Subject: Request for USA Volleyball (USAV) Sitting Female Athletes’ Advisory Council (AAC) Representative

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS / SELF-NOMIMATIONS

USA Volleyball is accepting applications for the USAV Sitting Female AAC representative. The position is currently held by Monique (Burkland) Matthews and she is not seeking re-election.  This term ends June 30, 2025.

If you are interested in serving on the USAV AAC, please send a letter of interest and current resume/CV to Chris Vadala at [chris.vadala@usav.org](mailto:chris.vadala@usav.org).  Please respond by no later than **Wednesday, August 10, 2022** after reviewing the information below.

 Approximate Timeline:

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| July 27, 2022 | Call for Nominations distributed and posted on USAV website. |
| August 10, 2022 | Nominations close and applications due to Chris Vadala. |
| August 17, 2022 | Eligibility confirmed. |
| August 19, 2022 | Ballot emailed to electorate (International Sitting Athletes) |
| August 26, 2022 | First round of ballots due back via USAV voting software. |
|  | If no candidate receives greater than 50% of votes, then another round of voting will be conducted (repeated until a candidate receives a simple majority of votes). |

**Roles & Responsibilities**

The USAV AAC roles & responsibilities are:

1. Serve as a vehicle for athlete engagement.
2. Endeavor to protect the rights of athletes.
3. Provide athlete feedback.
4. Build and establish relationships among the three disciplines.
5. Identify future athlete board representative candidates and introduce athletes to USAV’s governance structure.
6. Serve as SafeSport and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) ambassadors and advocates.
7. Engage athletes in USA Volleyball Foundation activities.
8. Develop pathways for athletes within the structure of USAV.

**Selection Process**

Selection: Nominations and self-nominations for each position shall be solicited by USAV. Each position will be elected in accordance with USAV Bylaws Article X, Section 10.C. International Sitting Athletes shall elect the Sitting positions; International Indoor Athletes shall elect the Indoor positions and International Beach Athletes shall elect the Beach positions. All athletes in each discipline will be eligible to elect both gender positions.

The Athlete receiving the second highest number of votes shall be designated the “Alternate” for that position and be invited to attend meetings in the event the elected Athlete (“Primary”) is unable to attend. If the Primary is attending a meeting, the Alternate is eligible to also attend, but at their own expense.

**Eligibility Requirement**

**Minimum Criteria**: In order to be eligible to run and/or vote for Female Sitting AAC representative, athletes must be international sitting athletes as defined below:

Within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games, World Para Volley World Championships or a USOPC Designated Operation Gold event.

**General Qualifications**: Each AAC representative shall possess the following general qualifications in addition to meeting the Minimum Criteria:

1. Be a citizen of the United States; and not be affiliated with any national volleyball federation other than USA Volleyball;
2. Be at least eighteen years of age;
3. Be a current registrant of USAV in good standing;
4. Successfully pass a USAV background check; and
5. Be SafeSport trained.

Should additional information be required, please contact Eric Duda, USAV AAC Representative to the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), at [usavaac@gmail.com](mailto:usavaac@gmail.com).