

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW WORKING GROUP



UNITED STATES
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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 for four years.

NGB Name: USA Surfing

Effective Date: February 19, 2026

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 Surf League (WSL) Competition Tour (CT)	Highest level of competition on the professional league and points qualify to the Games	https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2025/ct?month=january	2010
2	WSL Challenger Series "CS"	WSL events that qualify athletes to the CT	https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2025/cs?month=october	2010
3	ISA World Surfing Games	Highest yearly level of competition for ISA events	https://isasurf.org/	2010
4	ISA World Longboard Championships	Highest yearly level of competition for ISA in longboard	https://isasurf.org/	2010
5	ISA World Stand Up & Prone Paddle Championships	Highest yearly level of competition for ISA in SUP	https://isasurf.org/	2010
6	ISA World Para Surfing Championships	Highest yearly level of competition for ISA in Para	https://isasurf.org/	2010
7	WSL Longboard Tour- USA & Hawaii	Highest level of WSL tour for long board	https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2025/lt?month=october	2010
8	USA Surfing Championships, Longboard, SUP/Prone, Para	Highest level of domestic competition that qualify athletes to ISA World Championships	https://www.usasurfing.org/event/usa-surfing-championships-oceanside-2025	2010
9	ISA World Junior Championships- US & HI	Highest level of ISA competition for juniors.	https://www.usasurfing.org/event/world-junior-surfing-championship	2010

10	USA Surfing Junior Championships, Shortboard	Highest level of domestic competition that qualify juniors to ISA World Championships	https://www.usasurfing.org/event/usa-surfing-championships-san-onofre-2025	2010
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A few notes:

- WSL is the professional league, but rankings from that event qualify athletes to the Games.
- Some of these competitions already qualify athletes to the 10-year pool, but we request that they be included for the off-Games year (when the qualifying pathway to the Games has not yet been set); and to go back further.
- All 10-year+ athletes would be selected from the pool of athletes in those events from 2010 – 2015.
- All actively engaged athletes would be selected from those events in the preceding 24 months. Additionally, we request that all athletes in the prime series and junior ISA World Championship Trials qualify as actively engaged; and only the top 3 would qualify under the 10year/10year+ definition.

Additional competition exemptions:

- As included above, we request that Para athletes be included.

Panel Approval

The below panel members agree to the exceptions presented above.

Agree Disagree

Signed by:


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 NGB Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative

May 8, 2026 | 6:26:23 AM MDT

 Date

Agree Disagree

Signed by:


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 Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative

May 5, 2026 | 3:49:20 AM MDT

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Agree Disagree

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 NGB Council Representative

May 4, 2026 | 9:57:29 AM MDT

 Date