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NWBA Bylaws Amendment Proposal Form

Proposed Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director and the chair of the Governance Committee at least sixty (60) days preceding the Annual Assembly

Section: ARTICLE ELEVEN *NWBA Athletes' Advisory Council* - Section 11.3: Election/Selection and Section 11.6: Chair and Vice Chair

Proposed By: NWBA Management/Staff

Summary of Proposed Change:

Amend Section 11.3 to adjust the number of positions included on the NWBA AAC to be in alignment with the size of other Committees as outlined in the NWBA Bylaws.

Amend Section 11.6 to appoint a replacement in between a typical election timeframe instead of hosting an additional election which is common practice with other Boards/Councils.

Current Bylaw: Current wording is included in the Proposal section below

Proposed Bylaw: (All changes and/or deletions must be in red)

Section 11.3: Election/Selection.

An individual shall be a member of the NWBA sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election (record date) in order to be eligible to vote in the election.

Before the election, athlete representative candidates must disclose any felony convictions, or any other period of ineligibility served in sport such as violations of anti-doping codes, the Athlete Classification Code or SafeSport violations.

The election shall take place after conclusion of all of the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournaments, but prior to January 1 of the year following the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

The NWBA AAC shall include ~~nine~~-five (95) positions elected and filled in the order as follows:



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The USOPC AAC Rep and USOPC AAC Alternate Rep will be elected as discussed in Article 12 and each will fill a position within the NWBA AAC.

The NWBA AAC Chair and NWBA AAC Vice Chair will be elected by 10 Year Athletes and each will fill a position within the NWBA AAC. Qualifications for Chair and Vice Chair include those individuals meet the 10 Year Athlete Representative definition as outlined in Section 11.2. The individual with the highest vote total is elected as Chair to the NWBA AAC. The individual with the second highest vote total is elected as Vice Chair to the NWBA AAC.

Any additional NWBA Board Athlete Directors position(s) available (to achieve 33% athlete representation) will be elected by 10 Year Athletes, by highest vote total, and will fill a position within the NWBA AAC. Qualifications for Board Athlete Directors position(s) include those individuals who meet the 10 Year Athlete Representative definition as outlined in Section 11.2 as well as athletes who meet the 10 Year + Athlete Representative definition: who have, at any point but not within the 10 years prior to election/selection, met the definition of 10 Year Athlete Representative.

The remaining positions of the NWBA AAC are elected, by highest vote total, by individuals who meet the qualifications as outlined in Section 11.2.

Section 11.6: Chair and Vice Chair.

The term of office of the NWBA AAC Chair and Vice Chair shall be four (4) years. The newly elected chair and Vice Chair shall take office immediately. The Chair and Vice Chair shall hold office until the Chair or Vice Chair's successor is elected and qualified, or until the Chair or Vice Chair's earlier resignation, removal, incapacity, disability or death.

In the event the officer leaving is the Chair, the Vice Chair will serve as the interim Chair for the remainder of the term until the next election. Any vacancy occurring in the Vice Chair position shall be filled by the NWBA AAC, by majority vote in accordance with the qualifications outlined in ARTICLE 11. ~~hosting an election as outlined in Section 11.3.~~ A Vice Chair elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of such predecessor in office.

Rationale for change:

The suggested wording changes incorporates (Section 11.3) consistency in Committee size—aligns the AAC to be the same size as other NWBA Committees as well as (Section 11.6) a more practical approach to filling a vacant position between elections and aligns with the current practice used for other Committees and Board of Directions.



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Via Email to both:

NWBA Executive Director AND Chair of the Governance Committee:

<https://www.nwba.org/managementleadership>

OR

Via Postal Mail:

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