



US Sailing Athlete Selection System and Requirements Youth Sailing World Championship 2019 Gdynia, Poland | July 13-19 2019

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**
All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2019 (born after 31 December 2000).
- **Citizenship**
Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception. The athlete's passport shall not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2019 Youth Worlds.
- **World Sailing ID**
All prospective athletes shall have a registered 'World Sailor ID' on the World Sailing website.
- **US Sailing Membership**
Competitors must have a US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOC or its affiliated organizations.
- **Gender**
Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

Equipment

The USA qualification events to the Youth Worlds will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below. This list is subject to change if and only if World Sailing announces a different list of equipment for the Youth Worlds.

- Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Boys' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girls' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m² sail & 60cm fin
- Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m² sail & 60cm fin
- Boys' Skiff – 29er
- Girls' Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Multihull – Nacra15

USA Qualification to the Youth Worlds

US Sailing's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) will select one eligible prospective athlete in each of the single-handed classes and one team of two eligible prospective athletes for each of the double-handed classes to represent their country at the 49th Youth Sailing World Championship 2019 to be held in Gdynia, Poland.



- **Laser Radial, i420, 29er & Nacra15:** qualification will be based on a two-event qualification system as outlined below:
 - **First Event**
 - Laser Radial: Radial Midwinters East | February 21-24 | Clearwater, FL
 - i420: i420 North American Championship | January 19-21 | Coconut Grove, FL
 - 29er: 29er Youth Worlds Qualifier #1 | February 16-18 | Miami Beach, FL
 - Nacra15: Nacra15 Midwinter's East | February 16-18 | New Orleans, LA
 - **Second Event**
 - Laser Radial: Radial Midwinters West | March 22-24 | Marina Del Rey, CA
 - i420: i420 Midwinter Championship | February 16-18 | Miami Beach, FL
 - 29er: 29er Midwinters West | March 22-24 | Coronado, CA
 - Nacra15: St.FYC Spring Dinghy/Nacra15 Midwinter's West | March 22-24 | San Francisco, CA
 - If either the first or second event is a "non-event", as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the remaining event will be the sole qualifier for that class.
 - If both the first and second events are "non-events", as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the 2019 US Youth Sailing Championships will be the sole qualifier for that class.
 - Final finishing position, not net points, determines an athlete's/team's points from an event and counts toward series standing; e.g.: 10th place = 10 points.
 - Scores from each event are added together for a total combined score; e.g.: 10th and 3rd place finishes add up to 13 points in the qualification system.
 - The scores of ineligible teams who compete in these events and finish ahead of eligible teams will still count in this scoring system when factoring an eligible team's score; e.g.: a 10th place finish is 10 points regardless of the eligibility of athletes/teams finishing in 1st through 9th.
 - Competitors must compete and be scored in both the first and second events to be eligible.
 - Competitors must sail the same class in both the first and second events to be eligible.
 - In double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at the second qualifying event, a substitute athlete may be approved by the OSC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC.
 - If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of the better score at the second qualifying event.
- **RS:X (both genders):** the OSC will select based on the following criteria:
 - Physical
 - Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance in 2018 and 2019 regattas on windsurfing equipment.
 - Has the appropriate physical size to be at a competitive height and weight for the RS:X equipment.
 - Technical Proficiency
 - Board handling and trim techniques on windsurfing equipment (tacking, gybing, sail trim, starting line acceleration and balance), as well as race situations and tactics, as evidenced by performances in 2018 and 2019 regattas.
 - Experience on RS:X equipment in wide range of wind/wave conditions.
 - Athletes are encouraged to compete in the following regattas:



- Orange Bowl International Youth Windsurfing Regatta | Dates TBD | Coconut Grove, FL
- Clearwater Midwinters | Dates TBD | Clearwater, FL
- o All individuals must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Athlete Eligibility section in this document. Eligible athletes must submit their sailing resume and a 2019 training plan to Meredith Carroll (meredithcarroll@ussailing.org) by March 31, 2019.

Substitutions

- In the case that a selected single-handed athlete is unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking athlete will be selected.
- In double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at Youth Worlds after selection, a substitute athlete may be approved by the OSC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC. The OSC reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team. In the case of both athletes in a double-handed boat being unable to compete, the next highest-ranking team will be selected.

Athlete Conduct

Any athlete found to violate the US Sailing Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) at any time from the publishing of this document through the commencement of Youth Worlds may not be eligible to represent the USA at Youth Worlds. All decisions regarding an Athlete's violations of the US Sailing Code of Conduct in regard to an athlete's eligibility to compete at Youth Worlds will be made by US Sailing based on the procedures defined in the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations.

NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

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

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

Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)

E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org

<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

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