



UNITED STATES
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

October 16, 2017

USA Climbing
Kynan Waggoner
Chief Executive Officer
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Re: USOC Membership Working Group
Membership Application Review

Dear Mr. Waggoner:

I am pleased to inform you that the United States Olympic Committee's (USOC) Board of Directors, at its October 13, 2017, meeting, approved USA Climbing as the National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing in the United States and admitted USA Climbing as an Olympic Sport Organization member of the USOC.

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution that was presented to the USOC Board of Directors.

Congratulations and we look forward to working with your organization.

Sincerely,

Rachel Isaacs
Senior Director, NGB Relations

cc: Scott A. Blackmun, USOC Chief Executive Officer
Chris McCleary, USOC General Counsel
Gary L. Johansen, USOC Associate General Counsel
Kacie Wallace, USOC Athlete Ombudsman
Sara Pflipsen, USOC Associate Athlete Ombudsman
Bridget Toelle, USOC Senior Director of Audit
Alan Ashley, USOC Chief of Sport Performance
Rick Adams, USOC Chief of Sport Operations and Paralympics

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION

SUBMITTED BY:

Scott A. Blackmun, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT

To accept USA Climbing (USAC) as the National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing and as an Olympic Sport Organization member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Olympic Agenda 2020 provided that host cities had the option of proposing new sports and events for inclusion in their respective editions of the Olympic Games. Tokyo 2020 requested that Sport Climbing be included on the program for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. This request was granted by the IOC. As a result, USA Climbing submitted an application to be recognized as the National Governing Body for Sport Climbing in the United States and for membership in the USOC as an Olympic Sport Organization.

Pursuant to Sections 220505(c)(4) and 220521 of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (Act) and Section 8.1 of the USOC Bylaws, the USOC has the authority to recognize an organization on the program of the Olympic Games as a National Governing Body. Further, pursuant to Section 220505(b)(8) of the Act and Section 8.1 of the USOC Bylaws, the USOC has the authority to admit an organization to membership as an Olympic Sport Organization.

Upon receipt of the application, USOC staff worked with USAC in reviewing its compliance with the requirements for National Governing Bodies and Olympic Sport Organizations, as set forth in the Act and the USOC Bylaws. In addition, two public hearings were held, on June 27, 2017, and on August 4, 2017, regarding USAC's application, as required by Section 220521(b) of the Act and Section 8.19 of the USOC Bylaws.

After considering USAC's application, USOC staff recommends that USAC be recognized as the National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing and be admitted as an Olympic Sport Organization member.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT USA Climbing, by action of the USOC Board of Directors, pursuant to Sections 220505(b)(8), 220505(c)(4) and 220521 of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and Section 8.1 of the USOC Bylaws, is recognized as the National Governing Body for the sport of Sport Climbing in the United States and is admitted as an Olympic Sport Organization member of the United States Olympic Committee.

DATE: October 13, 2017