



USA Shooting Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting Minutes

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Chad Whittenburg (USAS BOD Chair) gives an introduction and summarizes likely changes to USAS bylaws and Athlete Representatives in 2021, specifically that all Athlete representatives will also be Directors on the USAS board.

Keith Sanderson (USAS AAC Chair) requested the following recommendations from the USAS AAC, and here are our recommendations:

- **Who elects athlete representative in 2021**
 1. Only athletes (and...)
 2. "Active Athletes" as defined by the Ten-Year list (and/or...)
 3. The voter must have shot a score in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USAS bylaws.
 4. Must have satisfied #3 in the past four (4) years.
 5. Athlete Representatives have a duty to concern themselves with athletes/members who are not eligible to vote, to include future athletes.
- **Selections to "Qualification Ranking System for the Olympic Games" events**
 1. Those athletes ranked in the top 40 of the QROG should be selected without having to compete in a USAS Selection Match.
 2. Only the top three Americans per event in the QROG should be allowed to skip domestic Selection matches.
 3. If there are four or more ranked in the top 40 of the QROG, then only the top three get automatically selected; those athletes who are ranked 41 or higher in the ISSF QROG, or 4th or higher American(s) must compete in a USAS Selection match to make the QROG Team. If there are less than three athletes ranked in the top 40 in the QROG for an event, then those not in the top 40 will have to compete for a slot in a Selection Match.
- **USAS Athlete of the Year**
 1. The athlete with the most points in the annual ISSF World Ranking System within a particular discipline will be the Disciple Athlete of the Year.
 2. Any ties will share the title (no tie-breaker).
 3. We need to discuss the overall athlete of the Year with the Para rep to find a common denominator between Para and Olympic.
- **National Team**
 1. The National Team is comprised of only those athletes who competed in an ISSF Protected Competition as defined in the USAS bylaws.
 2. There was a discussion of including the Grand Prix. The majority voted not to include the Grand Prix and only include World Cups, World Cup Final, World Championships, Continental Championships, and the Olympic Games.
 3. MQS slots should be National Development Team. The coaches should define the National Development Team further.