



U.S. Paralympics SPORT Athlete Involvement in the Selection Procedures Process

A. Overview

In accordance with Section 8 of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Bylaws, U.S. Paralympics SPORT shall include at least 20% athlete representation in any group or committee that develops, approves, and implements (i.e. discretionary selection) selection procedures for protected competitions. Protected competitions are defined in the USOPC Bylaws and include competitions such as the Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, or other IF recognized/sanctioned event (i.e. World Cups).

Where discretionary criteria and processes are used in Team or Staff selection, U.S. Paralympics SPORT shall include at least 20% representation on the committee or group that makes the final selection.

B. Athlete Qualifications & Composition

Athlete representatives involved in the development, approval or implementation of selection procedures for protected competitions shall meet the qualifications in Section 8.8.2 of the USOPC Bylaws. The athlete representative on the U.S. Paralympic SPORT selection procedures group or committee will be elected/appointed as follows:

1. The U.S. Paralympics SPORT'S USOPC AAC Representative ("AAC Representative") will fill this role unless he/she has a conflict of interest (i.e. active athlete eligible for team selection).
2. If the AAC Representative is recused for conflict of interest, the U.S. Paralympics SPORT'S USOPC AAC Alternate ("AAC Alternate") will fill this role unless he/she has a conflict of interest.
3. If both the AAC Representative and AAC Alternate are recused for conflict of interest, U.S. Paralympics SPORT leadership may appoint another athlete who meets the qualifications of athlete representative under Section 8.8.2 of the USOPC Bylaws to fill the role.

The AAC Representative is required to sign and date the Athlete and Staff Selection Procedures in the signature area of the Selection Procedures Form. Signature by the USOPC AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the

Athlete or Staff Selection Procedures being submitted by U.S. Paralympics SPORT, he/she may submit those reasons in writing, but that does not preclude them from signing the document.

The U.S. Paralympics SPORT'S USOPC AAC Alternate's signature is acceptable in cases when the primary AAC Representative is unavailable or is a competing athlete in the selection process. If the primary USOPC AAC Representative knows that he/she is going to be unavailable (i.e., out of the country) for several weeks, he/she may delegate the authority to the USOPC AAC Alternate to sign.

C. Election, Appointment & Approval of Athlete Representative

By virtue of election to the AAC as the AAC Representative or AAC Alternate, the AAC Representative or AAC Alternate is automatically elected to serve on any group or committee that develops, approves or implements selection procedures.

When the AAC Representative or AAC Alternate are not available due to conflicts of interest, both the AAC Representative and AAC Alternate will approve the athlete who is appointed by U.S. Paralympics SPORT leadership.