

US Sailing

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2027 Pan American 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 2027 Pan American Games

To provide information in a timely manner, US Sailing is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games (Games). This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2027 Pan American 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 Pan Am Sports eligibility requirements which will be posted here once available: https://www.panamsports.org/en/documents/?doc_category=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 Pan Am Sports, US Sailing, USADA, USOPC, WADA, and World Sailing 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. Pan Am Sports Qualification System Manual Overview:

The 2027 Pan American Games Qualification Manual for Sailing has not been released, so the maximum Team size cannot be confirmed at this time.

C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:

As part of the Pan American 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 for Olympic-class boats ONLY, 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., 2027 Pan American 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.


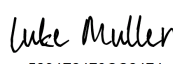
DATE	EVENT NAME/LOCATION
July 13-16, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – iQFOiL and Kites Long Beach, CA
July 20-24, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – ILCA 6, ILCA 7, and Mixed 470 San Pedro, CA
August 3-7, 2026	Long Beach and San Pedro OCR – 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 San Pedro, CA

Please note that additional Evaluation Events for the Pan American Games selection process will be added as dates and locations are confirmed. These additional Evaluation Events for Olympic-class boats and non-Olympic-class boats will be included in the US Sailing Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games.

D. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the World Sailing and Pan Am Sports rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2027 Pan American 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 2027 Pan American Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/>.

For questions about the 2027 Pan American Games selection process, please contact olympic@ussailing.org

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