USA Triathlon Athletes' Advisory Council and Athlete Director
2012 Call for Nominations

There are two (2) seats up for election on the USAT Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) and two (2) Athlete Director seats up for election on the USAT Board of Directors. Athlete Directors automatically serve as members of the AAC. In addition, the USOC AAC Representative position is also up for election.

USAT AAC and Athlete Director terms are for two (2) years, from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. The USOC AAC Representative term is four (4) years.

A candidate may apply to be on the ballot for the Athlete Director position, a USAT AAC position, or both, but will be elected to only one USAT position. In addition, a qualified athlete may also apply and be elected to the USOC AAC.

In order to be placed on the ballot and vote in this election you must be a member in good standing of USA Triathlon by 06-30-2012 11:59 pm mountain standard time (MST). To become a member please go to http://www.usatriathlon.org/membership-services/join-or-renew.aspx.

Eligible Voters. A person who is eligible to run for a position is eligible to vote for the candidates in that position. For example, a person meeting only section 3 of the Elite Pool may run and vote for the AAC but not the Athlete Director seat.

Eligible Candidates. All members of the Elite Pool are eligible for run for the AAC. Members of the Elite Pool who meet section 1 or 2 below are also eligible to run for an Athlete Director seat. Members of the Elite pool who meet section 1 may be eligible to run for the USOC AAC Representative position provided they meet USOC AAC Qualification Standard below. Athletes who meet the Elite Pool requirements but are no longer a licensed elite athlete may purchase an age-group license to satisfy the membership requirement.

Elite Pool. The Elite Pool is defined below. An athlete must:

1. Within the ten (10) years preceding an election, have represented the United States in the sport of Triathlon in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by the International Triathlon Union (ITU) for which a competitive selection process was administered by USAT, or an International Paralympic Committee (IPC) recognized World Championship in events on the Paralympic Games program; or

2. Within the twenty-four (24) months before election, have demonstrated that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of USAT's National Championships or team selection competition for the events listed in paragraph 1 above; or

3. Hold a current elite license as defined by the AAC and approved by the USAT Board of Directors.

Nominations for Athlete Directors. An *eligible member* of the Elite Pool (sections 1 and 2) and member in good standing of the federation who is also a citizen of the United States may submit a petition for his or her nomination to the Athlete Directors post. All persons meeting the

standards defined above and the following requirements shall be included on the ballot for the post of Athlete Director. Candidates not meeting all standards and requirements will not be placed on the ballot.

Nominations for AAC members. Any member of the Elite Pool who is a member in good standing of the federation who is a citizen of the United States may submit a petition for his or her nomination to the Athlete Directors post. All persons meeting the standards defined above and fulfilling the following requirements shall be included on the ballot for the post of Athlete Director. Candidates not meeting all standards and requirements will not be placed on the ballot.

Nominations for USOC AAC Representative. Any member in good standing of the federation who is also a citizen of the United States and meets the qualifying standard below may submit a petition for his or her nomination to the USOC AAC Representative post and all persons meeting the standards shall be included on the ballot. Candidates not meeting all standards and requirements will not be placed on the ballot.

USOC AAC Representative Qualifying Standard. An athlete must have represented the United States in Olympic, Paralymic, Pan American or other major international competition, within the preceding ten years as measured from the first AAC meeting of the quadrennium. The term "other major competition" as used herein means only a competition designated by the USOC as an Operation Gold competition. Requests for extensions in this requirement may only be granted by the AAC and must be in writing.

The petition for Athlete Director, AAC member or USOC AAC Representative shall include the following:

1. The name, complete address, day and evening phone numbers, e-mail address, and annual membership number of the nominee.
2. A written description of the nominee and his or her platform; the description shall not exceed 500 words.
3. A photo of the nominee.

Please send all nominations to Sharon Carns at sharon.carns@usatriathlon.org.

Elections Timeline. Elections shall be held according to the following schedule:

April 15	Call for Nominations posted to Federation website.
May 17	Nominations open for upcoming year.
July 1	Nominations close.
August 1	Ballots made available to members, and ballots and candidate information posted on federation website:
October 1	Final day for ballots to be postmarked or electronically recorded.
October 15	Election results announced
November 1	Deadline to protest election.
November 30	Deadline to hear and decide any protest.
December 1	Election results certified.

What is the Athletes' Advisory Council? The Athletes' Advisory Council is a USAT bylaw-mandated standing committee that broadens communication between USA Triathlon and elite athletes, and serves as a source of opinion and advice to USA Triathlon's Board of Directors with regard to both current and contemplated policies of USA Triathlon. The Athletes' Advisory Council makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on issues related to the needs and concerns of the elite athlete members of USA Triathlon including but not limited to:

1. the selection of elite athlete races;
2. the determination of qualification procedures for the selection of members to USA Triathlon's Elite National Team;
3. the establishment and maintenance of elite rankings for USA Triathlon;
4. the adoption, amendment and enforcement of rules relating to competitions in which elite athletes compete; and
5. the procedure for the appointment or election of elite athletes to the United States Olympic Committee's Athlete Advisory Council

The AAC also appoints athletes to any USA Triathlon committee that prepares, approves or implements programs regarding (i) the expenditure of funds allocated to USAT by the United States Olympic Committee; or (ii) the selection of international, Olympic and Pan American Games Team members, including athletes, coaches, administrators and support staff.

The AAC consists of seven (7) members. The three (3) Athlete Directors automatically serve as members of the AAC. The remaining four (4) AAC members may be any member of the elite pool. The AAC meets once per month by conference call.

What is the USOC AAC? The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act established the USOC AAC as a representative body for athletes within the USOC. The mission of the USOC AAC is to communicate the interests and protect the rights of athletes, in cooperative support of the USOC achieving its mission. More information can be found on the USOC AAC web site - http://usathlete.org/