

**ARTICLE 7**  
**DELEGATES AND THEIR SELECTION TO MEETINGS**

The following persons shall be entitled to participate as voting delegates at USATF meetings. All delegates must be at least 18 years of age, current USATF members, and, during the Annual Meeting, must be registered:

- A. Officers and Board members:** The officers and the members of the USATF Board, including non-voting Board members.
- B. Nominating and Governance Panel Members.**
- C. Committee chairs:** The chairs of all committees listed in Article 13.
- D. Past presidents:** The past presidents of USATF.
- E. Association delegates:** Twelve (12) delegates from each accredited Association recognized by USATF. Any accredited Association with more than one thousand (1,000) individual members shall be entitled to name one (1) additional delegate for each one thousand (1,000) individual members. Total Association individual members shall be determined based on the twelve (12) month registration period ending on October 31 of the current calendar year. However, an Association whose membership has increased since then may petition the Organizational Services Committee seeking credentials for additional delegates. Each Association's delegation shall meet the following requirements:
  - 1. **Membership:** Each of the Association's delegates shall be a member of the Association;
  - 2. **Athletes:** At least thirty-three and 33/100 percent (33.33%) of the delegates in each delegation shall be Actively Engaged Athletes. (See Exhibits) If available, at least one (1) of the Actively Engaged Athlete delegates shall be a Ten Year Athlete. National Office Management shall provide the following during the month of August each year:
    - a. **Athlete notice:** Notice to all athlete members meeting the definition of International Athlete of the address and telephone number of their Association;
    - b. **Association notice:** Notice to each Association of those athlete members meeting the definition of International Athlete who belong to that Association;
    - c. An Association's International athletes who are current USATF members shall be considered and/or have a vote (where voting occurs) in selecting athlete delegates. Associations shall offer their athlete delegates no less funding than any other member of the Association's delegation other than the head of delegation;
  - 3. **Coaches:** The number of delegates who shall be coaches is stated in the Exhibits. If available, at least one (1) of the coaches shall be a high school coach;
  - 4. **Dual roles:** For purposes of determining compliance with these requirements, an individual from an Association may be treated as both a Coach and an Athlete if the individual satisfies the qualifications of both. (See exhibits section of this handbook for further explanation); and
  - 5. **Sport committees:** Each Association shall select among its delegates at least one (1) individual to represent each of its sport committees that holds an Association championship.
- F. Sports organizations:** Ten (10) delegates named by each sports organization referred to in Article 5-C and recognized by USATF.
- G. Other constituencies:** One (1) delegate named by each organization referred to in Article 5-D, other than Affiliated organizations, unless USATF votes to grant an organization a greater number of delegates. Affiliated organizations shall have delegates only if the Board authorizes them.
- H. Athlete Advisory Committee delegates:** The members of the Athletes Advisory Committee and additional athlete delegates selected by the Athletes Advisory Committee so that the number, or weight of such vote shall be at least thirty-three and 33/100 percent (33.33%) of the total number of delegates (at least half of those athlete delegates will be Ten Year Athletes; the remaining will be either Ten Year or Ten Year+ Athlete delegates). The Athletes Advisory Committee members registered as attendees at the Annual Meeting shall select these additional delegates under procedures approved and administered by the Athletes Advisory Committee.
  - 1. Weight of such vote. For elections and other votes at which weighted voting for athletes applies the vote shall be computed as follows:
    - a. As of noon, of the second day of the Annual Meeting or such other date prior to a vote at a Special Meeting in accordance with Article (8)(b), the total number of registered delegates and the total number of athlete delegates shall be determined. For voting purposes, this number shall be final and regardless of whether a delegate shows up to vote or not, no additional calculations shall be made.

**EXHIBIT D-1 — DELEGATION REQUIREMENTS**

This table shall be used to determine the required number of coaches and athletes who shall be part of each Association's delegation at each meeting of USATF. Three (3) or more of the delegates from each Association [or four (4) or more delegates in the case of an Association with more than four thousand (4,000) individual members] shall be coaches (individuals whose vocation includes the administration or coaching of school/college community Athletics or who are USATF-certified coaches). When available, at least one (1) of the coaches shall be a high school coach. The number of coaches for delegations of fewer than nine (9) shall be adjusted. A minimum of ~~twenty percent (20%)~~ **33.3 percent** of the delegation shall be athletes, and at least one (1) athlete shall be an International Athlete, where available.

| <b>Number of voting Association delegates at meeting</b> | <b>Minimum number of athletes required</b> | <b>Minimum number of coaches required</b> | <b>Number of other delegates permitted*</b> |
|--|--|---|---|
| 20   | 4  | 4   | 12-16                                       |
| 19   | 4  | 4   | 11-15                                       |
| 18   | 4  | 4   | 10-14                                       |
| 17   | 4  | 4   | 9-13  |
| 16   | 4  | 4   | 8-12  |
| 15   | 3  | 3   | 9-12  |
| 14   | 3  | 3   | 8-11  |
| 13   | 3  | 3   | 7-10  |
| 12   | 3  | 3   | 6-9   |
| 11   | 3  | 3   | 5-8   |
| 10   | 2  | 3   | 5-7   |
| 9  | 2  | 3   | 4-6   |
| 8  | 2  | 2   | 4-6   |
| 7  | 2  | 2   | 3-5   |
| 6  | 2  | 2   | 2-4   |
| 5  | 2  | 2   | 2-3   |
| 4  | *  | 2*  | 1-2**                                       |
| 3  | *  | 1*  | 1-2**                                       |
| 2  | *  | 1*  | 0-1**                                       |
| 1  | *  | 1*  | 0**   |

recalculate to conform to 33.3 percent

\*Because a person may be treated as both a coach and an athlete, the number of delegates neither a coach nor an athlete varies depending on the number of dual-role delegates.

\*\*If there are fewer than five delegates, one person on the delegation must be either a coach or an athlete.

**EXHIBIT D-2 — MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DELEGATES PER 1000**

| <b>Association Members</b> | <b>Maximum Number of Delegates</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0001 to 0999               | up to 12 delegates                 |
| 1000 to 1999               | 13 delegates                       |
| 2000 to 2999               | 14 delegates                       |
| 3000 to 3999               | 15 delegates                       |
| 4000 to 4999               | 16 delegates                       |
| 5000 to 5999               | 17 delegates                       |
| 6000 to 6999               | 18 delegates                       |
| 7000 to 7999               | 19 delegates                       |
| 8000 to 8999               | 20 delegates                       |