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USA PARA POWERLIFTING

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Outcome sought

Election of one (1) athlete representative and one (1) alternate from the sport(s) managed and governed by the Paralympics Operations Department (POD) at Logan University (Logan), to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) for the 2021-2024 quadrennium.

Sport(s) currently managed and governed by the POD:

USA Para Powerlifting

Eligibility

Within ten (10) years preceding the commencement of the Quadrennium for which a Member or Alternate is serving, one must have represented the U.S. in international competition in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Paralympic Games or Parapan American Games; World Championships; or an event designated by the USOPC as an Operation Gold event.

- a. When eligibility is achieved through World Championships or Operation Gold events, one must have represented the U.S. in an event or discipline that has been on the Olympic or Paralympic program within the preceding ten (10) years. For Pan American or Parapan American only sports, one must have represented the U.S. in an event or discipline that has been on the Pan American or Parapan program within the preceding ten (10) years.
- b. When eligibility is achieved through World Championships, it must be through representing the U.S. at the most elite level, and may not be drawn from events that categorize entrants in age-restricted classifications commonly known as "Juniors," "Masters," "Seniors," "Veterans," or other similarly age restricted competition.

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, 2021. Guides, pilots, alternates and other "Ab" credentialed athletes are not eligible.

Athletes shall not be eligible if they are paid employees of the USOPC, a National Governing Body (NGB)/High-Performance Management Organization (HPMO)/Paralympic Sport Organization (PSO), or a city's domestic bid committee for an Olympic or Paralympic Games.

Athletes shall be members in good standing of the sport(s) managed and governed by the POD.

The athlete shall not be eligible if they have had any Word Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), United States Center for SafeSport (USCSS), or POD Code of Conduct violations resulting in a temporary or premiant suspension from

participation in any sport managed and governed by the POD.

Athletes must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States and at least 18 years of age or older

An athlete may not have served two (2) 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 USOPC.

Administration and Governing Authority

The POD shall administer the election. All contact for the election will be through Dr. Kelley Humphries, Executive Director of POD:

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Office: (636) 230-1736

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Process

The POD will send an email **October 12th, 2020** to all eligible athletes that asks those interested in serving on the USOPC 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 the POD by **5:00PM CST on October 19th, 2020**

The POD will compile and post a list of eligible athletes who have self-nominated for one positions identified above and will post the candidates at www.logan.edu/usapp by end of the day on **October 26th, 2020**. In addition, these procedures will be posted on the website.

The POD will e-mail a ballot to each eligible voting athlete.

All voting by eligible athletes must be completed by **5:00pm on November 2nd, 2020** through the Executive Director of the POD. 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 than three (3) 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 the Executive Director of POD.

If a second round of voting is necessary, the POD will e-mail ballots on or about **November 6th, 2020** with three (3) candidates as described above. All voting needing a second round must be completed through the Executive Director of POD by **November 11th, 2020**.

Winners will be announced on or about **November 13th, 2020**.

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.