

USOC NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES' COUNCIL BYLAWS

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I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the National Governing Body Council ("NGBC") is to assist the National Governing Bodies ("NGB") and Paralympic Sports Organizations ("PSO") as they strive to achieve sustained competitive excellence.

II. PURPOSE:

The NGBC shall have the following purposes:

1. To discuss matters raised by its members and to determine the consensus of the NGBs and PSOs on issues of common interest.
2. To represent the consensus views of the NGBs and PSOs to the USOC Board of Directors, USOC staff, and the USOC Assembly.
3. To ensure close cooperation and ongoing communications between the NGBC and other USOC entities such as the Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) and the Multi- Sport Organization Council (MSOC).
4. To recommend to USOC staff mechanisms and ideas for sharing best practices and benchmarking information that may help NGBs and PSOs to continuously improve the quality of their service and efficiency, in such areas as governance, finance, marketing, sponsorship, education, athletes' rights, dispute resolution, and compliance.
5. To recommend to USOC staff methods and ideas for the development of collaborative operational opportunities for NGBs, PSOs, and the USOC, such as the selection of insurance, website services, legal services, facilities, and all other products and services which are important to the administration of NGBs and PSOs.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

Representation to NGBC:

The NGBs and the PSOs shall have the latitude to select whomever they wish to represent them, however, it is recommended that the NGB be represented to the NGBC by individuals who meet the following qualifications:

1. Hold important authority and decision-making responsibilities with the NGB or PSO, such as: executive director, chief executive officer or president.
2. Have the highest personal values, judgment and integrity, understanding of NGB or PSO functions, and Olympic ideals.
3. Be committed, willing and available to regularly attend and contribute to NGBC meetings.

Diversity in leadership is a goal of the USOC. As a member of the NGBC the NGB and the PSO must be committed to such diversity and be influenced by such a commitment when selecting its representatives to the NGBC.

The NGBs and PSOs may be represented at NGBC meetings by two representatives designated by the NGB. One representative shall be designated by the NGB or PSO as the “primary” representative (with vote) and the “alternate” representative (with voice but no vote unless the primary representative is unable to attend). The USOC will fund at most the attendance of one NGB or PSO representative to each scheduled NGBC meeting. Attendance by the other NGB representative and/or observer will be funded by the NGB. Attendance to the NGBC meetings is not limited to the primary or alternate representative.

IV. LEADERSHIP:

The NGBC, at its last meeting of a summer Olympic quadrennium or the first meeting thereafter, shall elect two officers, a “Chair” and a “Vice Chair” from the membership of the NGBC to a four-year term of office. Both the primary or alternate representatives are eligible for election as officers, but two officers may not both be from the same NGB or PSO.

An NGBC officer may be removed at any time during her/his four year term if a written petition for such removal by at least 15 NGB primary representatives is presented to the NGBC at a meeting at which such petition is on the agenda, and after the officer to be removed has had the opportunity to address the NGBC, two-thirds or more of the entire NGBC votes in favor of removing that officer. Before the vote to remove, a notice of the vote will be sent to the entire NGBC at least 30 days before the scheduled meeting.

V. MEETINGS:

The NGBC shall meet three (3) times a calendar year, at least one of which shall be in conjunction with the Olympic Assembly. The NGBC may meet more often than three (3) times per year, at either “regular” meetings or “special” meetings, if there is a need. At any meeting of the NGBC or any of its committees, a quorum shall consist of a majority of representatives entitled to vote. The meetings may be funded by the USOC. At least 30 days in advance of an NGBC meeting notice of that meeting must be given to each NGB and PSO by any means of communication in current business use and calculated to result in actual notice of the meeting to the NGB and PSO primary representatives. Each

NGB has one (1) vote at each meeting of the NGBC. The conduct of the NGBC meetings shall be in conformity with the then current *Roberts Rules of Order*.

VI. NGBC COMMITTEES:

An NGBC Advisory Committee shall be named by the Chair subject to confirmation by majority vote of the NGBC. The role of the Advisory Committee shall be to assist the Chair and Vice Chair in fulfilling the mission and purpose of the NGBC. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of five members of the NGBC. None of the Committee members shall be from the same NGB or PSO and the Committee shall reflect the diversity of the NGBC.

VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

Proposed amendments to the NGB Council By-laws must be circulated to the membership of the NGB Council at least 30 days prior to a scheduled or called meeting. Amendments will be adopted with a minimum of two-thirds of the votes cast at a properly scheduled or called meeting where a quorum has been established. Amendments cannot be adopted through mail ballot elections or proxies.