

Code Change Proposal for Governance Committee
From AEC
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ITEM 1: Proposal to revise Code, Article 7 Athlete Representation

7.08 AEC President, Athlete At-Large Representative and General Board of Directors Athlete Representatives Eligibility, Term of Service, Election and Vacancy Procedures

- A. **Eligibility:** The AEC President, the Athlete At-Large Representative, and the General Board of Directors Athlete Representatives must meet the requirements of Section 7.06 A.
- B. **Term of Service:** The AEC President and the General Board of Directors Athlete Representatives will be elected in even numbered years, and the Athlete At-Large Representative will be elected in odd numbered years, to serve a two (2) year term.
1. The General Board of Directors Athlete Representatives may be reelected to a second term, but may serve no more than four (4) consecutive years on the Board of Directors. The General Board of Directors Athlete Representatives must wait as many consecutive years as have been served consecutively before being eligible for another Board of Directors position.
 2. **The AEC President or Athlete At-Large Representative may be reelected to additional terms as long as they meet the eligibility requirements of Section 7.06 A.** When, at the end of their term, the AEC President or Athlete At-Large Representative no longer meet the eligibility requirements of Section 7.06 A, they must wait one (1) year before being eligible for another Board of Directors position.

Rationale: 1. Maintain some continuity and consistency within the AEC. Currently the 10-year positions have a two-term limit, and often times it takes a new rep a few years to get comfortable in the role and start making a real impact. By the time they are fully versed in USAAS structure and operations, there's not much time left for them to contribute and bring value before they term out.

2. It's already a struggle to get enough athletes interested in these positions, so we'd like to retain the reps that have shown interest and commitment to serving USAAS for as long as possible.

Item 1, Passed in Committee, Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors