



Athlete Representation Review Working Group

Review Report

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<i>Session Information</i>	
Date of NGB Submission	December 2, 2020
Date of Report	December 3, 2020

Reviewed Competitions	
Competition	FINA World Cup
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The competition involved national team athletes selected by the NGB for high level competition. The competition is no longer offered by the IF, but athletes who participated in the past may still be eligible for 10 or 10+ year service.	
Competition	FINA World Trophy
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The competition involved national team athletes selected by the NGB for high level competition. The competition is no longer offered by the IF, but athletes who participated in the past may still be eligible for 10 or 10+ year service.	
Competition	FINA World Series
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The FINA World Series is a top-level event with athletes selected by the NGB for international, IF sanctioned competition.	
Competition	FINA World Series Final
NGB Recommendation	Approve

NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The FINA World Series Final is the culmination of the World Series competition and also involves top-level competition competing on behalf of nations, under the auspices of the IF.	
Competition	Olympic Qualification Tournament
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
The Olympic Qualification tournament is the highest level IF competition that leads to the Olympic Games. Athletes competing at this event may or may not be selected for competition at the Olympic Games, should the team qualify.	
Competition	2013 FINA World Championship
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	Approved
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
In 2013, the NGB selected a team for the world championship and they successfully qualified. Subsequently, the NGB elected not to send the team for financial and/or administrative reasons (exact reasons were not clear given the passage of time and that this decision was executed by former NGB personnel). As this team qualified successfully and was selected appropriately through an NGB selection process, they are eligible to serve – their non-participation in the event was not of their choosing nor a reflection of their status of high-performance athletes.	

General Submission and Meeting Notes

The NGB submitted only competitions for consideration at this time. The designation of Designated Committees was not contemplated in this submission or in this panel.

The USOPC AAC Representative confirmed that all elements of the submission had been approved by the internal AAC, in addition to confirmation presented in writing as part of the submission.

The panel asked several questions of the NGB. These included:

Q: How many 10-year athletes are in the current NGB pool?

A: About 50. While precise records are available, the status of a handful of those athletes was not certain. The panel agreed that level of precision was more than adequate for their deliberation.

Q: How many athletes do you need in order to fully fill all the athlete seats on Boards and committees?

A: NGB estimates it is about 100 in total. They have a total of 25 active committees, many of which they consider Designated.

Q: Is there selection criteria for the events submitted?

A: NGB confirmed that all those events had selection criteria at the time they happened or do so presently.

Q: Do the athletes who compete at the Olympic Qualifier automatically become the members of the team for the Olympic Games, if they qualify?

A: No. Team selection process is subsequent to the Qualifier and it is possible that there may be changes in the team composition from the qualifier to the Games.

In the initial submission by the NGB, the 2013 World Championships were not included, but instead the 2013 FISU World Games was included. In the course of the discussion with the NGB, it became clear that they were not sure if they could submit the 2013 World Championships and were using the FISU submission an effective proxy for that competition. The panel agreed that a real time amendment to the submission was advisable and agreed to review the 2013 World Championship upon that amendment.

The panel thanked USA Artistic Swimming for a thorough and prepared submission. It was especially helpful that the NGB had ready access to a list of their current 10-year athletes as well as the full slate of committee appointments for athletes in their NGB.