

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES

Section 1. **Definitions.** As used in these Bylaws, “Committees” shall comprise the following, which shall have the definitions assigned in this Section.

a. Committee of the Board: A “Committee of the Board” is a committee that is not a Standing Committee.

b. Principal Committee: “Principal Committees” include all Standing Committees and such additional committees as the Board of Directors designates as sufficiently integral to the operation of the USFA as to require a comprehensive understanding of the USFA’s goals, functions, organization and operations. No elected officer or director may simultaneously serve as the chair of a Principal Committee, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

c. Standing Committee: A “Standing Committee” is a committee created by these Bylaws. Standing Committees may not be created or disbanded except by amendment of these Bylaws.

d. Commission: A “Commission” is a type of Committee of the Board that is charged with operational responsibility but that is not required to include Athlete representation by these Bylaws, Federal statute or valid USOC rules and regulations. Commissions may comprise members who are not subject to annual reappointment if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, longer or staggered terms are important to its proper functioning, and may be authorized by the Board to select their own Chair.

e. Task Force: A “Task Force” is a special committee constituted for a single or specific purpose that is limited in scope or in time. A task force is disbanded automatically upon fulfillment of its purpose or upon expiration of its stated duration.

Section 2. **Composition.** All individuals serving on committees shall be members of the USFA in good standing, and unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may, but need not be, members of the Board of Directors. **All committees that prepare, approve or implement selection of international, Olympic, Paralympic and Pan American Games team members, including athletes, coaches, administrators and sport staff shall include no less than 20% Athlete members selected by the Athlete Council and meet the qualifications required by USOC Bylaws Section 8.8, as applicable.**