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## **USBA Bylaws – Membership Approval Overview**

The U.S. Biathlon Board of Directors has approved the following changes to the bylaws, and they now need to be approved by the general membership to become part of our updated bylaws. Please find below an outline of the proposed changes, as well as information on why these changes are needed. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns to U.S. Biathlon Director of Operations, Sara Studebaker-Hall ([sara@usbiathlon.org](mailto:sara@usbiathlon.org), 208-340-5489).

Summary of Changes to the USBA Bylaws, Approved by USBA Board of Directors August 2023:

- Chapter 8 Section 1 – Updated to clarify that those under 18 are members but cannot vote.
  - This is in line with other sports' National Governing Bodies, as well as recommended by the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as best-practice.
- Chapter 9 Section 5 – Change in definition of the quorum for voting.
  - This is now in line with USOPC guidelines regarding athlete representation, as well as allowing for weighted voting should athlete voters not meet the required threshold. After consultation with USOPC regarding requirements and taking into consideration USBA membership make-up, wording for this section was taken from US Swimming to ensure compliance and workability.
- Chapter 10 Section 5 - Organizational members (Clubs) no longer receive an extra group vote block.
  - The bylaws allow for all members to have a vote in Board elections, but currently also allow clubs to cast a block of votes as a group. This is challenging as it requires consensus, and seen as not necessary as all clubs are already allowed to vote. After input from club representation on this issue, and in the interest of simplicity and fairness, the U.S. Biathlon Board of Directors recommends that this "block vote" be removed.

You may refer to the "redline" version of the bylaws to see these proposed changes in-line.