

USA SHOOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SELECTION PROCEDURES, ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC)

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
 - d. World Clay Target Team
 - e. World Air Gun Team
 - f. Championship of the Americas Team

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, the USOC, USAS protest and grievance procedures, Article IX of the USOC Constitution, and drug and doping rules as they apply to shooting.

D. ELECTION PROCEDURES:

1. The Chair of the USASB shall appoint a special subcommittee of no less than three members to oversee the election. At least one member must be an athlete member of the USASB.
2. The election must take place each Olympic year prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting and shall be coordinated through the office of the Director of Operations, USAS. AAC term of office begins in January of the year following the Olympic Games.
3. The mailing address for ballots must be separate from the USAS mailing address.
4. The representative and the alternate must be of opposite sexes.
5. A list of all eligible athletes must be sent to each elector. Each athlete may nominate not more than three male and three female candidates and return their ballot by a specific date.
6. Ballots must be opened and counted under the supervision of the special subcommittee. All returned ballots must list the voters name to insure ballot validity. In the event of tied nominees with tied votes for the top three positions, a run-off election will be conducted among those voting for the tied nominees.
7. 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 specific date.
8. Ballots must be opened at a time and date specified, with all procedures supervised by the special subcommittee.
9. The nominee receiving the highest number of the valid votes cast will be declared elected as the AAC Representative.

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

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

12. At least sixty days prior to the Quadrennial Meeting of the Board of Directors, the NGB shall forward the name of the elected athlete to the USOC Chief Executive Officer and certify the date and competition in which the athlete last competed internationally.