

USA Fencing Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Guidelines

The Athlete Council shall establish procedures for the selection of athletes to positions in the USFA that are reserved for athletes; shall advise the Chair of the Board and the Board of Directors with respect to issues of concern to athletes; and shall undertake such projects as the Athlete Council shall determine to be in the interest of USFA athletes and as are assigned to it by the USFA.

To qualify to serve on the USA Fencing Athlete Council, you must have represented the United States in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, or Pan American Games (“Delegation Events”) OR have competed in an International Qualifying Event in which an athlete could directly earn points towards qualification for a Delegation Event. Participation in the above events within the preceding ten years (January 1, 2014) qualify you to run for USA Fencing Athlete Council.

Prior to the selection, representatives shall disclose any felony convictions and any other period of ineligibility to serve in sport organizations, such as findings of violations of anti-doping codes or SafeSport violations that were not reversed on appeal.

USA Fencing Athlete Council consists of one (1) representative each from the following categories:

- Men’s Epee
- Women’s Epee
- Men’s Foil
- Women’s Foil
- Men’s Saber
- Women’s Saber
- Men’s Parafencing
- Women’s Parafencing
- Ex-Officio members (when applicable and if not otherwise represented) to include, Team USA Athletes’ Commission Representative and Alternates, those who sit on the USOPC Board of Directors, or the USA Fencing Board of Directors.

Such members shall be selected by those athletes qualified to serve in each recognized weapon and gender category. Members of the Athlete Council shall be seated for one Quadrennium or until replaced, whichever is later.

USA Fencing Board of Directors Athlete Representatives

Pursuant to Section 7.4 of the USA Fencing Bylaws, there shall be four (4) Athlete Directors named as voting members of the Board of Directors. The two elected Team USA Athletes’ Commission representatives will be automatically named to a Board of Directors position. The remaining two (2) seats are to be voted upon by the USA Fencing Athlete Council (of those who meet the definition of a 10-year athlete). Should the Team USA Athletes’ Commission alternates not be voted into Board of Directors voting seats by the USA Fencing Athlete Council, they will be provided a non-voting seat on the Board.