

**US SAILING**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2020 OFFSHORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
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**Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the 2020 Offshore World Championship Selection Procedures are currently under review for amendments.**

World Sailing has not yet published the NoR for the Offshore World Championships 2020, but the event will be raced in L30s from October 10-22, 2020, in Valletta, Malta alongside the Rolex Middle Sea Race.

World Sailing may announce a series of qualification events for country (Member National Authority) quota places. Assuming the US qualifies for or is awarded one or more quota places, this document will govern US athlete selection.

**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

A person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the Offshore World Championships 2020.

**1. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

- 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 World Offshore Championships 2020.
- All prospective athletes shall be registered as a current and active 'World Sailing Sailor' on the World Sailing website.
- Athletes must be members in good standing of US Sailing.
- Gender – Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event. This event specifies a mixed two-person team – one man and one woman.
- Safety requirement -- Each athlete must have completed a US Sailing International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training within the last 3 years and prior to ~~May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020~~ **June 15, 2020** and must have completed an OSR-recognized first aid course within the last 5 years and prior to ~~May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020~~ **June 15, 2020**. (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>).
- Offshore Experience – all prospective athletes must have completed a minimum of 200nm as part of a Two-Person crew.
- Any additional World Sailing requirements listed in the 2020 Offshore Worlds NoR.
- Athletes must comply with the US Sailing Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) from the published date of this document through the Offshore World Championships.

## 2. APPLICATION PROCESS

Prospective athletes must apply as a team and submit an application to US Sailing. The online application will be available starting March 1<sup>st</sup> at

<https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/offshoreworlds2020/>

The application period will close at midnight Central Time on ~~Monday, June 1, 2020.~~ **Thursday, April 1, 2020.**

## 3. MANDATORY TRYOUT EVENT

The process to select the US entry to the 2020 Offshore World Championships is a discretionary process (see Section 6). In order to be eligible for consideration as the US entry, teams must be eligible for those events (see Section 1) and must compete in the Mixed Two Person division of the 2020 Chicago – Mackinac Race hosted by Chicago Yacht Club, to be sailed in J-88s. The start date will be July 17, 2020.

<https://www.cycracetomackinac.com/>

The intention of the Chicago-Mackinac Race Organizers is to provide six (6) boats for charter with sails and a partial inventory of safety equipment. The following selection process (Section 4) will govern how teams will be assigned the provided boats at this tryout event.

The Organizers also intend to allow entry to teams chartering or bringing their own J-88.

The inspection, measurement and equalization process for all boats, sails and the complete list of required safety equipment will be specified in the Notice of Race of the Chicago-Mackinac Mixed Two Person division.

## 4. SELECTION PROCESS FOR PROVIDED BOATS AT CHICAGO-MACKINAC

Completed applications submitted by prospective teams who have requested a provided boat will be reviewed by the Offshore Selection Committee (described below in Section 5). Selected teams will be notified no later than ~~Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020,~~ **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** and must complete their entry in the Chicago-Mackinac Race by ~~June 15<sup>th</sup>~~ **Wednesday, April 15, 2020** or an alternate team will be given their spot.

## 5. OFFSHORE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Prior to the close of the application period ~~on June 1, 2020,~~ the Olympic Development Director, Chair of the Selection Committee and Athlete Advisory Representative to the USOPC will form an Offshore Selection Committee. This Committee will include representatives from the following US Sailing Committees: Olympic Sailing Committee, Selection Committee, Offshore Committee and Safety at Sea Committee as well as members-at-large with relevant offshore and short-handed distance racing experience.

All members of the Offshore Selection Committee will be required to fill out a conflict of interest disclosure form and submit it to the Chair of the Grievance Committee. If a conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from voting and may be replaced.

The Offshore Selection Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the selection criteria below:

Sailing is a sport that requires proficiency in a wide range of individual skills including physical, technical and psychological elements. Long-distance offshore racing requires additional experience and knowledge of safety procedures as specified below. For a successful double-handed team, the skills of each athlete must combine to form an effective unit.

- Physical
  - Possesses appropriate fitness and strength.
  - Each teammate has the appropriate physical size to be at a competitive size and weight.
- Technical
  - Proficient in the boat handling and trim techniques (tacking, gybing, use of the spinnaker, sail trim and balance) of a double-handed keelboat in a wide range of wind/wave conditions.
  - Has knowledge of the game situations, tactics and rules.
- Safety
  - Proficient in safety procedures and use of emergency equipment
  - Proficient in use of navigation equipment and weather software
  - Has sufficient knowledge to respond appropriately to any health and medical issues during the race.
- Experience
  - Demonstrated offshore long-distance competition and seamanship at doublehanded offshore events may be used for reference, recognizing that not all applicants may be able to participate in upcoming events as listed on <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/mixed-two-person-offshore-keelboat-2024/>
  - Other offshore long-distance racing experience, ideally in short-handed racing.
  - Declared training program
- Psychological/Social
  - Possesses appropriate attitude and demeanor to be a positive member of the team, including respect for the game, personal integrity, and a strong work ethic.

## 6. SELECTION PROCESS FOR US ENTRY AT 2020 WORLDS

The following discretionary process will be used to select the U.S. entry to the 2020 Offshore World Championships. Following the conclusion of the Chicago-Mackinac Race, the Offshore Selection Committee will study the results of ~~that race~~ **the Mixed Two Person division of that race** as well as further evaluate the applications based on the Selection Criteria in Section 5 in order to make its final selection decisions. Its decisions will be announced no later than July 31st, 2020.

## 7. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

An athlete who has been nominated to represent the U.S. in the World Sailing Offshore World or European Championships may be removed for any of the following reasons:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to Meredith Brody, Olympic Director, at [MeredithBrody@ussailing.org](mailto:MeredithBrody@ussailing.org)

- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 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 USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.
- 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 USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

## **8. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

In the case that one of the selected athletes is unable to compete, a substitute athlete may be approved by the Selection Committee based on the criteria outlined in Section 3 above. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to Meredith Brody, Olympic Director, at [MeredithBrody@ussailing.org](mailto:MeredithBrody@ussailing.org). The Selection Committee reserves the right to disapprove the request and select another team.

## **9. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Meredith Brody, US Sailing Olympic Director  
 JJ Fetter, Chair of Selection Committee, Vice Chair of OSC, Olympian  
 Luther Carpenter, US Sailing Team Head Coach  
 Sally Barkow, Olympian, US Sailing Team Coach and Performance Manager  
 Joe Morris, Athlete Advisory Representative, Olympian  
 Thomas Barrows, Olympian, athlete  
 Mark Reynolds, Olympian, athlete  
 Dave Perry, Director of US Sailing, US Sailing Team Rules Advisor  
 Leandro Spina, Olympic Development Director

## **10. US SAILING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

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

## **11. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- 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.**