current eligible athlete representative pool?

*USA GOLF does not have individual members. USA GOLF only participates in three events: the Olympic Games, the Pan Am Games, and occasionally the Youth Olympic Games. Athletes for the Olympic Games are eligible American athletes from the Official World Golf Rankings (men) and Rolex Rankings (women). Athletes for the other two events utilize the World Amateur Golf Rankings. The two athletes on the USA GOLF Board of Directors are elected representatives on the PGA TOUR and LPGA TOUR, the leading membership organizations for elite golfers. AAC reps for USA GOLF are those two elected representatives.*

2. How many athletes will the requests add to the eligible athlete representative pool?

*Over 25 athletes.*

3. At what date will the competitions be added to the eligible competitions (i.e., beginning in 1995). (When choosing this year, please consider when competitions became gender equitable to avoid bringing forward past inequities as much as possible.)

*USA GOLF does not host, operate or sanction events. However, in addition to the Pan Am Games and Olympic Games, USA GOLF seeks to include the following event as an eligible event: World Amateur Team Championships (since 2016) (organized and operated by International Golf Federation).*

4. Are any of the requested competitions age-restricted (e.g., U23, Junior, Masters or Veterans)?

*No.*

5. Are there any other things the panel should know?

*USA GOLF is seeking three exceptions: (i) expansion of the 10 Year and 10+ Year Athlete definitions; and (ii) expansion of the 33% athlete representation requirement. In support of these requests, USA GOLF states the following.*

### *1) Exception #1: Expansion of "10 Year Athlete" and "10 Year+ Athlete" definition*

*USA GOLF has been in operation for less than 10 years. Additionally, USA GOLF has only had approximately 25 athletes compete since its first event, 2015 Pan Am Games. Most of these athletes are elite professionals, who do not have the time or inclination to serve in a governance capacity. Furthermore, such a small group of athletes is not representative of the overall pool of elite golfers. Therefore, to expand the pool, we respectfully request approval of the following expanded definitions for "10 Year Athlete" and "10 Year+ Athlete" to meet any bylaw requirements containing those defined terms. Notably, no athlete*

*inside or outside USA GOLF has ever expressed concern or raised an objection to USA GOLF's athlete representation procedures.*

*"10 Year Athlete" shall be expanded to include:*

- (a) Athletes who, within the previous ten (10) years, represented the United States in the World Amateur Team Championships; or*
- (b) American Athletes who, within the previous (10) years, are eligible to vote for the Player Advisory Council of the PGA TOUR or the Player Advisory Group of the LPGA (as applicable).*

*"10 Year+ Athlete" shall be expanded to include:*

- (a) Athletes who represented the United States in the World Amateur Team Championships but not within the previous 10 years; or*
- (b) American Athletes who were eligible to vote the Player Advisory Council of the PGA TOUR or the Player Advisory Group of the LPGA (as applicable) but not within the previous 10 years.*

*Applicable to Board representation requirements only, the athlete shall have been elected to and served on the Player Advisory Council of the PGA TOUR or the Player Advisory Group of the LPGA (as applicable), which will satisfy election requirements.*

## 2) Exception #2: Expansion of 33% Athlete Representation


*For similar reasons set forth above, USA GOLF also seeks expansion of the thirty-three percent (33%) athlete representation requirements. USA GOLF is a small NGB with extremely limited operations and few competing athletes. USA GOLF currently has two athletes on its Board of Directors and at least one athlete on each NGB committee. Securing interest in participation by additional athletes is challenging as described above. Accordingly, USA GOLF requests that the athlete vote on the Board of Directors and all NGB committees be weighted thirty-three percent (33%) even if the number of athletes on the Board or committee is below the thirty-three percent (33%) threshold.*

All submissions must be approved by the internal NGB Athlete Advisory Council (NGB AAC). Signature of the NGB AAC Chair to attest to this is required prior to submission.

## **NGB AAC Approval**

The NGB AAC approves this request:

Date of NGB AAC Approval: 8/9/2024

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8/9/2024  
NGB AAC Chair

Once completed and approved, submit to Dave Patterson at [David.Patterson@usopc.org](mailto:David.Patterson@usopc.org).

# NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP RECORD OF DECISION



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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 through the end of the current quadrennium.

NGB Name: *USA GOLF*

The following report is effective as of: October 7, 2024

## Competitions

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

	Competition Name	Competition Type/Description	Link or External Reference	Start Year
1	World Amateur Team Championships	Hosted by International Golf Federation	<a href="https://www.igfgolf.org/world-amateur-team-championships/overview">https://www.igfgolf.org/world-amateur-team-championships/overview</a>	2016

Additional competition exemptions:

N/A

Additional context regarding competitions:

N/A

## Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Committee Type	Explanation
	See Below	N/A	N/A

Additional exemptions for committees:

*USA GOLF requests that the athlete vote on the Board of Directors and all NGB committees be weighted thirty-three percent (33%) even if the number of athletes on the Board or committee is below the thirty-three percent (33%) threshold.*

Additional context regarding committees:

N/A

**Other**

Other Exemptions:

*"10 Year Athlete" shall be expanded to include:*  
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*(b) American Athletes who, within the previous (10) years, were eligible to vote for the Player Advisory Council of the PGA TOUR or the Player Advisory Group of the LPGA (as applicable).*



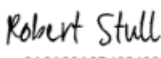
*"10 Year+ Athlete" shall be expanded to include:*  
(a) *Athletes who represented the United States in the World Amateur Team Championships but not within the previous 10 years; or*

*(b) American Athletes who were eligible to vote for the Player Advisory Council of the PGA TOUR or the Player Advisory Group of the LPGA (as applicable) but not within the previous 10 years.*

**Panel Approval**

(For signature following the Athlete Representative Working Group review)

The below panel members agree to the exceptions presented above.

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