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Boulder, CO

To USA Climbing Athletes:

USA Climbing Athletes,

I am pleased to report that USA Climbing has one open position for an **Athlete Director on the USAC Board of Directors.**

Please note: This election is separate from the election for athletes to serve on the USAC Athletes Advisory Committee (USAC AAC).

Our first priority is to identify eligible athletes interesting in running for election for this Board seat. Whether you express interest in running for election or not, I would like to ask you to participate in the election of your own representative to the USA Climbing Board of Directors.

Any USA Climbing Athlete meeting the eligibility requirements for election (below) is invited to express interest in becoming a candidate for **USAC Athlete Director.**

This election will follow the required three-step Athlete Election process:

1. Invitation to Athletes (this announcement)
2. Expression of Interest by eligible athletes
3. Election by voting of all USAC athletes eligible to vote.

Ballots for this election will be emailed **August 17, 2018** to USAC Athletes who are eligible to vote. Ballots for voting in this election will be emailed to the email address recorded in the athlete's membership data. Balloting will close on **August 30, 2018.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETE CANDIDATES AND TO VOTE

Eligibility requirements for athletes to stand for election and to vote in these elections are detailed below. **PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY.**

INVITATION TO USAC ATHLETES

Any USA Climbing Athlete meeting the eligibility requirements for election (below) is invited to express their interest in becoming a candidate for the USAC Athlete Director.

To express your interest, please send the following:

Letter of Interest – indicating your interest in the **ATHLETE DIRECTOR ELECTION** (please include your FULL contact information)

Athlete Candidate Questionnaire (see far below)

Send your letter of interest and questionnaire by email or mail to:

Greg Padovani, Sr
Chairman, Nominating and Governance Committee
USA Climbing
4665 Nautilus Court South
Suite 502 A
Boulder, CO 80301
Greg@usacimbing.org

DEADLINE:
Your Letter of Interest and Athlete Candidate Questionnaire for the USAC Athlete Director election must be received no later than AUGUST 10, 2018, 5:00 pm MST

Questions concerning these Athlete Elections, eligibility requirements and election process should be directed Greg Padovani, Sr at Greg@usacimbing.org

I look forward to your future participation in the governance of USA Climbing.



Patti Rube
President, USAC Board of Directors

About the USAC Board of Directors and the Athlete Directors

USA Climbing Bylaws posted [here](#) for reference.

What are the functions of the USAC Board? The functions of the Board are described in Section 7.2 of the USAC Bylaws. Further details about the Board can be found throughout Section 7 of the Bylaws.

What does an Athlete Director do? Represent the Athletes' perspective on the USAC Board. The Athlete directors have the authority to vote on Board issues equal to any other USAC Board Director.

What is the time commitment for an Athlete Director? An Athlete Director is expected to attend all Board meetings scheduled during the year. Currently, we anticipate eight (8) meetings per year, with six (6) held via conference call and two held in person. Each year, the in-person meetings of the Board have tended to be held on the Monday after Bouldering Youth Nationals in February and on the Monday after Sport & Speed Youth Nationals in July. The full meeting schedule can be found at <http://www.usaclimbing.org/Assets/BOD+18-19+Meeting+Schedule.pdf> Reasonable travel costs for the in-person Board meetings are eligible for reimbursement for Athlete Directors. See Section 7.25 of the Bylaws.

What is the term of an Athlete Director? This Athlete Director on the USAC Board will fill a vacancy for a term which ends August 31, 2020. After that, this Athlete Director is eligible to seek one four year term ending Aug 31, 2024. See Section 7.10 of the Bylaws.

How is an Athlete Director chosen? An Athlete Director on the USAC Board will be chosen in a direct election by all USAC Athletes eligible to vote – an Athlete Director Election. The steps are:

1. USAC Athletes are invited to become candidates for the Athlete Director Election.
2. Athletes must express their interest in running for election.
3. Athletes expressing interest must be eligible according to the USAC Bylaws.
4. All USAC Athletes eligible to vote in an election will vote on the Athlete candidates. The election for USAC Athlete Director will be conducted online with voting.
5. The Athlete candidate receiving the most votes in the election will become the Athlete Director.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY TO STAND FOR AND TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

To be eligible **to stand for** and **to vote** in the election for the **USA Climbing Athlete Director**, an athlete must meet the following requirements:

1. **A member of USA Climbing who is registered as an Athlete** in any of the three athlete categories: Competitor, Collegiate or Adaptive. See USAC Bylaws Section 5.1(a). The membership must be held as of the Record Date of this election: **July 10 2018**. See USAC Bylaws Article 11.
2. **A citizen of the United States of America**. See USAC Bylaws Section 11.2(b)
3. **Age 18 or older by December 31, 2018**. See USAC Bylaws Section 11.2(b)
4. **Competed according to one of the following two requirements**: See USAC Bylaws Section 7

7.6(b)ii(a). Within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by the IFSC for which a competitive selection process was administered by USA Climbing;

Or

7.6(b)ii(b). Within the twenty-four (24) months before election, demonstrated that he or she is actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of USA Climbing's national championships or team selection competition.

USAC Athlete Candidate Questionnaire

For the USAC Athlete Director Election, August 2018

Please complete this questionnaire and send with your Letter of Interest.

NOTE: This questionnaire will be use to verify an athlete's eligibility to stand for election and it will be used to present an athlete candidate to the voting athletes during the election.

Full Name:

USAC Member #:

Place of Residence:

Years as a USA Climbing competitor:

Athlete Category (Competitor, Collegiate, Adaptive):

Disciplines in which you participate (indicate all that apply): Lead, Bouldering, Speed.

USA Climbing competition history (listing of USAC-sanctioned national and international competitions with dates and finishing place):

Other experience that may be relevant:

Personal Statement:

Why do you want to serve as an Athlete Director on the USAC Board of Directors?