

Committee Working Group Legislative Proposals (2021)

Committee Working Group Proposal 1

Location: Rulebook page 103: 501.1.1

Purpose: To update the composition and athlete representative requirements of the Rules & Regulations Committee to reflect its status as a Designated Committee and to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives

Effective Date: September 25, 2021

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.1 RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

A The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:

- (1) The Officials Committee Chair (or designee) and, ~~the Director of Sport – Swimming and Diving of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) (or his/her designee), the Program & Events Committee Coordinator, the immediate past Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee, and the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, or their representatives;~~
- (2) ~~A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes' Executive Committee so as to constitute at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee; Three (3) Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives appointed by the Athletes' Executive Committee;~~
- ~~(3) A representative (or his/her designee) from the NCAA and a representative (or his/her designee) from the YMCA;~~
- (4) Eight (8) non-athlete members appointed by the President/CEO (or his/her designee), at least three (3) of whom shall be coaches; and
- (5) Seven 10 Year Athlete representatives appointed by the Athletes Advisory Council.
- (6) The immediate past chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Open Water Swimming Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, and one (1) representative (or designee) from each of the following: the NCAA, the YMCA, and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), as ex-officio members with voice but no vote.
- (7) The President/CEO and the Secretary & General Counsel of the Corporation, or their respective designees, and others appointed by the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, as ex-officio members with voice but no vote.

Committee Working Group Proposal 2

Location: Rulebook page 104: 501.1.2

Purpose: To update the composition and athlete representative requirements of the National Team Steering Committee to reflect its status as a Designated Committee and to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives

Effective Date: September 25, 2021

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.2 NATIONAL TEAM STEERING COMMITTEE

A **Membership:** The National Team Steering Committee shall consist of:

(1) Eight (8) coaches selected as follows;

Preceding Head Men's Olympic Coach (1)

Preceding Head Women's Olympic Coach (1)

The Head Women's Coach for the two (2) Long Course World Championships preceding the Olympic Games (2)

The Head Men's Coach for the two (2) Long Course World Championships preceding the Olympic Games (2)

Two coaches appointed by the President/CEO (or his/her designee) in consultation with the National Team Managing Director (2)

Any vacancies on the committee shall be filled by appointment by the President/ CEO (or his/her designee) in consultation with the National Team Managing Director.

(2) The Chair of the committee shall be elected by its voting members.

(3) Once the new Head Olympic Coaches are named, they shall become ex-officio members of the National Team Steering Committee, if not already on the Committee with voice and vote.

(4) A sufficient number of 10 Year Athlete representatives appointed by the Athletes Advisory Council so as to satisfy the requirement that such athletes constitute one third (33.3%) of the voting membership of the Committee ~~Two (2) athletes (different genders) appointed by the Athletes' Executive Committee, both former USA National Team members; and~~

(5) The Chair of the Senior Development Committee, and the Chair of the Sports Medicine Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Committee with voice but no vote. The Committee may name additional ex-officio members.

Committee Working Group Proposal 3

Location: Rulebook pages 104-105: 501.1.3

Purpose: To update the composition of the Senior Development Committee to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives

Effective Date: September 25, 2021

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.3 SENIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A The Senior Development Committee shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members. The President/CEO (or his/her designee) shall appoint eight (8) members, at least five (5) of whom shall be coaches, and the Athletes' ~~Executive Committee~~ Advisory Council shall appoint (in consultation with the AEC) two (2) four (4) athlete members. The Age Group Development Committee Chair (or his/her designee) shall be an ex-officio member with voice but no vote.

Committee Working Group Proposal 4

Location: Rulebook pages 105: 501.1.4

Purpose: To update the composition of the Age Group Development Committee to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives

Effective Date: September 25, 2021

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.4 AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A The Age Group Development Committee shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ twelve (12) members. The President/CEO (or his/her designee) shall appoint eight (8) members, with at least one (1) representative from each Zone and at least five (5) coach members. The Athletes' ~~Executive Committee~~ Advisory Council (in consultation with the AEC) shall appoint ~~two (2)~~ four (4) athlete members. The Senior Development Committee Chair (or his/her designee) shall be an ex-officio member with voice but no vote.

Committee Working Group Proposal 5

Location: Rulebook page 105: 501.1.5

Purpose: To provide for a USA Swimming Athlete Advisory Council

Effective Date: Immediately

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.5 ATHLETES ADVISORY COUNCIL

A The Athletes Advisory Council (AAC) shall consist of nine (9) voting members who meet the requirements of 10 Year Athlete representatives directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as 10 Year Athletes. The voting members may include: The USOPC AAC representative, the USOPC AAC alternate, and at least seven at-large 10 Year Athlete representatives.

B The Chair of the Committee shall be elected by its voting members.

C The Athletes Executive Committee (AEC) Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. Up to two additional Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives may be appointed by the AAC Chair, in consultation with the AEC Chair, as non-voting members.

D Each Committee member shall serve a two (2) year term, staggered so that one-half (1/2) of such members are elected each year. There shall be no term limits, but Committee members must be eligible to serve pursuant to the USOPC Bylaws at the time of election.

E The AAC shall be responsible for: (i) reviewing the programs and services offered by the USA Swimming National Team division; (ii) evaluating and proposing rules and regulations that directly affect the National Team Athletes; (iii) addressing the specific needs of the National Team Athletes in preparation for major international events; (iv) evaluating and developing projects and conducting long term plans in all areas concerning National Team Athletes; (v) reporting to the members of the National Team Steering Committee and Open Water Steering Subcommittee any issues that warrant attention from those groups; and (vi) and fulfilling its duties set forth in the USOPC Bylaws, including: selecting athlete representatives to serve on committees and defining sanctioned competition for purposes of athlete representative eligibility.

Committee Working Group Proposal 6

Location: Rulebook page 105: 501.1.6

Purpose: To memorialize the Selection Procedure Approval Committee

Effective Date: Immediately

501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES – the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

.6 SELECTION PROCEDURE APPROVAL COMMITTEE

A The Selection Procedure Approval Committee shall consist of the following: (i) the USA Swimming President and CEO; (ii) the USA Swimming National Team Managing Director; and (iii) the USA Swimming Athlete Advisory Committee Chair, or their respective designee(s).

B The Selection Procedure Approval Committee shall develop, approve, and implement selection criteria for the selection of athletes, coaches and/or staff for Delegation Event teams and Protected Competition (as defined in the USOPC Bylaws).

