

USA SHOOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
ATHLETES' ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES

A. INTRODUCTION

The Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) was established pursuant to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Constitution as a result of the 1978 Amateur Sports Act. USA Shooting (USAS), as the recognized governing body for shooting, is responsible to the USOC for the selection of the shooting representative to the AAC. In fulfilling that responsibility, the following procedures will be followed.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. Those eligible to vote for and serve as the AAC representative are all those active athletes who within the preceding ten (10) years have represented the United States as a shooting member, on at least one of the following teams:
 - a. Olympic Team
 - b. Pan American Team
 - c. World Shooting Championship Team (if deemed a USOC Operation Gold event)
 - d. World Clay Target Team (if deemed a USOC Operation Gold event)
 - e. Other event(s) designated and approved as USOC Operation Gold competition(s) such as World Cup Final for rifle and pistol as typically designated in the odd years.

2. AAC representatives are elected to a four-year term, and are limited to two, four-year terms.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AAC REPRESENTATIVE

1. The AAC representative is responsible for broadening communication between the USOC and current active athletes and to serve as a source of opinion and advice to the USOC Board of Directors with regard to both current and contemplated policies of the USOC.

2. The AAC serves to link the elite level athletes directly with the USOC without using the NGB as intermediary.

3. Although each AAC representative is elected from a particular sport, he/she is not a member of the Council in order to represent that sport's parochial interests. The AAC

uses the varied background of its members to provide an extensive information base from which it can formulate policies for the USOC.

4. AAC meetings are normally held three or four times a year. The AAC representative for Shooting is automatically a member of the USA Shooting Board of Directors.
5. The AAC representative must have knowledge of amateur eligibility rules, the USAS Bylaws, the USOC AAC Bylaws, USAS protest and grievance procedures, and drug and doping rules as they apply to shooting.

D. ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. The Chair of the USAS Board shall appoint a special subcommittee of no less than three members to oversee the election. The USOC AAC Representative will serve as the athlete member to the special subcommittee.
2. The election will be announced and nominations solicited on the USAS website and/or in *USA Shooting News*, and also by email to eligible voters. A listing of eligible athletes will be posted on the website and included in the soliciting email to eligible voters.
3. Election procedures using electronic means may be used. Those procedures will be determined by the special subcommittee.
4. The election will be conducted by the special subcommittee no later than November 15th in the Olympic year. Election results will be provided to the USOC and USAS Board.
5. The AAC and Alternate's term of office begins January 1 of the year following the Olympic Games.
6. The representative and the alternate must be of opposite sexes.
7. A list of all eligible athletes must be sent to each elector. Each eligible athlete may nominate not more than three male and three female candidates in their discipline and return their ballot by a specific date.
8. Ballots must be approved by the supervision of the special subcommittee. The special subcommittee has the authority to delegate this responsibility to a commercial entity providing voting services that meets the approval of the special subcommittee for service and confidentiality requirements. All returned ballots must include the voter's identity to

insure ballot validity. The special subcommittee shall keep all vote counts for each vote confidential.

9. The names of the three male and three female nominees receiving the highest number of nominations who have indicated a willingness to serve will be placed on a second ballot, which must be sent promptly to all eligible athlete electors. Electors may vote for only one male and one female nominee for AAC representative and return the ballot by a specific date.

10. The nominee receiving the highest number of the valid votes cast will be declared elected as the AAC Representative.

11. The nominee of the opposite sex receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected as the Alternate Representative.

12. In the event of tied results for either the AAC or alternate, a run-off election will be conducted among all eligible voters.

13. The Complaint Procedures outlined in USA Shooting Bylaws Article XX will be used to resolve disputes regarding election procedures.