



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION (ACA)

POLICY TYPE: Athlete Representative
POLICY TITLE: *Athlete Representative Classifications*
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Purpose:

The Board, pursuant to authority granted to it under Article V of the ACA Bylaws, hereby adopts this policy to set forth the qualification standards for athlete representation on the Board of Directors and various committees.

Athlete Representative Classifications:

Certain individuals will qualify to vote for or hold board or committee positions reserved for Elite Athletes and Actively Engaged Athletes.

- I. Elite Athletes. For purposes hereof an “Elite Athlete” is an individual who has further demonstrated his or her qualifications as an elite athlete by having:
 - (1) within the ten (10) year period ending on December 31st of the prior year, represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, Operation Gold event as designated by the USOC, or a World Championship recognized by the ICF for which a competitive selection process was administered by the Association (or predecessor NGB); or
 - (2) within the twenty-four (24) month period ending on December 31st of the prior year, demonstrated that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of the Association’s national championships or team selection competition.
- II. Actively Engaged Athletes. For purposes hereof, an “Actively Engaged Athlete” is an individual Member who has demonstrated his or her qualifications as an athlete by having:
 - (1) within the ten (10) year period ending on December 31st of the prior year, represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American

Games, Parapan American Games, an Operation Gold event as designated by the USOC, or a World Championship recognized by the ICF for which a competitive selection process was administered by the Association (or predecessor NGB); or

- (2) within the twenty-four (24) month period ending on December 31st of the prior year, demonstrated that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition.

Revisions:

Revisions to this policy shall be executed and be approved by the Board of Directors. All revisions must be consistent with the prevailing ACA Bylaws. The ACA Secretary shall maintain historical versions of this document. Revision History		
Rev	Description of Changes	Date
0	Original document – waiting USOC and ACA approval	7/14/2017

References: