

## **2017-2020 Quad USOC AAC Elections Procedures for Lakeshore Foundation/USA Wheelchair Rugby**

### **Outcome sought**

Election of one athlete representative and one alternate from Lakeshore Foundation/Wheelchair Rugby, to the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council for the 2017-2020 quadrennium.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible athletes shall be those who have represented the United States at the Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games, or World Championships within the ten (10) years preceding January 1, 2017. Guides, pilots, alternates and other "Ab" credentialed athletes are not eligible.

Athletes shall not be eligible if they are paid employees of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), an NGB/HPMO, or a city's domestic bid committee for an Olympic or Paralympic Games.

An athlete may not have served two previous terms on the AAC as a Representative. Status as an Alternate does not constitute serving a term.

Athletes must be willing to commit to a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) meetings a year. All expenses for either the Representative or Alternate (in the event that the Representative cannot attend), associated with attending the meetings are paid by the USOC.

### **Administration and Governing Authority**

Lakeshore Foundation shall administer the election. All contact for the election will be through Beth Curry, Chief Programs Officer:

bethc@lakeshore.org  
205-313-7416  
205-313-7475

### **Process**

Lakeshore Foundation will send an email (by October 7, 2016) to all eligible athletes that asks those interested in serving on the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) to fill out a Declaration of Candidacy. In addition, these procedures should be included in the email. The Declaration of Candidacy forms must be returned to Lakeshore Foundation by noon on Friday, October 14, 2016.

Lakeshore Foundation will compile and post a list of eligible athletes who have self-nominated for one of the three positions identified above to [www.lakeshore.org](http://www.lakeshore.org) and [www.usawr.org](http://www.usawr.org) by end of the day on Monday, October 17, 2016. In addition, these procedures will be posted on the website.

Lakeshore Foundation will e-mail a ballot to each eligible voting athlete.

All voting by eligible athletes must be completed October 28, 2016 through Beth Curry. All athletes' individual votes are confidential.

Depending on how many athletes are nominated, the following will apply:

- If only one (1) athlete is nominated then that athlete shall be the representative. An alternate will be elected at a subsequent time.

- If two (2) athletes are nominated then the athlete with the most votes (plurality) shall be the representative. The other athlete shall be the alternate regardless of gender.
- If three (3) athletes are nominated then the athlete with the most votes (plurality) shall be the representative. The highest voted athlete of the opposite gender shall be the alternate. If there are no athletes of the opposite gender then the runner up shall be the alternate.
- If four (4) or more athletes are nominated and one athlete wins a majority of the votes then that athlete will be the representative. The highest voted athlete of the opposite gender shall be the alternate. If there no athletes of the opposite gender then the runner up shall be the alternate.
- If four (4) or more athletes are nominated and no athlete wins a majority of the votes then three athletes will move forward to a second round of voting. The two highest voted athletes will always move forward to the second round. If the two highest voted athletes are of the same gender then whenever possible, the highest voted athlete of the opposite gender. If there are no athletes of the opposite gender then the third highest voted athlete will move forward to the second round.
- Majority is defined as 50% or more of the votes cast and any informal grievances should be addressed to Beth Curry.

If a second round of voting is necessary, Lakeshore Foundation will e-mail ballots on or about November 1, 2016 with three candidates as described above. All voting needing a second round must be completed through Beth Curry by November 4, 2016.

Winners will be announced on or about November 15, 2016.

### **Vacancies**

If a Representative vacancy remains leaving no Representative and no Alternate, another election shall be conducted at a later date but within a year of the close of this election. The election dates shall be communicated to all eligible athletes. These election procedures shall remain in effect to govern the elections.

If an Alternate athlete vacancy remains, another election shall be conducted at a later date within a year of the close of this election. The election dates shall be communicated to all eligible athletes of the opposite gender from the Representative. If there is not an athlete of the opposite gender nominated or interested by the time of the next election, the alternate position shall be open to all eligible athletes regardless of gender. These election procedures shall remain in effect to govern the elections.

If a Representative vacancy occurs during the quadrennium (for reasons such as recusal, removal, etc.), then the Alternate shall become the Representative. A new election shall take place for the Alternate, as described above for an Alternate vacancy.