USA DIVING ATHLETES’ ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTER

The USA Diving Athletes’ Advisory Council (the “AAC”), a standing committee reporting to the Board of Directors of USA Diving (the “Board” or “Board of Directors”), is established by USA Diving’s Bylaws. The AAC shall be a forum for comprehensive communication between athletes and USA Diving. The AAC will lead, serve, and engage athletes to communicate the interests and protect the rights of athletes, and be a conduit to USA Diving.

1.0 Composition. The AAC will consist of twelve (12) individuals, six (6) men and six (6) women. Two (2) of the individuals must be USA Diving’s representative and alternate to the USOPC’s Athletes’ Advisory Council (the “USOPC AAC”). To be eligible to serve on the AAC, athlete representatives must be an Eligible Athlete (as defined in USA Diving’s Bylaws).

2.0 Election; Term; Term Limits.

2.1 AAC. Members of the AAC shall be directly elected by athletes who are Eligible Athletes. The election shall take place after conclusion of the Summer Olympic Games, but before January 1 of the year following the Summer Olympic Games. The term for members of the AAC shall be four (4) years. In the event the Summer Olympic Games are postponed, each member’s term will be extended until the next regularly scheduled election following the rescheduled Games. No AAC member shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

2.2 Vacancy. If a member of the AAC does not complete his or her term because of resignation, removal, disability, incapacity, or death, then the AAC may, by majority vote, call a special election to fill the vacancy on the AAC.

2.3 AAC Chair. The AAC shall elect from among its members, by majority vote, a chair. The term of office of the chair shall be four (4) years. The newly elected chair shall take office immediately. The chair shall hold office until the chair’s successor is elected and qualified, or until the chair’s earlier resignation, removal, incapacity, disability or death.

2.4 AAC Vice Chair. The AAC shall elect from among its members, by majority vote, a vice chair. The term of office of the vice chair shall be four (4) years. The newly elected vice chair shall take office immediately. The vice chair shall hold office until the vice chair’s successor is elected and qualified, or until the vice chair’s earlier resignation, removal, incapacity, disability or death.

3.0 Duties.

3.1 Duties of the AAC.

3.1.1 Hold at least one meeting each calendar year, subject to applicable laws. The chair may call more frequent meetings, either in-person or telephonically/virtually, as necessary or desirable. A majority of the AAC members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established, a majority vote of the present AAC members shall constitute action of the AAC. The AAC may take action without a meeting (e.g., a vote by email or other remote means) by affirmative vote of the number of
members who would be required to vote in favor of the action if the action were taken at a meeting attended by all members of the AAC. All actions of the AAC are subject to oversight of the Board.

3.1.2 Serve as a vehicle for athlete engagement.
3.1.3 Endeavor to protect the rights of athletes.
3.1.4 Regularly provide athlete feedback to the Board.
3.1.5 Build and establish relationships among the athletes of USA Diving.
3.1.6 Assist in identifying potential future athlete directors and introduce athletes to USA Diving’s governance structure.
3.1.7 Serve as SafeSport and USADA ambassadors and advocates.
3.1.8 Develop pathways for athletes within the structure of USA Diving.
3.1.9 Advise the Board of matters of interest to the athlete membership.

3.2 Duties of the Chair.

3.2.1 Preside over all meetings of the AAC, whenever held.
3.2.2 Communicate regularly with the USOPC AAC.
3.2.3 Act as liaison to regularly communicate with Athlete Directors and the Board as appropriate.
3.2.4 Regularly update the AAC on pertinent matters from the Board and Athletes Directors.

3.3 Duties of the Vice Chair.

3.3.1 Record the minutes of the meetings of the AAC.
3.3.2 Conduct official correspondence for the AAC.
3.3.3 Preside, in the absence of the chair, over meetings of the AAC.

3.4 Duties of the USOPC AAC Representative and Alternative.

3.4.1 Either the representative or the alternate must attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the USOPC AAC.
3.4.2 Update the AAC on key matters following USOPC AAC meetings.
3.4.3 Work with individual athletes who have questions or concerns.
3.4.4 Facilitate athlete access to USOPC resources, including the USOPC Ombudsman.