

## Paralympic Operations Department

### Advisory Council Nominations

**Nominations Due — September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Paralympic Operations Department (POD) is looking for volunteers to serve on its inaugural Advisory Council (AC). The following information pertain to the Advisory Council make up and how to submit nominations.

#### General Information

As stated in section 6 of the POD Handbook, AC will consist of seven (7) members and will help guide the department and the sport(s) it manages and governs toward their stated mission. General qualification for AC member are

- No member of the POD staff (full-time, part-time or contracted/stipend) may be a member of the AC, and no former POD staff may serve on the AC until at least five (5) calendar years have passed since their last day of employment within the POD.
- Prior to serving as a Council Member, if not already a member, an individual must become a member of the sport(s) managed and governed by the POD. Independent Council Members need not be a member at the time of being selected, but are expected to become a member upon taking a position on the AC.
- Each Council Member shall have passed a background check, completed SafeSport education and training, and have no record of SafeSport violations. Failure of a background check or history of SafeSport violation resulting a ban or suspension from the sport(s) managed and governed by the POD will result in immediate removal from the AC.

#### Council Representatives

##### **Athlete & USOPC Athlete Representative Council Members.**

Nominations for Elite Athletes (defined in Section 5.1(i) of the POD Handbook) will be voted on by eligible members. The two (2) athletes with the highest number of votes will be elected as AC member along with the current United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) representative. [Nomination](#) and [election](#) information will be published at [www.logan.edu/usapp](http://www.logan.edu/usapp) on August 17th, 2021.

##### **Designated Council Members**

In accordance with section 6.6(a) of the POD Handbook, two (2) of the Council Member meeting the criteria of a Designated Council Member as described in section 6.7 of the POD Handbook to serve on the AC. [Nomination](#) and selection information will be published at [www.logan.edu/usapp](http://www.logan.edu/usapp) on August 17th, 2021.

##### **Regional Hub Council Member**

If there is no Regional Hub member, then the Regional Hub Council Member seat shall be vacant. If there is one (1) Regional Hub member, then that organization shall select a qualified individual to serve as the Regional Hub Council Member. If there is more than one (1) Regional Hub member, then the Regional Hubs as a group, shall select a qualified individual to serve as the Regional Hub Council Member. [Nomination](#) and [election](#) information will be published at [www.logan.edu/usapp](http://www.logan.edu/usapp) on August 17th, 2021.

**Coach/Technical Member**

In accordance with section 6.6(d) of the POD Handbook, one (1) of the Council Member meeting the criteria of a Coach/Technical Member as described in section 5.1 of the POD Handbook to serve on the AC. [Nomination](#) and selection information will be published at [www.logan.edu/usapp](http://www.logan.edu/usapp) on August 17th, 2021.

## Inaugural Advisory Council Selection and Timeline

The following timeline has been put in place for the selection and naming of the Inaugural Advisory Council:

Date	Item
August 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Nomination Forms Published at <a href="http://www.logan.edu/usapp">www.logan.edu/usapp</a>
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	<a href="#">Nominations</a> Due with all required supporting documentation
September 17 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Review & Screening per the POD Handbook, extend if necessary
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Nominees Announced for Athlete, Designated, and Regional Council Member
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Ballots Distributed for <a href="#">Athlete</a> , <a href="#">Regional Hub</a> , and <a href="#">Coach/Technical</a> Council Members to eligible voting member groups
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Voting Ends at 11:59 CST Time
November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	Election Results Announced to Candidates
November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Designated Council Members Appointed (Must Occur After Elections are Completed)
November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Election Results Announced & Finalized
January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	New Terms take Effect

[Nomination Forms](#) – Due September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by 5:00pm CST. Please email questions to [usaparapowerlifting@logan.edu](mailto:usaparapowerlifting@logan.edu)