



Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

NGB	USA Racquetball
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<i>Session Information</i>	
Date of NGB Submission	28 May 2021
Date of Report	16 June 2021

The working group met with USAR leadership and athlete leaders to discuss their submission and request for exemptions for some committees from athlete representation requirements.

Reviewed Competitions	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRF World Racquetball Championships • World Games • Pan American Racquetball Championships
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approve
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The events outlined here are for Team USA athletes competing at the highest level of the sport. Selection to Team USA is conducted via an NGB approved and led selection process.	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAR Singles National Championship • USAR Doubles National Championship
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approve
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
Athletes must qualify in order to compete in this domestic event and the event is one of the selection events for Team USA qualification. This will confer eligibility on athletes who competed in this event back to 2011.	
Of note, athletes who qualified for this event in 2020 will be deemed to have competed as the event was cancelled due to the pandemic.	

Reviewed Committees	
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections • Finance/Accounting • Legislative • Rules • US Team
NGB Recommendation	Designated
NGB AAC Recommendation	Designated
Working Group Finding	Designated
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
These committees were based on the NGB Bylaws and met the definition of Designated.	
Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collegiate • Hall of Fame/Awards • High School • Junior • Marketing • Membership • National Events • Referee Certification • Revenue Generation/Fundraising • Scholarship • Women's • WOR (Outdoor)
NGB Recommendation	Other – With Exemption
NGB AAC Recommendation	Other – With Exemption
Working Group Finding	Other – With Exemption
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
<p>The NGB currently has very few qualifying athletes and while expansion of the pool (as is approved above) will be of considerable help, the NGB will still not have the amount of athletes which would be required to fill these roles. The NGB, in concert with the AAC recommended that these committees be exempted from athlete representation requirements due to that low availability of athletes to serve on them.</p> <p>Upon consideration of that request and noting the very low numbers of available athletes, the panel agreed to grant the request but noted that the NGB and its AAC must work diligently to attract and retain athletes into leadership roles to ensure that the athlete voice is adequately prominent in all USAR committees in the future.</p>	