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QUALIFICATION FOR THE US SAILING TEAM

To qualify for the US Sailing Team, athletes/teams must meet the requirements below while training and competing in a 2024/2028 Olympic class boat. Athletes/teams will qualify for a specific Tier, Tier 1 or 2, with corresponding levels of US Sailing Team-provided support.

TIER 1: TOP 10 IN THE WORLD

To qualify for US Sailing Team Tier 1, athletes/teams must achieve a top 10 overall finish at the 2024 Olympic Games or at either of their class's two most recent scheduled Class World Championships if their equipment and event is retained for the 2028 Olympic Games.

Athletes who qualify for Tier 1 through performance at the 2024 Olympic Games will maintain this Tier status until their class's 2025 World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.

Athletes who qualify for Tier 1 through performance at a World Championship will maintain this Tier status for the next two scheduled World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.

TIER 2:

To qualify for US Sailing Team Tier 2, athletes/teams must meet either of the following criteria:

TOP 20 IN THE WORLD

- Athletes/teams must achieve a top 20 overall finish (within the top 50% of the fleet) at either of their class's two most recent scheduled Class World Championships if their equipment and event is retained for the 2028 Olympic Games.

Athletes who qualify for Tier 2 through performance at a World Championship will maintain this Tier status for the next two scheduled World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.

SPECIAL EVENT QUALIFICATION AND/OR DISCRETIONARY SELECTION*

- Win Late Selection for the 2024 Olympic Games

** Discretionary selection criteria to be published no later than March 31, 2024*

Athletes who qualify for Tier 2 via Special Event Qualification or Discretionary Selection will only maintain Tier 2 status until December 31, 2024, unless they qualify outright via the 2024 Olympic Games or their class's 2024 World Championships.

QUALIFICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

- To be officially named to the USST after qualifying for Tier 1 or Tier 2, athletes must:
 - Submit a Performance Plan to olympic@ussailing.org, to be reviewed and approved by USST High Performance Director and USST Head of Operations.
 - Sign both the 2024 US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement and the 2024 US Sailing Team Agreement and comply with all obligations detailed therein.
- Tier Duration and/or Changes
 - If an athlete/team qualifies for a Tier and subsequently qualifies for a higher Tier at 2024 Olympic Games or the following World Championship, they will move to the higher Tier beginning the first of the month following the Olympic Games or World Championship, with higher funding amount prorated to the same date.
 - Should a previously qualified athlete/team fail to qualify for Tier 1 or 2 for two consecutive scheduled World Championships, they will drop off the US Sailing Team at the conclusion of the second World Championship.
 - If an athlete/team's approved schedule conflicts with a qualifying event, the athlete/team may be named to a Tier at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director and supported by recommendation from the International Selection Committee (ISC).
 - In case of injury, illness, or pregnancy, Tier status may be extended at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director and USST Head of Operations.
- Team and/or Class Changes:
 - If an athlete/team earns Tier status and then changes partners and/or boat class/equipment, athlete(s) must submit a new Performance Plan and may be appointed to a Tier with a new partner or in a new class at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director supported by recommendation from the International Selection Committee (ISC).
 - This discretionary status is only valid until the next scheduled World Championship.
- Athlete Financial Support: US Sailing provides Direct Athlete Funding to all Tier 1 and 2 athletes named to the US Sailing Team, based on their Tier status and an approved Performance Plan.
 - Tier 1 athletes will receive \$30,000 annually
 - Tier 2 athletes will receive \$15,000 annually
- Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI): In partnership with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), all athletes who meet the qualification requirements for Tiers 1 and 2 are eligible for the USOPC's Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI), regardless of USST status.