

ARTICLE TWELVE
USOC ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 12.1: Designation.

NWBA shall have a representative and an alternate representative to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council, who will be elected by NWBA athletes.

Section 12.2: Qualifications.

Those individuals who compete in wheelchair basketball and who have represented the United States as athletes in the Paralympic Games, the ParaPan American Games, World Championships or other major international competitions in the sport of wheelchair basketball within the ten (10) year period prior to December 31 of the year in which the election is held shall be eligible to run for election to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council.

Additionally, in order to be eligible to run for election, an individual shall be a citizen of the United States and eighteen (18) years of age or older by December 31 of the year in which the election is held. Athletes cannot be paid employees of the USOC or the NWBA and simultaneously serve on the AAC. The representative and alternate must be of the opposite sexes in a sport in which men's and women's teams are represented by the NWBA.

Section 12.3: Election/Selection.

All such members identified in 12.2 shall be automatically nominated for election to this position provided they agree in writing to serve in such position if elected. Those individuals who have represented the United States as athletes in the Paralympic Games, the ParaPan American Games, World Championships or other major international competitions in the sport of wheelchair basketball within the ten (10) year period prior to December 31 of the year in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.

Additionally, in order to be eligible to vote in the election, an individual shall be a citizen of the United States and eighteen (18) years of age or older by December 31 of the year in which the election is held. The election shall take place after conclusion of the Summer Paralympic Games, but prior to January 1 of the year following the Summer Paralympic Games.

The individual with the highest vote total is elected as athlete representative to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council. The individual with the second highest vote total of the opposite gender (as is required by the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council), is elected as the alternate representative to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council. Only athletes eligible to run for the AAC position are eligible to vote for the AAC position.

Section 12.4: Tenure.

The term for all representatives to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council shall be for four years. A representative shall remain on the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council until the representative's successor is elected and qualified, or until the representative's earlier resignation, removal, incapacity, disability or death. Athlete term beginning and end dates may be modified to align with USOC requirements.

Section 12.5: Term Limits.

No representative to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. There is no term limit restriction for the position of alternate representative.

Section 12.6: Resignation, Removal and Vacancies.

An AAC representative's position with the NWBA may be declared vacant upon the athlete's resignation, removal, incapacity, disability or death. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in the notice, and unless otherwise specified in the notice, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The AAC representative may be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the total voting power of the eligible AAC athletes (excluding the voting power of the athlete in question). Any vacancies in either the primary or alternate AAC representative will be filled by the election procedures outlined in Section 12.3 above.