



## Athlete Representation Review Working Group

### Review Report

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<i>Session Information</i>	
Date of NGB Submission	November 2021
Date of Report	18 November 2021

<b>Reviewed Competitions</b>	
<b>Competition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FIVB World Championships</b></li> <li>• <b>World Para Volley World Championships</b></li> <li>• <b>Volleyball Nations League</b></li> <li>• <b>FIVB World Cup</b></li> <li>• <b>FIVB Beach World Tour Events</b></li> <li>• <b>WPV Beach ParaVolley Events</b></li> <li>• <b>USOPC Designated Operation Gold Events</b></li> </ul>
NGB Recommendation	Approve
NGB AAC Recommendation	Approve
Working Group Finding	<b>Approve</b>
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
<p>All of the above events constitute high level international events with Team USA selected to these events via an NGB led selection processes.</p> <p>The NGB noted that the Volleyball Nations League has gone through iterations at the IF level and then name of the event has changed and could feasibly change in the future. The panel clarified that this event is approved, regardless of name changes that have happened or may happen in the future.</p> <p>The NGB and the AAC agreed it would be preferable to have more events for Sitting Volleyball athletes to generate eligibility but that the IF in the sitting discipline simply does not offer many international events to draw from. The panel encouraged the NGB to bring a request for consideration should the IF offer new events in the future.</p>	

Reviewed Committees	
Committee	• Board of Directors
NGB Recommendation	Amended Athlete Representation
NGB AAC Recommendation	Amended Athlete Representation
Working Group Finding	<b>Amended Athlete Representation</b>
<i>Finding Notes</i>	
<p>The NGB outlined that they have athletes on the Board from each of the three disciplines (Indoor, Beach, Sitting) and from each gender, resulting in a total of six athletes on the Board. The NGB and its AAC agreed that modifying this structure would remove a strong balance they currently enjoy among the athletes on their Board.</p> <p><b>The panel agreed that that having the USOPC AAC Representative as a voting member of the Board is waived to preserve the six-athlete composition currently in place. So as to ensure the smallest viable deviation from the USOPC Bylaws, the panel affirms that the USOPC AAC Representative and the USOPC AAC Alternate will have the right to participate in meetings of the Board and to have a voice, though non-voting voice, in meetings of the Board in their role as AAC representatives.</b></p>	