

# US SAILING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

## World Sailing Youth Match Racing Worlds

December 14, 2018

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4
  - Athlete must hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- All athletes shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year of the Event.
- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor).
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

### 2. SELECTION

The following is the procedure used by the Youth Match Racing Worlds Selection Committee to select the skipper to represent the U.S. at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship. The Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the criteria below and will make their selection.

- Most current World Sailing Open Match Racing ranking as of the time of selection
- Demonstrated match racing ability at the following events will be used for reference:
  - The most recent Governor's Cup
  - The most recent ICSA Match Race Championship
  - The most recent Rose Cup
- Other match racing experience
- Declared training program
- Any issues involving sportsmanship
- Older applicants will have preference over younger applicants when otherwise fairly similar

Applications must be submitted online by midnight Central Time on February 15 of the year of the Event. The application is available at [www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/)

The skipper nominated to represent the U.S. shall inform the Selection Committee of his or her crew, all of whom must be eligible under Section 1, Eligibility.

Selection challenge procedure: Once selection is announced, athletes who wish to challenge the selection process shall have one week (7 days) from the official publication of selection to file a challenge online to an independent panel who will review the selection and may consult with the Selection Committee Chair. The Selection Challenge Committee will issue its decision within one week (7 days) from the close of the challenge deadline. Challenges are to be sent to Ms. Lee Parks at: [LeeParks@USSAILING.ORG](mailto:LeeParks@USSAILING.ORG)

### 3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

3.1.. An athlete who is to be nominated to represent the U.S. in the World Sailing Youth Match Racing Championship 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 Chairman of the Match Racing Committee.

3.1.2. Injury or illness that develops, or is additional since the qualifying performance, which newly affects athlete's performance, 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.

An athlete who is removed from representing the U.S. in the Event pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per US Sailing's Bylaws as mentioned in US Sailing's Bylaw 702 and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

3.2. An athlete may be removed as a representative of the U.S. in the Event 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**

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement athlete will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above, and approved by the Youth Match Racing Worlds Selection Committee.

#### **5. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

US Sailing's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block](http://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block)

See also Section 2, Selection, for the challenge procedure if selection is the issue.

#### **6. 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](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)

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

**AS THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR SAILING IN THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AGE, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, GENETIC INFORMATION, OR ANY OTHER STATUS PROTECTED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW, WHERE APPLICABLE.**