

ARTICLE 9.
USA BOXING ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL

1.1 Objectives: The purpose of the AAC is to advocate the interests of athletes in all areas of USA Boxing influence and governance. The AAC shall ensure one-third (33 1/3 percent) athlete representation in all decision-making bodies of USA Boxing including the Board of Directors and any USAB Committee.

1.2 AAC Representative Composition

(A) The LBC shall be comprised of six (6) athletes who:

i. are Elite Athletes as defined in Article 6.6Aii of these bylaws;

ii. are at least eighteen (18) years of age;

iii. have been registered as a member of USA Boxing at least sixty (60) days prior to the election.

Furthermore, all AAC members must complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form which will be reviewed by the USA Boxing Ethics Committee, and must also disclose any felony convictions and any period of ineligibility based on anti-doping or SafeSport violations.

(B) The number of athletes on the AAC may increase to include any athletes who are elected into USOPC governance roles such as to the USOPC National Team Committee. Such athletes will automatically become an AAC member.

(C) Two of the athletes on the AAC will also be Athlete Representatives on USA Boxing's Board of Directors.

(D) Half of the athletes shall be female and half male, if possible. If there are not enough candidates to fulfil this requirement for an election, this requirement may be waived by the USA Boxing Board of Directors for that specific election.

1.3 Terms: Terms for AAC Representatives shall run for four (4) years or until their successors have been elected.

1.4 Elections: The AAC elections shall be conducted after the USOPC AAC elections, coinciding with the Olympic quadrennium.

1.5 Meetings.

(A) Regular ACC Meeting: A regular AAC meeting shall be held annually.

(B) Other Meetings: Other meetings may be held as needed.

1.6 USA Boxing Obligations: USA Boxing shall:

(A) pay travel, board, and housing expenses of all AAC members attending AAC meetings and any charges for teleconference or videoconference meetings; and

(B) Provide an AAC landing page within the USA Boxing website and provide access to social media through the USA Boxing Communications Department.

9.7 Athlete Representation on USA Boxing Committees: Athlete representatives on all USAB Committees shall be appointed by the AAC.

9.8. AAC Officers

(A) AAC Officers shall be elected by the AAC

(B) The AAC Chairperson is responsible for holding and conducting AAC meetings and establishing roles and responsibilities of other AAC members.

(C) The AAC Vice-Chair shall, if possible, be a retired athlete with the role of primarily supporting the chair in duties and to speak on behalf of the AAC in situations that might put current competing athletes at odds with USA Boxing. If no such athlete meets this requirement, the AAC shall elect the Vice-Chair.

9.9. USOPC AAC Representatives: USA Boxing shall have a representative and an alternate representative to serve on the USOPC's Athletes' Advisory Council.

(A) The USOPC AAC primary representative must currently serve on the USA Boxing's Board of Directors as an Athlete Representative.

(B) The alternate shall attend USOPC AAC meetings in the absence of the primary AAC representative.