



QUALIFICATION FOR THE US SAILING YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM - 2025

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The US Sailing Youth National Team is composed of the top American youth athletes, under age 19, in the Youth Worlds Classes (iQFOiL, Formula Kite, ILCA 6, Nacra 15, 29er, and i420). Up to 72 athletes are named to the team annually, with selection procedures updated and revised on an annual basis.

As described below, athletes in the ILCA 6, Nacra 15, 29er, and i420 may qualify for the Youth National Team based on performance at qualifying events. Athletes in the iQFOiL and Formula Kite may qualify via resume application.

The maximum number of athletes in each class will be:

Singlehanded Classes

- ILCA 6 - up to 20 athletes (top 10 male and top 10 female)
- Formula Kite - up to 6 athletes (top 3 male, top 3 female)
- iQFOiL - up to 6 athletes (top 3 male, top 3 female)

Doublehanded Classes

- Nacra 15 - up to 8 athletes (top 4 mixed teams)
- 29er - up to 16 athletes (top 4 mixed/male teams and top 4 female teams)
- i420 - up to 16 athletes (top 4 mixed/male teams and top 4 female teams)

DESIGNED FOR PERFORMANCE

Built on a culture of teamwork, preparation, and accountability, the US Youth Team aims to create the best sailors in the world in under-19 competition and prepare athletes for successful sailing careers, including the Olympic Development Program.

- Teamwork - The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.
- Preparation - Regattas are won in the weeks, months, and years before the race.
- Accountability - Commitment to your training plan, fitness program, and the team.



US SAILING YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Athlete Eligibility

- Age: All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years as of December 31, 2024.
 - *Note: Age eligibility for class championship competitions varies. Athletes who turn 19 in 2025 may not be eligible to compete in all events, but are still eligible for the US Sailing Youth National Team.*
- Citizenship: Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing, all prospective athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception.
- Membership: Competitors must have a current US Sailing membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

Selection Events | ILCA 6, Nacra 15, 29er, and i420

- ILCA 6 | up to 20 athletes
 - ILCA Midwinters East | February 20-23 | St. Petersburg, FL
 - Top 5 eligible males, Top 5 eligible females
 - ILCA Midwinters West | March 21-23 | Long Beach, CA
 - Top 5 eligible males, Top 5 eligible females (not already qualified)
- Nacra 15 | up to 8 athletes
 - Lauderdale OCR | January 18-20 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 - Top 4 eligible mixed male/female teams
- 29er | up to 16 athletes
 - 29er Midwinters East | February 15-17 | St. Petersburg, FL
 - Top 2 eligible mixed/male teams, Top 2 eligible female teams
 - 29er Midwinters West | March 21-23 | Long Beach, CA
 - Top 2 eligible mixed/male teams, Top 2 eligible female teams (not already qualified)
- i420 | up to 16 athletes
 - i420 Midwinters East | February 15-7 | Miami, FL
 - Top 2 eligible mixed/male teams, Top 2 eligible female teams
 - i420 Midwinters West | March 21-23 | Long Beach, CA
 - Top 2 eligible mixed/male teams, Top 2 eligible female teams (not already qualified)



Resume Selection | Formula Kite and iQFOiL

Athletes in the iQFOiL and Formula Kite classes may apply for selection by submitting their resume application to US Sailing by **March 15, 2025**. The resume application link will be available online at www.ussailing.org/teams/youthteam. Athletes will be notified of selection decision no later than March 31, 2025. The selection committee will include US Sailing Youth Racing Director, US Sailing Youth Performance Manager, and two or more class experts.

iQFOiL and Formula Kite athletes are encouraged to attend the following “indicator events” to demonstrate their abilities:

Formula Kite

- Mayan Windfest | January 16-19 | Cancun, MEX

iQFOiL

- Mayan Windfest | January 16-19 | Cancun, MEX
- iQFOiL Midwinters | February 20-23 | St. Petersburg, FL

Doublehanded Teammate Changes

Each crew member of a doublehanded class who qualifies for the Youth Team does so as an individual. Should the doublehanded pairing change throughout the year, any unqualified crew member may apply for discretionary admission to Training Camps or National Team Events with their previously qualified teammate. Applications will be reviewed by the Youth Racing Director and Youth Performance Manager. The doublehanded teammate change application link will be available online at www.ussailing.org/teams/youthteam.

Automatic acceptance to Training Camps or National Team Events is not guaranteed to doublehanded pairs formed under a new partnership. In cases of temporary crew changes involving an unqualified crew member for individual Training Camps or National Team Events, the unqualified crew member must complete the form for discretionary admission.

Accepting Selection

Athletes who earn selection will receive an email with registration instructions and must accept selection by completing the US Youth National Team online registration within seven (7) days of selection. Should a qualified athlete not register within seven (7) days, US Sailing may offer selection to the next qualified athlete(s).



Costs

- Membership Fee: \$750 (includes team gear and administration)
- Camp and Regatta Coaching Fees: Will vary based on class, event location, number of coaches, etc. A detailed budget for each camp/regatta will be available at the time of selection. These fees do not include athlete travel, accommodations, charter boats, etc, which are the athlete's responsibility.

Scholarships may be available on a case-by-case basis. In order to apply for a scholarship, please contact US Sailing at youth@ussailing.org.

Coaching and Support Staff Selection

The class coaches for US Sailing Youth National Team training camps and regattas will be appointed by US Sailing. The job description and application form will be available on the US Sailing website: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-people/careers/>