

NGB ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW

WORKING GROUP SUBMISSION FORM



UNITED STATES
OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC
COMMITTEE

NGB Name: U.S. Association of Blind Athletes, Blind Soccer

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.

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?
 - a. We have approximately 40 goalball athletes eligible and 0 blind soccer eligible right now
2. How many athletes will the requests add to the eligible athlete representative pool?
 - a. 13 blind soccer 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.)
 - a. Beginning in 2023 when blind soccer will compete in their first IBSA international friendly tournament. All athletes who are part of the 2023 national team program to include sighted goalies and alternates from the national blind soccer program
4. Are any of the requested competitions age-restricted (e.g., U23, Junior, Masters or Veterans)?
 - a. No
5. Are there any other things the panel should know?
 - a. We are looking to add in blind soccer representation to help us continue to grow the high performance and development side of the sport and have an athlete voice. The U.S. will not have an Operation Gold event until 2027 at the earliest since the U.S. team will make its blind soccer Paralympics game debut in 2028. We believe it is important for athletes from both sports to have a voice in governance within our organization.

All submissions must be approved by the internal NGB Athlete Advisory Council (NGB AAC).

NGB AAC Approval

The NGB AAC approves this request: Eliana Mason

Date of NGB AAC Approval: E-mail Attestation on 7/31/2023.

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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.

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The following report is effective as of: August 11, 2023

Competitions

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

N/A

Additional competition exemptions:

- Starting in 2023, Any IBSA Friendly Tournaments that are sanctioned by IBSA, have ranking points associated with the tournament, and are at the senior level.
- The panel noted that USABA must return to the working group to re-evaluate eligible competitions in 2025 for 2026 onward.

Additional context regarding competitions:

- As blind soccer is new to the United States, athletes are just beginning to attend international tournaments.

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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