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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 Diving

Effective Date: April 11, 2026

Competitions

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

	Competition Name	Competition Type/Description	Start Year
1	Olympic Games	Delegation	20 years prior to the current year
2	Pan American Games	Delegation	20 years prior to the current year
3	Any AQUA Sanction Event without age restriction	International Qualifying	10 years prior to the current year
4	World University Games	International Qualifying	10 years prior to the current year
5	Delegation Event Qualifiers	NGB Qualifying	5 years prior to the current year
6	AQUA Event Qualifiers	NGB Qualifying	5 years prior to the current year

Additional context regarding competitions:

Historically, international qualifying events were commonly categorized under the naming structure of World Championships, World Series, World Cup, and Grand Prix. While World Aquatics continues to sanction these competitions, the naming structure of international events has evolved over time. For example, there are now multiple World Cup events (often referred to as the World Cup Series) culminating in a World Cup Super-Final, as well as events such as the American Cup, Canada Cup, and other international competitions hosted in countries including Italy, Spain, England, and Germany, which may operate under their own naming conventions. Because event names and formats may continue to change in the future, USA Diving proposes to include all World Aquatics sanctioned events without age restrictions as qualifying competitions. This approach ensures flexibility and consistency moving forward. Events specifically designated as Junior, Masters, or other age-restricted competitions will not be included.

A similar situation exists with USA Diving's domestic qualifying events. Historically, the proposal referenced specific competitions such as Olympic Trials and Senior Nationals. However, USA Diving event naming conventions can change over time and may include events such as the U.S. Open and *Seasonal* Nationals. Because event titles may vary from year to year, USA Diving proposes to use the broader categories "Delegation Event Qualifiers" and "AQUA Event Qualifiers." These categories more accurately reflect the purpose of the competitions—serving as qualifying pathways for international delegation teams or World Aquatics events—while allowing flexibility for future naming changes. Both Delegation Event Qualifiers and AQUA Event Qualifiers are senior-level competitions and are not age-restricted, ensuring that junior or masters events are not included in the eligible athlete pool.

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Committees

Committees for an exception or addition to the requirements:

	Committee Name	Committee Type	Explanation
1	Committee for Competitive Excellence	Designated	Athlete representatives shall have represented Team USA at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, or World (Cup) Series within 12 years of the current year.

Additional context regarding committees:

The proposed updates to athlete representation on the CCE are intended to better align the role with its responsibilities and ensure balanced governance. The requirement for the Team USA AC Rep to serve on the CCE is being removed so all three athlete positions follow the same criteria. This change recognizes the significant demands already placed on the AC Rep. Additionally, eligibility for all three athlete representatives is being refined to include only athletes who have represented Team USA at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, or World Series within the past 12 years. This creates a pool of approximately 100 eligible athletes and ensures that those serving on the CCE bring recent, high-level international experience to support informed decision-making for USA Diving's high performance programs.

Panel Approval

The below panel members agree to the exceptions presented above.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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