Operating Regulations: Rules Committee

Per Regulation 16.1 of USATF Bylaws and Regulations, the Rules Committee was established and instructed to function as follows:

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1. Duties and responsibilities: The committee shall:
   a. Rules enforcement: Ensure that adequate technical rules and standards for procedures of competition are developed and that the requirements of the appropriate rules are complied with during international and domestic competition; and
   b. Rules of competition: Initiate and consider proposed amendments to the Rules of Competition and to present them along with the committee’s recommendations to USATF at the annual meeting for approval;
      i. Interpretation: Interpret the Rules of Competition;
      ii. Committee input: Receive from all committees or their rules subcommittees proposed rules of competition affecting their activity and present them along with the committee’s recommendations to USATF for approval at the annual meeting; and
      iii. Rule book: Cause the Rules of Competition to be published and distributed at least biennially.

2. Makeup: The committee shall consist of five (5) members (including its chair) appointed by the President, one (1) member appointed by each of the eight (8) sport committees, one (1) member appointed each by the Associations and Officials Committees, two (2) members appointed by the Coaches Advisory Committee, the USATF representative to the IAAF Technical Committee (if applicable), and six (6) Active Athlete members selected by USATF’s Active Athlete delegates.

3. USATF membership: In order to participate as a USATF Committee member, an individual must be a member of USATF

4. General Provisions: Per Regulation 11.6.1, the Committee shall hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the USATF annual meeting. The Committee may hold special meetings if called by the chair, at his or her own initiative, or by twenty percent (20%) of the committee’s membership, upon thirty (30) days written notice. There will be a published agenda available at least 24 hours prior to the committee’s first scheduled session. Additional items added to the agenda shall not include any item where action of the committee is necessary, unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the group then present agree. All meetings of the Committee and its Executive Committee, board, or task group shall be open to all USATF individual members. No part of any meeting shall be closed unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the group then present agree to close the session. A quorum for any committee meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of its members.