

US Sailing

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2028 Olympic Games

February 9, 2026

TO: Members of **US Sailing**

FROM: **US Sailing's International Selection Committee**

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games

To provide information in a timely manner, US Sailing is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games (Games). This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2028 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by US Sailing once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must comply with all World Sailing eligibility requirements posted here (see Qualification): <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all US Sailing, USADA, USOPC, WADA, World Sailing, and International Olympic Committee (IOC) anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the [USOPC Background Check Policy](#) and [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

B. World Sailing Qualification System Overview:

- The 2028 Olympic Games Qualification Systems Manual for Sailing has been posted here (see Qualification): <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>.
- As the host nation, USA will be allocated fourteen athlete quota places: seven for men and seven for women. USA will automatically have one boat qualified in each of the ten sailing events on condition that the athletes entered meet the eligibility requirements described in **Section C. Athlete Eligibility** of the Qualification System document.
- Additionally, to earn host nation quota places, USA must also have at least one boat competing in the respective event during the 2027 Sailing World Championships or the relevant continental qualification event.

C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:

As part of the Olympic Games selection process, certain international regattas may have restricted entry or a limited number of national quota places. To allocate these places fairly and transparently, US Sailing will

establish a National Ranking system based on results at the 2026 Sailing Grand Slam Long Beach and San Pedro Olympic Classes Regatta, listed below.

This National Ranking system will be used solely for allocating US entries into restricted-entry or limited quota international regattas in 2026-2028, including the 2027 World Championships. However, the National Ranking system will remain secondary to any separately documented athlete selection procedures for any regatta scheduled in 2027-2028 (e.g., 2028 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures). The National Ranking system is designed to eliminate subjective, resume-based entry decisions, ensuring athletes are evaluated through objective, on-water performance. Details about the National Ranking scoring system will be posted at <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/> in advance of the competitions listed below.



DATE	EVENT NAME/LOCATION
July 13-16, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – iQFOiL and Kites Long Beach, CA
July 20-24, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – ILCA 6, ILCA 7, and Mixed 470 San Pedro, CA
August 3-7, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 San Pedro, CA

Please note that additional Evaluation Events for the Olympic Games selection process will be added as dates and locations are confirmed. These additional Evaluation Events will be included in the US Sailing Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games.

D. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the World Sailing and IOC rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2028 Olympic Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the US Sailing Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/>.

For questions about the 2028 Olympic Games selection process, please contact olympic@ussailing.org

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