



## **U.S. Paralympics SPORT Paralympic Sport Advisory Group**

### **A. Overview**

In accordance with Section 16 of the Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA), U.S. Paralympics SPORTS has established a Paralympic Sport Advisory Group that serves in an advisory capacity for high performance planning. The Paralympic Sport Advisory Group is comprised of at least 33.3% athlete representation and also includes a combination of coaching staff and high performance staff.

### **B. Athlete Qualifications & Composition**

Athlete representatives on the Paralympic Sport Advisory Group shall meet the qualifications in Section 8.8.2 of the USOPC Bylaws (“athlete representative”). The athlete representative 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 definition of “athlete representative” the USOPC Bylaws to fill the role.
4. Some sports may desire a broader representation of athletes [i.e. from a variety of event/discipline groups within the sport] on the Paralympic Sport Advisory Group. Athlete(s) who meet the definition of “athlete representative” will be selected by U.S. Paralympics SPORT leadership and approved by the AAC representative.

### **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 the Paralympic Sport Advisory Group.

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.