

US SAILING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Youth Olympic Games, 2018

December 2, 2017

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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

- 1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

- 1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

- 1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.

Additional IF Requirement

All athletes must have third party liability insurance in place for the Youth Olympic Games in accordance with World Sailing rules.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

The following events will be used by World Sailing to allocate country quota places and they will also be used as part of the discretionary selection process (see Section 2 for details):

Kitesurfing – IKA Twin Tip Racing

- The North & South American Qualification Tournament, **Cabarete, Dominican Republic, January 15-20, 2018**
- The 2018 World Championships, **Shanwei, China, April 10-15, 2018**

Windsurfer – Techno 293+

- The 2017 World Championships, **Quiberon, FRA, July 15-20, 2017**
- The North American Qualification Tournament, **Yucatan, Mexico, May 23-27, 2018**

Two-Person Multihull – Nacra 15

- The North and South America Qualification Tournament, Miami, USA, **November 18-20, 2017**
- The 2018 World Championships, Barcelona, ESP, Apr. 22-28, 2018

In addition to the events listed above, the following events will be used by US Sailing as part of the discretionary selection process (see Section 2 for details):

- For the Two-Person Multihull – Nacra 15, the US Sailing's 2018 Youth World Qualifier events:

- Nacra 15 Midwinters East, Clearwater, FL, January 2-4, 2018
- Nacra 15 Regatta, Long Beach, CA, March 29-31, 2018

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

All events are open therefore there are no restrictions or qualification standards limiting entry.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

World Sailing has determined that the maximum quota per NOC is 3 males and 3 females. The United States Olympic Committee has determined that a maximum of 5 (five) ~~4 (four)~~ athletes, regardless of gender, will represent the United States at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in the sport of Sailing.

World Sailing has determined that an athlete will qualify quotas places for his or her NOC by virtue of the following:

1. 'Being the top ranked boat in the respective event(s) at the respective Continental Qualification Events'.
2. 'Being the top ranked boat in the respective event(s), at the World Championships, if not previously qualified'.

Quota slots are awarded in accordance with the procedures outlined in section D of World Sailing Qualification System (Attachment A).

Once quotas places have been qualified for Team USA, US Sailing will nominate 5 (five) ~~4 (four)~~ athletes, from the pool of eligible athletes, to the YOGs through the use of discretion as outlined in section 2 below

- 1.3.1. In order for an athlete to become eligible for selection they must first meet all the requirements outlined in 1.1 above and the United States must have earned a country quota place for the particular discipline in which they compete.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Discretion will be used to nominate 5 (five) ~~4 (four)~~ athletes, from the pool of eligible athletes, to the YOGs. Discretion will be used to select the most competitive team to represent the United States at the YOGs.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): The following discretionary criteria will be used to select the YOG team (in no particular order):

- Place finish at the 2017/2018 World Championships.
- Place finish at the 2017/2018 North American and Caribbean Continental Qualification Tournaments.
- History of competitive performances at international events from July 1, 2017 – August 1, 2018

In addition to the events listed above, the Two-Person Multihull – Nacra 15 criteria will also include:

- The average of the place finishes at US Sailing's 2018 Youth World Qualifier events listed in Section 1.2.1.

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Youth Olympic Games Selection Committee

Malcolm Page, Chief of Olympic Sailing

Leandro Spina, Olympic Development Director

Cory Sertl, Olympic Sailing Committee Member, US Sailing Vice President, athlete

Sally Barkow, Olympic Sailing Committee Member, athlete

2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or

high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, US Sailing has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by US Sailing may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Sailing:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to US Sailing's Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved US Sailing physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved US Sailing physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of US Sailing's Code of Conduct (Attachment B).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per US Sailing's Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in the US Sailing's Bylaw, Part VII and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to US Sailing's Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

As permitted by World Sailing and/or IOC Youth Olympic Games policy, a replacement athlete will be selected from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

As permitted by World Sailing and/or IOC Youth Olympic Games policy, a replacement athlete will be selected from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Sailing will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of conclusion of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

US Sailing Code of Conduct (Attachment B)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by US Sailing in the following locations:

7.1. NGB's Website: <http://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/youth-olympic-games/>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: 10 August 2018

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

The Olympic Development Director will create a training schedule specific to each class after qualification. Should a training camp(s) become necessary, all athletes will be notified within 30 days of each event via email.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/ group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Malcolm Page, Chief of Olympic Sailing
Leandro Spina, Olympic Development Director
Cory Sertl, Olympic Sailing Committee Member, US Sailing Vice President, athlete
Sally Barkow, Olympic Sailing Committee Member, athlete
Meredith Brody, Olympic Manager

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

US Sailing's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://about.ussailing.org/Bylaws.htm>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and World Sailing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and World Sailing rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

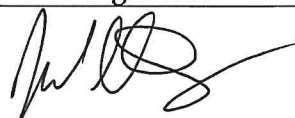
14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN



Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Sailing.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Jack Gushwolt		6/26/18

Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Malcolm Page		6/26/18
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Sally Barkow		6-26-18

* If the USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

