



Team USA Athletes' Commission Independence

Use your voice to help shape the future of athlete representation!

WHAT is the Congressional Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics & Paralympics (CSUSOP):

- A once-in-a-generation opportunity to re-envision the framework for the Movement.
- It conducted the most comprehensive study of the Movement and its governance ever undertaken. Hundreds of athletes and other participants were interviewed, and issues concerning athlete support, representation, safety, and well-being were at its center.
- The twelve recommendations included in its final report, released March 1st, represent a consensus view on how best to address structural challenges within the movement and make it truly “athlete-centered.”

HOW does Team USA AC being an independent entity from the USOPC benefit athletes:

Recommendation #6: “Congress should strengthen athletes’ representation by making the Team USA Athletes’ Commission fully independent.”

- Allows Team USA AC to fulfil its **duty to protect and empower athletes**
- **Eliminates** any perceived **appearance of conflict with the USOPC**
- Ensures **a steady revenue stream** for Team USA AC and supports the view that any method of securing independent funding **MUST** guarantee a revenue stream with which an empowered Team USA AC can hire **professional staff with a legal duty to act** in athletes’ best interests, including legal counsel who can represent athletes in a dispute
- Empowers Team USA AC to **raise and direct funds to support athletes’ legal aid**
- Directs Team USA AC to play an **explicit role in representing athletes’ concerns** to USOPC, NGBS, SafeSport, and USADA on issues relating to arbitration processes, athlete-funding criteria, team-selection criteria, and national-team assignments
- **Strengthens the authority** of Team USA AC to operate elections for the athlete-representative seats on USOPC ‘s BOD and on the boards of the governing bodies
- Gives Team USA AC professional staff authority **to conduct periodic audits of movement institutions’ policies, processes, and agreements** in order to keep athletes informed of rules and practices as well as to contribute to transparency and accountability

Team USA Take Action: We need to act **NOW** and we need **YOUR** help to amend the Ted Stevens Act

- Have your signature added to the Team USA AC letter asking Congress to Amend the Act: [Click Here](#) to view the letter and [Click Here](#) to sign
- Submit your own letter asking your Representative or Senator to Amend the Act: [Click Here](#) for a template
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