

**USA SWIMMING**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**PROPOSED**  
**AMENDMENTS TO 2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**FOR THE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

No.	Description	Location	Recommendation
R-1	To define terms used in governance legislative proposals	Official Glossary	Approval
R-2	To provide for 33.3% athlete representation on the Board of Directors, including USA Swimming's USOPC AAC representative and alternate, in compliance with federal law and the USOPC Bylaws	Corporate Bylaws 4.2, 4.2.3 & 4.2.4	Approval
R-3	To provide for a USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council	(new) 501.1.1 A thru E	Approval
R-4	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 10-year athlete representatives	501.1.1 A (1) thru (6)	Approval
R-5	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 10-year athlete representatives	501.1.2 A (1) thru (4)	Approval
R-6	To update the composition of the Senior Development Committee to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives	501.1.3 A	Approval
R-7	To update the composition of the Age Group Development Committee to provide for 1/3 athlete representatives	501.1.4 A	Approval
R-8	To memorialize the Selection Procedure Approval Committee	(new) 501.1.6 A & B	Approval
R-9	To update the composition and athlete representation requirements of the House of Delegates to comply with USOPC requirements	Corporate Bylaws 6.1.1 thru .9	Approval

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- 1 **Location:** Page 15 – (new) **Official Glossary**
- 2 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
- 3 **Purpose:** To define terms used in governance legislative proposals.
- 4 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 5 **Effective Date:** Immediately
- 6 **ACTIVELY ENGAGED ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE** – an athlete who qualifies as a 10-Year or 10-Year+ Athlete  
7 representative, or who has been actively engaged in 24 months prior to election/selection in a USA Swimming-sanctioned  
8 competition (as defined by the USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council and approved by the USA Swimming Athlete  
9 Representation Working Group [as defined in the USOPC Bylaws]), which may include events that categorize entrants in  
10 age-restricted classifications.
- 11 **DELEGATION EVENT** – individually or collectively as applicable, the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the  
12 Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.
- 13 **SEMI-INDEPENDENT** – an individual who (prior to the election to the Board of Directors) has not been a member of a House of  
14 Delegates at the national level, but who at present or in the past, has/had an obvious connection to swimming as a  
15 swimmer, parent of a swimmer, coach, official, etc.
- 16 **10-YEAR ATHLETE** – an athlete who has represented the United States in a Delegation Event, World Championships, or  
17 another event designated by the USOPC (together with the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council) and ~~the relevant NGB~~ USA  
18 Swimming (together with USA Swimming's Athletes' Advisory Council) as an elite-level event for purposes of this definition,  
19 within the previous 10 years.
- 20 **10-YEAR+ ATHLETE** – an athlete who has represented the United States in a Delegation Event, World Championships, or  
21 another event designated by the USOPC (together with the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council) and USA Swimming  
22 (together with USA Swimming's Athletes' Advisory Council) as an elite-level event for purposes of this definition, but not  
23 within the previous 10 years.

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- 24 **Location:** Page 5 – **Corporate Bylaws Article 4.2 Voting Board Members**
- 25 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
- 26 **Purpose:** To provide for 33.3% athlete representation on the Board of Directors, including USA Swimming's USOPC  
27 AAC representative and alternate, in compliance with federal law and the USOPC Bylaws
- 28 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 29 **Effective Date:** September 25, 2021

**ARTICLE 4**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 32 **4.1 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** – The Board of Directors shall have fifteen (15) voting members. The President/CEO and  
33 Secretary/General Counsel shall be ex-officio members with no vote.

- 34 **4.2 VOTING BOARD MEMBERS** shall be as listed herein; ~~a minimum of one individual from each zone's geographic area shall~~  
35 ~~be maintained among the members who are elected by the House of Delegates;~~ a minimum of three (3) coaches shall be  
36 maintained, inclusive of the Chair of the National Team Steering Committee.
- 37 .1 The Immediate Past Board Chair shall be a voting member.
- 38 .2 The Chair of the National Team Steering Committee shall be a voting member.
- 39 .3 ~~Three "athlete representatives" (as defined in the then current USOPC Bylaws) directly elected by athletes who meet the~~  
40 ~~same standards as an "athlete representative" shall be voting members.~~ Five (5) 10-Year Athlete representatives shall be  
41 voting members and shall be directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as 10-Year Athletes. The five (5)  
42 10-Year Athlete representatives shall be: The USOPC AAC representative, the USOPC AAC alternate, and three (3) at-  
43 large 10-Year Athlete representatives.
- 44 .4 ~~Nine~~ Seven (7) individuals elected by the House of Delegates in accordance with 6.3 (Elections) shall be at-large voting  
45 members, at least two (2) of whom shall be Semi-Independent ~~(i.e., prior to election on the Board, have not been members~~  
46 ~~of a House of Delegates at the national level, but who at present or in the past, have/had an obvious connection to~~  
47 ~~swimming as swimmers, parents of a swimmer, coaches, officials, etc.).~~ A minimum of one (1) individual from each zone's  
48 geographic area shall be maintained among the members who are elected by the House of Delegates. NOTE: If the  
49 Immediate Past Board Chair was originally elected by the House of Delegates as an at-large voting member, he or she may  
50 be included as one (1) of the individuals on the Board to fulfill the Semi-Independent requirement and/or as one (1) of the  
51 individuals on the Board to fulfill the zone geographic area requirement.
- 52 .5 One (1) individual directly representing the interests of all organizations that are members of USA Swimming pursuant to 2.3  
53 and which conduct a national program or regular national athletic competition on a level of proficiency appropriate for the  
54 selection of swimmers to represent the United States in international swimming competition ("Allied Member Director") shall  
55 be a voting member. The Board of Directors shall determine whether an organization satisfies the criteria of this Article. If  
56 there is no Allied Member Director, there will be an additional individual elected by the House of Delegates in accordance  
57 with 6.3 (Elections), who shall be an at-large voting member.

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- 58 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**
- 59 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
- 60 **Purpose:** To provide for a USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council.
- 61 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 62 **Effective Date:** Immediately

63 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

64 **.1 ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- 65 A The USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) shall consist of nine (9) voting members who meet the  
66 requirements of 10-Year Athlete representatives directly elected by athletes who meet the same standards as 10-Year  
67 Athletes. The voting members may include the USOPC AAC representative and the USOPC AAC alternate.
- 68 B The Chair shall be elected by its voting members.
- 69 C The Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. Up to two  
70 (2) additional Actively Engaged Athlete Representatives may be appointed by the AAC Chair, in consultation with the  
71 AEC Chair, with voice but no vote.
- 72 D Each AAC voting member shall serve a two (2) year term, staggered so that one-half (1/2) of such members are  
73 elected each year. There shall be no term limits, but voting members must be eligible to serve pursuant to the USOPC  
74 Bylaws at the time of election.
- 75 E The AAC shall be responsible for: (i) reviewing the programs and services offered by the USA Swimming National  
76 Team division; (ii) evaluating and proposing rules and regulations that directly affect the National Team Athletes; (iii)  
77 addressing the specific needs of the National Team Athletes in preparation for major international events; (iv)  
78 evaluating and developing projects and conducting long term plans in all areas concerning National Team Athletes; (v)

79 reporting to the members of the National Team Steering Committee and Open Water Steering Subcommittee any  
80 issues that warrant attention from those groups; and (vi) fulfilling its duties set forth in the USOPC Bylaws, including:  
81 selecting athlete representatives to serve on committees and defining sanctioned competition for purposes of athlete  
82 representative eligibility.

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84 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

85 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

86 **Purpose:** To update the composition and athlete representative requirements of the Rules & Regulations Committee to  
87 reflect its status as a Designated Committee and to provide for 1/3 10-year athlete representatives.

88 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

89 **Effective Date:** September 25, 2021

90 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

91 **.1 RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

93 (1) The Officials Committee Chair (or his/her designee) and, ~~the Director of Sport Swimming and Diving of the~~  
94 ~~National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) (or his/her designee), the Program & Events~~  
95 ~~Committee Coordinator, the immediate past Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming~~  
96 ~~representative to the FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee and the USA Swimming representative to~~  
97 ~~the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, or their respective designees;~~

98 (2) ~~A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes' Executive Commit-tee so as to constitute at least~~  
99 ~~twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee; Three (3) Actively Engaged Athlete~~  
100 ~~Representatives appointed by the AEC;~~

101 (3) ~~A representative (or his/her designee) from the NCAA and a representative (or his/ her designee) from the YMCA;~~

102 (3) Seven (7) 10-Year Athlete representatives appointed by the AAC;

103 (4) Eight (8) non-athlete members appointed by the President/CEO (or his/her designee), at least three (3) of whom  
104 shall be coaches; ~~and~~

105 (5) The immediate past chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA  
106 Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical  
107 Swimming Committee, and one (1) representative (or designee) from each of the following: the USMS, the NCAA,  
108 the YMCA, and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), as ex-officio members with  
109 voice but no vote; and

110 (5) ~~6) The President/CEO and the Secretary & General Counsel of the Corporation, or their respective designees, and~~  
111 ~~others appointed by the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, as ex-officio members with voice but no vote.~~

112 B-E [no changes]

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113 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

114 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

115 **Purpose:** To update the composition and athlete representative requirements of the National Team Steering  
116 Committee to reflect its status as a Designated Committee and to provide for 1/3 10-year athlete  
117 representatives.

118 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

119 **Effective Date:** September 25, 2021

120 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

121 **.2 NATIONAL TEAM STEERING COMMITTEE**

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

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

124 Preceding-Head Men's Olympic Coach (4)

125 Preceding-Head Women's Olympic Coach (4)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

141 B-D [no changes]

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142 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

143 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

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

145 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

146 **Effective Date:** September 25, 2021

147 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

148 **.3 SENIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

153 B-C [no changes]

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154 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

155 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

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

158 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

159 **Effective Date:** September 25, 2021

160 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

161 **.4 AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

167 B-C [no changes]

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168 **Location:** Page 103 – **501.1 Operating Committees**

169 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

170 **Purpose:** To memorialize the Selection Procedure Approval Committee.

171 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

172 **Effective Date:** Immediately

173 **501.1 OPERATING COMMITTEES** — the following committees shall report to the President/CEO (or his/her designee):

174 **.6 SELECTION PROCEDURE APPROVAL COMMITTEE**

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

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

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180 **Location:** Page 13 – **Corporate Bylaws Article 6.1 Organization**

181 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

182 **Purpose:** To clarify the requirements of athlete representation in the House of Delegates.

183 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

184 **Effective Date:** Immediately

185 **ARTICLE 6**  
186 **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

187 **6.1 ORGANIZATION MEMBERS** – the following shall be the voting members of the House of Delegates:

188 .1 All voting members of the Board of Directors, all Zone Directors (four (4) coach, four (4) non-coach, and four (4) athlete), the  
189 four (4) Zone Junior Athlete Representatives, the National Team Steering Committee, the National Team Athletes  
190 Committee, and the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, the Registration/Membership Committee, the  
191 Credentials/Elections Committee, and past USA Swimming Presidents or Board Chairs (as applicable) shall be members of  
192 the House of Delegates. Membership on any committee notwithstanding, USA Swimming employees shall not be members  
193 of the House of Delegates. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.1 shall not exceed thirty-two (32).

- 194 .2 The Age Group Development Committee Chair and one (1) additional coach member of the Committee elected by that  
195 Committee. The Senior Development Committee Chair and one (1) additional coach member of the Committee elected by  
196 that Committee. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.2 shall not exceed four (4).
- 197 ~~.2.3~~ The ~~eleven (11) members of the AEC Athletes' Executive Committee and ten (10) National Representatives, five (5) being~~  
198 ~~appointed each year by the Athletes Chair and each serving a two (2) year term, shall be members of the House of~~  
199 ~~Delegates. Eight (8) additional LSC Athlete Representatives, with two (2) selected by each Zone Athlete Director with~~  
200 ~~advice and consent from the Coach and Non-Coach Zone Director. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.3 shall not~~  
201 ~~exceed nineteen (19). The National Representatives and their alternates must at the time of their appointment be engaged~~  
202 ~~in senior swimming, or have competed in USA Swimming Championships within five (5) years preceding their appointment.~~  
203 ~~The Board Chair may appoint, from a slate of nominees submitted by the Athletes Committee, such further at-large athlete~~  
204 ~~members so as to bring the total athlete representation in the House of Delegates to at least twenty percent (20%).~~
- 205 ~~.3.4~~ The following from each LSC shall be members of the USA Swimming House of Delegates: ~~the chair of its Administrative,~~  
206 ~~Senior, and Age Group divisions; the athletes' representative to the LSC; the coaches' representative to the LSC; and its~~  
207 ~~General Chair. An alternate for each of the delegates may also be elected. Information that may be of assistance to the~~  
208 ~~House of Delegates at its next meeting shall be provided in a conspicuous place on the website. Three (3) delegates from~~  
209 ~~each LSC: the General Chair; plus a coach member and a non-coach member of the LSC Board of Directors each selected~~  
210 ~~by the LSC Board of Directors. An alternate may be selected for each delegate as long as the LSC delegation includes one~~  
211 ~~(1) coach member and one (1) non-coach member. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.4 shall not exceed one~~  
212 ~~hundred-seventy-seven (177).~~
- 213 .5 The eighteen (18) LSCs with the largest number of year-round registered athletes as of August 31 of the prior registration  
214 year shall each select one (1) additional coach member of the LSC. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.5 shall not  
215 exceed eighteen (18).
- 216 .4.6 Any organization, as set forth in 2.3.2 of these Bylaws, which conducts a program in competitive swimming, or which is  
217 composed of persons joined together in support of swimming or some aspect of it, may make application for membership to  
218 USA Swimming. The Board of Directors or its designee shall determine whether an organization meets the criteria set forth  
219 in this Article and may recommend ratification of membership by the House of Delegates. Additionally, if the organization is  
220 national in character, the Board of Directors or its designee may recommend to the House of Delegates that the  
221 organization be allowed to appoint a maximum of five (5) members to the House of Delegates. The voting members of the  
222 AAC not otherwise members of the House of Delegates, and a sufficient number of 10-Year Athlete representatives and 10-  
223 Year+ Athlete representatives to constitute one-third (33.3%) of the total House of Delegates shall be directly elected by  
224 athletes who meet the same standards as 10-Year Athletes. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) must be 10-Year Athlete  
225 representatives and the remainder may be 10-Year+ Athlete representatives. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.6  
226 shall not exceed one hundred-twenty-five (125).
- 227 ~~.5~~ The United States delegates to, and swimming technical committee members of, the Federation Internationale de Natation  
228 and the Union Americana de Natacion shall automatically be members of the House of Delegates.
- 229 ~~.6~~ Each of the Armed Forces may appoint one (1) member, provided it is actively engaged in senior swimming activity.
- 230 .7 The Board Chair, in consultation with the National Team Steering Chair, shall appoint, on an annual basis, ~~twenty-five (25)~~  
231 ~~fifteen (15) members selected from coaches who had athletes that qualified for the preceding Olympic Trials and from~~  
232 ~~members that served as the manager or assistant manager on a national team or junior national team trip within the past~~  
233 ~~four (4) years. The appointments shall provide for a reasonable geographic representation of USA Swimming Membership.~~  
234 ~~The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.7 shall not exceed fifteen (15).~~
- 235 ~~.8~~ The Board Chair shall be empowered to appoint up to ten percent (10%) of the total membership as members of the House  
236 of Delegates. One fourth (1/4) of all those appointed shall be appointed in equal numbers from members, other than  
237 athletes, of the five (5) LSCs having the largest number of registered athletes as of August 31 of the prior calendar year.
- 238 .9.8 All members of the House of Delegates shall serve until their successors are selected, except that membership may be  
239 terminated by resignation filed with the Secretary. All LSC members must be selected on or before July 1 of each year and  
240 written certification thereof must be sent to the Secretary on or before July 15. No substitution of a member may be made  
241 unless written certification thereof is given to the Convention Credentials Committee Chair on or before the House of  
242 Delegates is called to order.
- 243 .9 Membership on any committee notwithstanding, USA Swimming employees shall not be members of the House of  
244 Delegates.