UNITED STATES ASSOCIATION OF BLIND ATHLETES (USABA)
GAMES STAFF SELECTION PROCEDURES
2019 PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES
GOALBALL
JULY 11, 2017

These procedures provide for selection of USABA’s Games Staff [Team Leader, Coach(es), and/or Additional Officials] for the 2019 Parapan American Games. However, accreditation allocation is not guaranteed and will be based on final USOC credential allocation and overall Team size. Responsibility of payment for allocated accreditations will be determined by the USOC and USABA.

1. Describe the specific Games Staff position(s) the NGB/HPMO/PSO is requesting.

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<td>Team Leader</td>
<td>Serve as primary point of contact and liaison between the USOC and USABA, prior to, during and after the Games.</td>
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<td>Coach (1 Head Coach/1 Assistant Coach for Men’s team; 1 Head Coach/1 Assistant Coach for Women’s team)</td>
<td>Prepare athletes/teams for success on the field of play.</td>
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<td>Medical (1 Athletic Trainer for Men’s team, 1 Athletic Trainer for Women’s team)</td>
<td>Support Teams by providing medical services to athletes that prevent or treat injuries before, during and/or after competition.</td>
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2. What are the USABA’s criteria for the above Games Staff position(s). USABA’s Games Staff must:

   2.1. Successfully pass the National Center for Safety Initiatives’ (NCSI) background screen in accordance with the current USOC Games Background Check Policy prior to nomination.
   2.1.1. Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Games that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform USABA and/or USOC.
   2.2. Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.
   2.3. Have the ability to work effectively with the USOC.
   2.4. Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills (*if applicable*).
2.5. Be responsible for Team’s adherence to all rules regarding discipline at the Games *(if applicable)*.

2.6. Fulfill all duties and requirements of the USOC including attendance at USOC Games related meetings *(if applicable)*.

2.7. Be available for entire duration of the Games *(if applicable)*.

2.8. Have the USABA’s approval to make financial decisions regarding the Team *(if applicable)*.

2.9. Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport *(if applicable)*.

2.10. Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the IF rules and regulations governing the sport *(if applicable)*.

2.11. Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.

2.12. Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.

2.13. Be listed on USABA’s Long List and must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

2.14. Participate in USADA training as required for position *(if applicable)*.

2.15. Be a USABA member in good standing.

2.16. Participate in the USOC’s Safesport training.

In addition, Medical Personnel must:

2.17. Possess the appropriate certifications.

2.18. Pass a medical credential review in addition to the approved USOC Games Background Check, which will be a combined check managed through USOC Sports Medicine (separately arranged background checks will not be considered).


2.20. Have experience with working with blind athletes and the sport of goalball.

2.21. Be approved for nomination through the USOC’s Sports Medicine Division.

In addition, Coaches must:

2.22. Possess a high level of specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport.

3. Describe the process that candidates shall follow to express interest in being considered for a Games Staff position, in each category below:

Team Leader: The USABA Goalball High Performance Director will serve as primary Team Leader for the Men’s and Women’s Teams. This position will not be publicized and/or
posted and there is no application process as the position will be filled by an existing staff member that meets all criteria outlined in Section 2 of this document.

Coach(es): Two head coaches (Men’s and Women’s) and two assistant coaches (Men’s and Women’s) will be requested. These positions will not be posted or publicized as USABA will use existing staff currently contracted to support the 2019 Parapan American Games.

Medical: Two athletic trainers (Men’s and Women’s) will be requested. Although these are volunteer positions, we will select athletic trainers who already work and travel with the teams given their experience with athlete medical histories and their involvement in providing ongoing medical support to athletes prior to, during and after the 2019 Parapan American Games.

4. Describe the intended method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for the Games Staff position(s) listed below:

Team Leader: Not applicable as existing staff member will be used.

Coach(es): Not applicable as currently contracted coaches will be used.

Medical (Athletic Trainers): Because of their experience in working with blind athletes and their experience with the unique nature of the sport of goalball we are requesting our two existing volunteer athletic trainers be used. In addition to their experience, they are actively involved in providing the current and ongoing medical support to the Teams.

5. Describe the removal of Games Staff:

An individual who is to be nominated to the above-listed Games Staff position(s) by the NGB/HPMO/PSO may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB/HPMO/PSO.

5.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Games Staff nominee must submit a written letter to the NGB/HPMO/PSO Executive Director/CEO/President.

5.1. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO/PSO. If the individual refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO/PSO, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

5.3. Inability to perform the duties required.

5.4. Violation of the NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s Code of Conduct and Program Participant Agreement (Attachment 2).

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable USABA Code of Conduct
and Program Participant Agreement, the USOC’s Games Forms apply. The USOC’s Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

6. Describe the replacement of Games Staff:

In the event that the Nominated Games Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed in Section 2 above and be selected through the same process as outlined in Sections 3 and 4.

7. Which group/committee will make the final approval of the Games Staff position(s)?

For those positions that will not be filled with existing USABA employees or individuals on a contract with USABA, the following committee will be used to make final approval of Games Staff positions:

- USABA Executive Director
- USABA High Performance Director
- USABA Men’s Head Goalball Coach (for Men’s staff only)
- USABA Women’s Head Goalball Coach (for Women’s staff only)
- AAC/USABA Athletic Representative

8. Conflict of Interest:

An individual involved in the selection process who has a conflict of interest must disclose this information, and recuse him or herself and not influence others regarding the discussions, meetings or decisions involving the selection of the Games Staff position(s). If there is an issue concerning whether a conflict of interest exists, the NGB’s/HPMO’s/PSO’s Board or Ethics Committee, as appropriate, shall determine if a conflict exists.

9. Date of Nomination:

June 1, 2019.

10. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures:

The USOC approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USABA in the following locations:

10.2. These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five days following notice of approval by the USOC.
10.3. Other (if any): None.
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<td>Mark A. Lucas</td>
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<td>USOC Athletes’ Advisory Council</td>
<td>Matthew Simpson</td>
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* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.
Hi John, I have seen them and they look just fine to me. Do you need anything else from me besides my acknowledgement? Thanks. Good luck to the teams!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2017, at 9:32 AM, John Potts <jpotts@usaba.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Great seeing you this weekend. I wanted to see where you are with reviewing the Lima selection criteria documents. As you know I, we need to get them to USOC by the 1st and I am taking youth teams to Hungary tomorrow which limits my ability to communicate. If you can get those turned prior to the 1st it would be appreciated.

Thanks!

John

John Potts

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Attachment 1

USOC Sports Medical Games Requirements

PURPOSE

The USOC has developed medical requirements to ensure the safety of athletes during Games (Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Para Pan American, etc.). This policy addresses equipment requests and minimum standards for all NGBs/HPMOs/PSOs (NGBs from here forward) and medical providers attending games.

POLICY

1. Requests

NGBs must identify medical support requests to the USOC Sports Medicine department. These requests must specify any supplies, equipment, and other medical support provided at the Games. Anti-doping concerns or comments should also be identified. Collected information will be reviewed by the USOC Managing Director of sports medicine who will then identify and communicate the level of support to be provided by USOC Sports Medicine. Any changes to the requested sports medicine support should be immediately forwarded to USOC Sports Medicine. In cases where medical services or materials are not identified, the USOC cannot guarantee support for additional or late requests because of time, budget and other factors.

2. NGB Health Care Providers

NGBs must nominate and allocate Games credentials to NGB identified health care provider(s) to support the NGB sports medicine needs during the games. Any potential NGB medical provider who could be nominated to provide services must be identified by the NGB no later than the due date for the respective Games Long List. Additionally, all NGB medical providers must meet the criteria as identified in the NGB’s approved Additional Officials Selection Procedures, along with the additional criteria outlined below.

The medical staffing list will include anyone who will potentially be credentialed by the NGB and/or use a day pass to provide services at an Olympic/Paralympic Village or a High Performance Training Center. Health care providers must meet minimum qualification standards which are identified below by their specialty without exception. NGBs must ensure their identified medical staff can meet these standards prior to advancing their nomination for a Games credential or day pass access. If the provider is not licensed in the United States, they may be ineligible to be credentialed. In order to meet expected standards of care and mitigate risk management issues, selected provider(s) must meet the below minimum qualifications in addition to the Selection Procedures criteria to provide medical services at games. These qualifications include:
1) Meet all criteria identified in the USOC Volunteer Program Application for specific specialty (Attachments located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer). On occasion, specific supporting documentation will be requested at the discretion of USOC Sports Medicine.

2) Successfully pass a medical credential review and criminal background check at or above USOC standards with the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI).

3) Review of the venue emergency action plan with USOC Sports Medicine staff prior to the first scheduled practice or event.

4) Complete required Medical Team Education Modules addressing Anti-Doping, Safe Sport and/or other prerequisite training.

Appendix: Location of criteria:
- Athletic Trainer Qualification Criteria – located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer
- Physical Therapist Qualification Criteria - located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer
- Doctor of Chiropractic Qualification Criteria - located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer
- Physician Qualification Criteria - located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer
- Massage Therapist Qualification Criteria - located at www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer
Attachment 2
United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)
2019 Code of Conduct and Program Participant Agreement

This Code applies to athletes and staff members who participate in USOC or USABA funded national goalball program activities.

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of a United States National Goalball Team (the “Team”) or as a participant USABA or USOC goalball programs. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2019 U.S. National/Paralympic Goalball Team and/or participation in 2019 USABA or USOC goalball programs.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that:

• I will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by the USOC and/or USABA;

• I will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;

• if I am an athlete, I will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities and, as required, will provide my coaching staff periodic reports of my training progress;

• if I am an athlete, I will not commit doping violations as defined by the Olympic/Paralympic Movement Anti-Doping Code (OMADC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), (USOC) or the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) rules;

• I will not use or condone the use of any substances placed on the current WADA or USADA banned substances list for in-competition testing or out-of-competition testing;

• I will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;

• I am eligible to participate under the rules of IBSA;

• I will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;

• I will respect the property of others whether personal or public;

• I will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;

• if I am a coach or staff member, I will complete United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Safe Sport Program training and will comply with the full spirit and intent of the program;
• if I am an athlete, I will follow my Team’s rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required on-time attendance at team meetings;

• if I travel on USOC or USABA procured travel, and traveling to a USABA or USOC funded training camp or competition, I will not voluntarily delay my travel for personal benefit (such as money or airline credit) if that delay results in missing any part of scheduled events or activities or results in any additional logistical expenses for USABA or the USOC;

• I am aware that United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and USABA sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USOC and USABA apparel at all official Team functions and events;

• I will not conceal or cover-up any USOC and/or USABA sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USOC and/or USABA apparel;

• I agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USOC and/or USABA under conditions authorized by USOC and/or USABA and give event organizers and USOC and/or USABA the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USOC and/or USABA or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;

• I will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USOC and/or USABA apparel or equipment or the use of the USOC and/or USABA logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of the USOC and/or USABA (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);

• I will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USOC and/or USABA and the United States; and

AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct and Program Participant Agreement. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

_____________________________  _______________________
Signature                                      Date

_____________________________  _______________________
United States Association of Blind Athletes  Goalball
NGB/HPMO Name  Sport

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION
(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)

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Signature                                      Date
Relationship (Parent or Guardian)