



US Sailing

Guiding Principles for Athlete Selection

Youth Sailing World Championship

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

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

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age & Gender**

World Sailing publishes the athlete age eligibility detail annually. Typically, athletes shall be under the age of 19 years by the end of the calendar year of Youth Worlds. Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

- **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 event.

- **Membership: ISAF Sailor & US Sailing**

All prospective athletes must have a registered 'World Sailor ID' on the World Sailing website. All prospective athletes must be a member of US Sailing.

Equipment

World Sailing publishes the equipment list annually, and US Sailing then finalizes selection procedures based on this equipment announcement.

USA Qualification to the Youth Worlds

Based on pre-announced selection procedures, US Sailing's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) will select one eligible prospective athlete for each of the single-handed classes and one team of two eligible prospective athletes for each of the double-handed classes to represent the USA at Youth Worlds.

Qualification Principles

If Youth Worlds is held in July, athlete selection for the US representatives will be based on two designated class-specific events held within 9 months of the Youth Worlds event.

If the Youth Worlds are held in December, athlete selection for the US representatives will be based on two designated class-specific events held within 9 months of the Youth Worlds event. When appropriate, US Sailing's Youth Champs will be used as the second event.

For all qualification events, the OSC will consider venue conditions of Youth Worlds when determining the qualification events.

Timing Intention

The OSC will confirm a team at minimum 8 weeks prior to Youth Worlds to allow team preparation time. It is the intent to announce the selection events 12 months prior to the Youth Worlds.