



US Sailing Athlete Selection System and Requirements Youth Sailing World Championship 2017 Sanya, China | December 9-16, 2017

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**
All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2017 (born after 31 December 1998).
- **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 2017 Youth Worlds.
- **ISAF Sailor**
All prospective athletes shall be registered as an 'ISAF Sailor' on the World Sailing website.
- **US Sailing Membership**
All prospective athletes must be a member of US Sailing.
- **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
- Girls's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Boy's Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girls's 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
- Boy's Skiff – 29er
- Girl's Skiff – 29er
- Open Multihull – Nacra 15

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 47th Youth Sailing World Championship 2017 to be held in Sanya, China.

Laser Radial, i420, & 29er (both genders for all three classes): qualification will be based on a two-event qualification system as outlined below.

- **First Event (by equipment class)**
 - Laser Radial: Radial Midwinters East | February 23-26, 2017 | Clearwater Beach, FL



- i420: i420 Midwinters | February 18-20, 2017 | Miami Beach, FL
 - 29er: 29er Midwinters West | March 24-26, 2017 | Coronado, CA
 - **Second Event (all classes)**
 - US Sailing Youth Championships | June 24-28, 2017 | Corpus Christi, TX
 - If any of the above first events are “non-events” as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the 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; ie: 10th place = 10 points.
 - Scores from each event are added together for a total combined score; ie: 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; ie: 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 Youth Champs, a substitute athlete may be approved by the OSC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC. If the original team has applied and been accepted to Youth Champs, a request for team composition change must also be submitted to the National Chair of Youth Champs for approval.
 - 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 event, US Sailing Youth Championships.
- **Nacra 15:** qualification will be based on performance at the US Youth Sailing Championships, Corpus Christi, TX, June 24-28, 2017. The highest finishing eligible prospective team will be selected.
 - **RS:X (both genders):** the OSC will select by sailing resume* based on the following criteria:
 - All applicants must race at either the US Sailing Youth Championships in the Techno 293 Plus June 24-28, 2017 or the RS:X Windsurfing Youth World Championship June 24 - July 1, 2017 in order to be considered for Youth Worlds selection
 - Regatta results
 - Training Plan for 2017 Youth Worlds preparation
 - Demonstrated ability in the RS:X

Substitutions

- In the case that the selected single-handed athletes are 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.

*Where selection is made by resume, the OSC reserves the right to not select an athlete to send to the Youth Worlds.

OSC will announce final selection by July 14, 2017, two weeks after conclusion of Youth Champs. All qualified athletes must sign the Code of Conduct prior to being confirmed on the Youth World Team.