

US SAILING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
WORLD SAILING YOUTH MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

June 21-25, 2026
Middlefart, Denmark

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For any person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete for the U.S. at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship (“the Event”) to be held June 21 – 25 in Middlefart, Denmark.

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
- Athletes must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- All athletes shall be under 23 years old on December 31st of the year of the Event (i.e., born after 31 December 2003).
- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#)
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

2. SELECTION

2.1. The following is the procedure to be used by the International Selection Committee (ISC) to select the skipper or skippers to represent the U.S. at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship. The International Selection Committee (ISC) has asked Pearson Potts, as Chair of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee, to form an evaluation group comprised of members with integrity and match racing expertise to rank the applicants and make a selection recommendation to the ISC based on the criteria below:

- Recent results at domestic and international graded match racing events such as those listed at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/>, recognizing that not all applicants may be able to participate in all these events.

2.2. Applications must be submitted online by midnight Eastern Time on March 15, 2026 by 11:59 PM. The application is available at <https://ussailing.jotform.com/260054216672856>

2.3. The skipper nominated to represent the U.S. shall select their crew, all of whom must be eligible under Section 1, Eligibility.

2.4. The selected skipper, as well as their crew, will be required to sign the US Sailing Code of Conduct.

3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Athletes (skipper and crew) who will be representing the USA at the Event may be removed by US Sailing for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to John Pearce at US Sailing (youthchampionships@ussailing.org).

3.1.2. Violation of US Sailing's Code of Conduct ("Code of Conduct"). Any athlete found to have violated the Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) at any time from the publishing of this document through the completion of the Event may not be eligible to represent the USA at the Event. All decisions regarding an Athlete's violations of the Code of Conduct in regard to an athlete's eligibility to compete at the Event will be made by US Sailing based on the procedures defined in the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement skipper will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above, and approved by the ISC.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The International Selection Committee (ISC) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

5.1. Any member of the ISC or the evaluation group that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the person must recuse him/herself from discussions and voting. Further, the person should not otherwise influence other members of the selection process. However, a person who has recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance (for example a national team coach) may, if requested by the committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

6. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact either of the following:

US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane at rlane@hmallc.com

USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace at kacie@usathlete.org Telephone | (719) 866-2299 Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383) <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

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.

Attachment 1: 2025 Code of Conduct
Youth Match Racing Worlds Team (“Travel Team”)

The Athlete hereby pledges to uphold the spirit of US Sailing’s Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to the Athlete’s conduct as a member of the Youth Match Racing Worlds Team (“Travel Team”).

The Athlete acknowledges that he or she has a right to a hearing if the opportunity to compete is denied or if charged with a violation of this Code. The Athlete commits to familiarization with the Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of selection to the Travel Team. Failure to meet any term in the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Athletes who violate the Code of Conduct will be subject to a disciplinary review by US Sailing and penalties.

As a Member of the Youth Match Racing Worlds Team, the Athlete hereby promises and agrees that s/he:

- Shall abide by all rules related to the selection procedures as approved by US Sailing;
- Shall exercise good judgment and conduct themself with honesty, integrity, and respect for others at all times, including acting in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play;
- Shall maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit performance at the maximum of the athlete’s abilities;
- Shall follow the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code, the World Anti-Doping Code and the United States Anti-Doping Protocol, acknowledging the World Sailing, World Anti-Doping Agency and US Anti-Doping Agency rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event;
- Is not currently serving an Anti-Doping Agency violation and does not have a pending or unresolved violation charge;
- Shall review medications on www.globaldro.com and determine if any medications are considered Prohibited. If considered Prohibited, athletes will have to apply for a TUE, Therapeutic Usage Exemption. Any questions can go to olympic@ussailing.org;
- Shall be familiar with and follow the SafeSport rules, policies, and procedures adopted by the USOPC Center for SafeSport, as such rules may be amended from time to time;
- Shall successfully complete SafeSport training upon signing the Code of Conduct. Training is required every year, with a refresher course for those who have previously completed the SafeSport Training;
 - o To complete the training: go to the SafeSport website.
 - o Create an account (if not done so already) by entering Athlete’s US Sailing member ID
 - o Follow instructions for online training

- Shall complete a background check through the US Sailing provider upon signing the Code of Conduct and promptly complete this screening after receiving the e-mail prompt by Hire Image, the screening company retained by US Sailing;
- Shall not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to the athlete, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- Is eligible to compete under the rules of World Sailing;
- Shall refrain from conduct detracting from athlete's ability or that of teammates to attain peak performance;
- Shall give careful consideration to the possibility of incurring injuries that would jeopardize the ability to compete in sailing events, prior to participating in potentially hazardous sports such as skiing, snowboarding, hang gliding, rock climbing, parachuting, base jumping, waterskiing, wake boarding, etc.;
- Shall respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Shall exercise good judgment and conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and respect for team members, team coaches, staff members, other teams, supporters, spectators, and officials; shall refrain from biased or harassing behavior or verbal, physical or sexual abuse;
- Shall act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the Athlete, teammates, US Sailing, team supporters, the US Olympic Sailing Program, and the United States; and
- Shall remember at all times that s/he is an ambassador for US Sailing, the USA, and the Olympic Movement.

The Athlete acknowledges that failure to comply with any of these terms may result in forfeiture of the right to represent US Sailing and/or the USOPC at international events. US Sailing will follow all due process requirements of the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws and the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee Bylaws, where applicable, before declaring an athlete ineligible to participate.

Typed name below is considered legal and binding.

Athlete Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature if Athlete is under 18: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____