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2011 Athletes' Advisory Council Report

Introduction

The Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) consists of seven members, including the three Athlete Directors and four separately elected representatives from the Elite Athlete pool. It advises USA Triathlon on issues pertaining to elite athletes. It is involved in committees related to the expenditure of funds allocated to USA Triathlon by the USOC and selection of major international competition members. In 2010, the AAC consisted of Jimmy Archer, Ryan Bickerstaff, Dave Kuendig, Timothy O'Donnell, Victor Plata, Steven Sexton, and Jarrod Shoemaker. The AAC meets on a conference call the last Tuesday of each month and communicates via email in the interim.

2010 Accomplishments

The AAC was extremely active in 2010. It worked diligently with USA Triathlon staff and fellow elite athletes when making policy recommendation to the Board of Directors. The AAC fulfilled its mandate and responsibilities according to past resolutions and the USA Triathlon Bylaws. It also worked to ensure USAT was in compliance with USOC Bylaws in terms of athlete representation on committees. It played an active role in providing recommendations for the Pan American and Olympic Games Selection Criteria. The AAC also established a list of elite qualifying races.

2011 Objectives

In 2011, the AAC plans to continue to improve its processes, be a strong voice for elite athletes on important issues, and provides recommendations to USAT. Dave Kuendig, Victor Plata, Steven Sexton, and Jarrod Shoemaker retain their seats on the AAC. The remaining 3 seats should be filled soon after January 1.

Conclusion

The AAC is playing an active role in relation to the responsibilities granted to it under the USA Triathlon Bylaws.

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