2026-27 USRowing Election Process & Timeline

Board of Directors Regional Representative: Western Region
(Elected by Organizational Members in the Western Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for self-nominations will be distributed by November 1, 2026. [USRowing Bylaw 18(b)]
    a. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website by November 1, 2026.
    b. All nominees must be eligible to run per the requirements in the Bylaws.
    c. Nominations must be received by Saturday, November 21, 2026. Please note that nominees must pass a background check and complete their SafeSport training to be eligible to run.
    d. A notice will go out on November 23, 2026, to remind eligible voters to update their email address on file in the USRowing member database.
2. **Posting of Nominees and Election Process:** USRowing will post all nominees who meet the eligibility requirements, and information on how to vote to its website by Monday, November 30, 2026.
3. **Election Process:** USRowing will use an independent, electronic voting service to administer the election.
    a. USRowing will upload candidate names and bios beginning November 30, 2026.
    b. USRowing will upload the eligible voter list to the election administrator on Friday, December 18, 2026 (Date of Record).
    c. Election will commence on January 2, 2027, and voting will run through February 1, 2027. *[USRowing Bylaw 50]*
    d. USRowing will post election results by Wednesday, February 3, 2027.
4. **Administration**
    a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
    b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

Board of Directors Athlete Representatives
(Elected by Athlete Members as defined in the USRowing Bylaws.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for self-nominations will be sent to all athletes (Athlete Members) eligible to vote [USRowing Bylaws 11(A)] by November 1, 2026. [USRowing Bylaws 18(B)]

a. USRowing will use its roster data on file to pull the eligible voting list from the qualified athletes representing the United States from 2017-2026.
    i. "Athlete Members" shall consist of those individuals who meet the definition of "NGB 10 Year Athlete" in the USOPC Bylaws.
b. USRowing will use the email addresses on file in the USRowing membership database to contact eligible members. Athletes who are part of the voting pool should check their membership information in the membership portal or contact USRowing prior to the Date of Record, November 15, 2026, to ensure their contact information is current and accurate. A notice will go out on October 16 (45 days prior to the start of the election) to remind eligible voters to update their email address on file in the USRowing member database. A second notice will go out on October 26 to remind eligible voters to update their email address on file in the USRowing member database in order to incorporate eligible Athlete Members who competed on the World Rowing Beach Sprint National Team, which concludes October 21.
c. Nomination materials also will be posted on USRowing's website by November 1, 2026.
d. All nominees must be eligible to run per the requirements above.
e. Nominations must be received by Saturday, November 21, 2026.

2. **Posting of Nominees and Election Process:** USRowing will post all nominees who meet the eligibility requirements, and information on how to vote to its website by Wednesday, November 25, 2026.
3. **Election Process:** USRowing will use an independent, electronic voting service to administer the election.
    a. USRowing will upload the eligible voters list after November 15, 2026, and prior to December 1, 2026.
    b. USRowing will upload candidate names and bios by November 25, 2026.
    c. Election will commence on December 1, 2026, and voting will run through December 21, 2026.
    d. USRowing will post election results on Wednesday, December 23, 2026.
    e. Term will commence on January 1, 2027.
4. **Administration**
    a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
    b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

Board of Directors At-Large Positions

(Selected by the Board members in office at the time of selection.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for nominations will be distributed by November 1, 2026. [USRowing Bylaw 18(b)]
    a. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website on November 1, 2026.

   b. Nominations must be received by Friday, January 15, 2027. Please note that nominees must pass a background check and complete their SafeSport training to be eligible to run.
2. **List of Nominees:** USRowing staff will provide all nominees/nomination materials for those who submitted information by the deadline to the Board nominating committee chair by Wednesday, January 20, 2027.
3. **At-Large Representatives**
   a. One **At-Large Director** to the **Board of Directors** is up for election by those Directors defined in Sections 26(A)-(C) of the Bylaws for a four (4)-year term of office.
4. **Administration**
   a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
   b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

Regional Referee Coordinators: Southeast and Southwest Regions
(Elected by the current referees in the respective regions. See USRowing's Referee Internal Operating Procedures for regional lists as they differ from the USRowing Bylaws.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for self-nominations will be distributed by November 1, 2026. [USRowing Bylaw 18(b)]
   a. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website by November 1, 2026.
   b. All nominees must be eligible to run per the requirements in the Bylaws.
   c. Nominations must be received by Saturday, November 21, 2026. Please note that nominees must pass a background check and complete their SafeSport training to be eligible to run.
   d. A notice will go out on November 23, 2026, to remind eligible voters to update their email address on file in the USRowing member database.
2. **Posting of Nominees and Election Process:** USRowing will post all nominees who meet the eligibility requirements, and information on how to vote to its website by Monday, November 30, 2026.
3. **Election Process:** USRowing will use an independent, electronic voting service to administer the election.
   a. USRowing will upload candidate names and bios beginning November 30, 2026.
   b. USRowing will upload the eligible voter list to the election administrator on Friday, December 18, 2026 (Date of Record).
   c. Election will commence on January 2, 2027, and voting will run through February 1, 2027.
   d. USRowing will post election results by Wednesday, February 3, 2027.
4. **Administration**
   a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)

b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

Referee Committee At-Large Positions
(Selected by the CEO.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for self-nominations will be distributed by November 1, 2026. [USRowing Bylaw 18(b)]
    a. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website on or before November 1, 2026.
    b. All nominees must be eligible to run per the requirements in the Referee IOP.
    c. Nominations must be received by Saturday, November 21, 2026. Please note that nominees must complete a background check to be eligible to run.
2. **List of Nominees:** USRowing staff will provide all nominees/nomination materials for those who submitted information by the deadline to the CEO by Monday, November 30, 2026.
3. **Committee At-Large Representatives**
    a. One (1) Referee Committee At-Large Representative is selected in December of 2026 by USRowing's Chief Executive Officer.
4. **Administration**
    a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
    b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

USRowing Athlete Council At-Large Representatives (Two Available Positions)
(Selected by a vote of the USRowing Athlete Council members in office at the time of selection.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for self-nominations will be distributed by November 1, 2026.
    a. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website on or before November 1, 2026.
    b. All nominees must be eligible to run per the requirements in the Bylaws including meeting the definition of "Athlete Member." [USRowing Bylaw 11(a)]
    c. Nominations must be received by Friday, January 15, 2027. Please note that nominees must pass a background check and complete their SafeSport training to be eligible to run.
2. **List of Nominees:** USRowing staff will provide all nominees/nomination materials for those who submitted information by the deadline to Athlete Council chair by Wednesday, January 20, 2027.
3. **USRowing AC At-Large Representatives**
    a. Two (2) USRowing Athlete AC At-Large Representative are elected in by a vote of the Athlete Council members in office at the time of election.
    b. Term will begin March 1, 2027.

4. **Administration**
    a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
    b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures

High Performance Committee and Para High Performance Committee At-Large Positions

(Selected by the Board members in office at the time of selection.)

1. **Call for Nominations:** A call for nominations will be distributed by November 12, 2026.
    c. Nomination materials will be posted on USRowing's website on November 12, 2026.
    d. Nominations must be received by Saturday, November 21, 2026. Please note that nominees must pass a background check and complete their SafeSport training to be eligible to run.
5. **List of Nominees:** USRowing staff will provide all nominees/nomination materials for those who submitted information by the deadline to the Board of Directors by Monday, November 30, 2026.
5. **At-Large Representatives**
    a. Two **At-Large Directors** to the **High Performance Committee** are up for selection by those Directors defined in Sections 26 of the Bylaws for a four (4)-year term of office.
    b. Two **At-Large Directors** to the **Para High Performance Committee** is up for selection by those Directors defined in Sections 26 of the Bylaws for a four (4)-year term of office.
6. **Administration**
    a. The election process will be administered by Brett Johnson, USRowing Senior Director of Operations (brett.johnson@usrowing.org)
    b. The USRowing Grievance Procedures can be found online at: https://usrowing.org/governance/policies-procedures