

ARTICLE 9.
USA BOXING ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Objectives. The purpose of the Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) is to provide a voice in USA Boxing's governance structure; advocate for, protect, and represent the interests of the athletes; educate and inform athletes on issues facing the athletes and the USOPC; and serve as a liaison between the USOPC and USA Boxing on athlete matters.

(A) 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 as listed in Articles 6.6 and 8.1.

(B) The AAC along with the Nominating and Governance Committee, develops and follows the process of identifying and vetting Elite athletes to serve on the board and committees as listed in Articles 6.A and 8.1.

9.1 AAC Representative Composition

(A) The AAC shall be comprised of five (5) athletes who have also been elected ex-officio to the USA Boxing Board of Directors as voting members:

- i.** are Elite Athletes as defined in Article 6.6Aii1 of these bylaws
- ii.** are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- iii.** Is a USA Boxing member.

Furthermore, all AAC members must complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure before appearing on a ballot. The form which will be reviewed by the USA Boxing Ethics Committee, and not have 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 serve on the USOPC Team USA Athlete's Commission ex officio. These must be 10 year athletes as defined in 6.6Aii1. If two 10 year athletes are unable to serve, then a waiver to the USOPC may be submitted.

- i.** The candidate with the most votes will be selected as the Team USA Athlete's Commission representative and the candidate with the second amount of votes will be selected as the alternate.

(D) A diverse number of disciplines should be represented to ensure all major groups are included.

(E) At least 80% of the USA Boxing AAC shall be 10 year athletes as outlined in section 6.6Aii1 of these bylaws

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

9.2 Elections. The AAC elections shall be conducted after the USOPC Team USA Athlete's Commission elections, coinciding with the Olympic quadrennium.

9.3 Meetings.

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

Other Meetings. Other meetings may be held as needed.

9.4 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.

9.5 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 act in the place of the AAC Chairperson in the AAC Chairperson's absence.

9.9. USOPC Team USA's Athletes' Commission Representatives. USA Boxing shall have a representative and an alternate representative to serve on Team USA Athlete's Commission, which will automatically be part of USA Boxing's AAC. These may be the AAC officers.

(A) The Team USA Athletes' Commission primary representative must currently serve on the USA Boxing's Board of Directors as an Athlete Director, be a voting member of the AAC, and an athlete defined as 6.6Aii1 or a waiver from the USOPC

(B) The alternate must currently serve on the USA Boxing's Board of Directors as an Athlete Director, be a voting member of the AAC and an athlete as defined as 6.6Aii1 or a waiver from the USOPC and shall attend Team USA Athlete's Commission meetings in the absence of the primary AAC representative.

(C) Athlete representatives on the Team USA Athlete's Commission must be elected consistent with the Team USA Athletes' Commission Bylaws.

9.10 USA Boxing will provide staff support to the AAC.