



**PUBLIC NOTICE  
JULY 1, 2026**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE BYLAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Section 23.2 of the USOPC Bylaws and Section 220505 of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, this is a public notice of proposed amendments to the USOPC Bylaws, which are planned for consideration by the USOPC Board of Directors.

The proposed amendments focus on clarifying athlete representation provisions, strengthening Board and committee governance, modernizing definitions and terminology, and aligning certain procedural provisions with current governance practices.

If you would like to comment on these proposed amendments you may do so by submitting feedback by email or post for receipt on or before August 30, 2026. All received comments will be provided to the Board prior to its vote regarding these amendments.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The USOPC periodically reviews its Bylaws to ensure they remain aligned with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, evolving governance practices, and the needs of the Olympic and Paralympic community. Beginning in June 2025, the USOPC Nominating & Governance Committee (NGC) undertook a review of potential bylaw updates. As part of this process, the NGC sought input from key stakeholder groups, including the National Governing Bodies Council (NGBC), Team USA Athletes' Commission (Team USA AC), the U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association (USOPA), and relevant USOPC staff, including representatives from Legal, Compliance, and the Office of the Athlete Ombuds. Feedback from these consultations informed the recommended amendments included in the attached redlined Bylaws.

The USOPC is grateful to the many members of the Olympic and Paralympic community who contributed input and expertise during this review process.

## **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

The proposed amendments address several areas of the USOPC Bylaws. Sections receiving the primary focus of these updates include:

- Section 1 – Definitions
- Section 3 – Corporation Board
- Section 5 – Committees & Task Forces
- Section 8 – Members / NGB Governance
- Section 10 – Complaints Regarding Noncompliance of an NGB
- Section 16 – Affiliate Organizations

Key elements of the proposed amendments include:

### **Athlete Representation and Governance Clarity**

- Clarifying that athletes who transfer nationality are no longer eligible for USOPC 10-Year or 10-Year+ athlete status.
- Updating language to more closely mirror the requirements of NGBs and the actual practice between the USOPC and the Team USA AC regarding the selection of athlete representatives on additional committees and task forces.
- Updating an inconsistency in the authority of the NGB Athlete Representation Review Working Group over the definition of "NGB Actively Engaged Athlete."

### **Board and Committee Governance**

- Clarifying the role of the Nominating & Governance Committee in reviewing Board eligibility matters, including circumstances involving prior anti-doping or sanctions involving athlete safety matters.
- Implementing targeted adjustments to certain Board committee structures and clarifying Board eligibility oversight responsibilities.

## **Standards and Definitions**

- Modernizing definitions and governance terminology throughout the Bylaws, including removal of outdated references to “amateur” status and updating references to the Team USA AC.
- Remove the ability of the USOPC Nominating and Governance Committee to exercise discretion when it comes to the definition of “independence.”
- Add language requiring nondiscrimination in Board selection.
- Remove distinctions between different NGB categories.
- Update the language to mirror the Ted Stevens Act requiring NGBs to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunity.
- Clarifying that the USOPC Compliance team must have the opportunity to review a concern before a Section 10 filing may proceed.

Additional conforming and technical edits are included to improve clarity and consistency throughout the Bylaws.

The full text of the proposed amendments is available in the attached redline version of the USOPC Bylaws.