



**Athlete Selection System and Requirements
for
2018 US Youth Championship
Wrightsville Beach, NC
June 23-27, 2018
Hosted by the Carolina Yacht Club**

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein.

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**
A prospective athlete shall be under the age of 20 years on 31 December 2018 (born after 31 December 1999).
- **Citizenship**
A prospective athlete shall be a citizen of the USA or an eligible permanent resident with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4, unless the Organizing Authority grants an exception to this requirement based on a written request to do so.
- **US Sailing Membership**
A prospective athlete must be a member of US Sailing.

Equipment

The 2018 US Youth Championship will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below:

- One Person Dinghy – Laser
- One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Two Person Multihull – Nacra 15
- One Person Windsurfer – T293+
- Two Person Skiff – 29er

Selection

Up to 200 prospective athletes will be selected for entry in the 2018 US Youth Championship. Up to 100 of these will be provided invitations based on performance at an Early Acceptance regatta, with the remaining athletes selected based on resume. ALL athletes must complete an application to the US Youth Championship on the US Youth Championships website by the posted deadline to be considered for selection. The selection committee will release the acceptance and waiting lists no later than May 1st, 2018.

Early Acceptance Regattas

9/18/17 update: Highlighted regattas have recently updated dates and/or locations
12/7/2017 Update: Highlighted regattas have recently updated dates and/or locations

Laser (open): Up to 9 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 3: Atlantic Coast Championship | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 13-15, 2018
- Top 3*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 22-25, 2018
- Top 3*: **Midwinters West | Santa Barbara, CA | March 23-25, 2018**

Laser Radial Boy: Up to 15 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 3: Chubb US JR Championship (Smythe) | Toms River, NJ | August 8-11, 2017
- Top 3*: Atlantic Coast Championship | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 13-15, 2018
- Top 3*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 22-25, 2018
- Top 3*: Spring High Performance Regatta | Houston, TX | March 2-4, 2018
- Top 3*: **Midwinters West | Santa Barbara, CA | March 23-25, 2018**

Laser Radial Girl: Up to 14 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 6: US JR Women's Singlehanded Champs (Leiter) | Houston, TX | July 6-11, 2017
- Top 2*: Atlantic Coast Championship | Ft Lauderdale, FL | January 13-15, 2018
- Top 2*: Midwinters East | Clearwater, FL | February 22-25, 2018
- Top 2*: Spring High Performance Regatta | Houston, TX | March 2-4, 2018
- Top 2*: **Midwinters West | Santa Barbara, CA | March 23-25, 2018**

i-420 Boy: Up to 7 Teams** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: i-420 Atlantic Coast Championship | Greenwich, CT | September 30- October 1, 2017
- Top 2*: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2017
- Top 2*: North American Championship | Miami, FL | January 13-15, 2018
- Top 1*: Midwinter Championship | Miami, FL | February 17-19, 2018

i-420 Girl: Up to 6 Teams** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: i-420 Atlantic Coast Championship | Greenwich, CT | September 30- October 1, 2017
- Top 2*: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2017
- Top 1*: North American Championship | Miami, FL | January 13-15, 2018
- Top 1*: Midwinter Championship | Miami, FL | February 17-19, 2018

Nacra 15 (open): Up to 8 Teams of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: North American Championship | Miami, FL | November 18-20, 2017
- Top 3*: **Nacra 15 Regatta | Clearwater, FL | January 2-4, 2018**
- Top 3*: **Nacra 15 Regatta | Long Beach, California | March 29-31, 2018**

T293+ Boy: Up to 3 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 2: Orange Bowl Youth Windsurf Regatta | Miami, FL | December 28-30, 2017
- Top 1*: Clearwater Midwinters | Clearwater, FL | March 9-11, 2018

T293+ Girl: Up to 2 Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Orange Bowl Youth Windsurf Regatta | Miami, FL | December 28-30, 2017
- Top 1*: Clearwater Midwinters | Clearwater, FL | March 9-11, 2018



29er Boy: Up to 5 Teams** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2017
- Top 1*: Spring High Performance Regatta | Houston, TX | March 2-4, 2018
- Top 1*: Midwinters East | Miami, FL | March 16-18, 2018
- Top 2*: Midwinters West | Coronado, CA | March 23-25, 2018

29er Girl: Up to 4 Teams** of Prospective Athletes selected by Early Acceptance:

- Top 1: Open Orange Bowl | Miami, FL | December 27-30, 2017
- Top 1*: Spring High Performance Regatta | Houston, TX | March 2-4, 2018
- Top 1*: Midwinters East | Miami, FL | March 16-18, 2018
- Top 1*: Midwinters West | Coronado, CA | March 23-25, 2018

****Prospective Athlete (singlehanded classes) or Team of Prospective Athletes (doublehanded classes) not already selected in that class.***

*****29er and i-420 teams must sail as male/male or female/female teams in order to be eligible for Early Acceptance. However, mixed teams in all doublehanded classes may apply via resume.***