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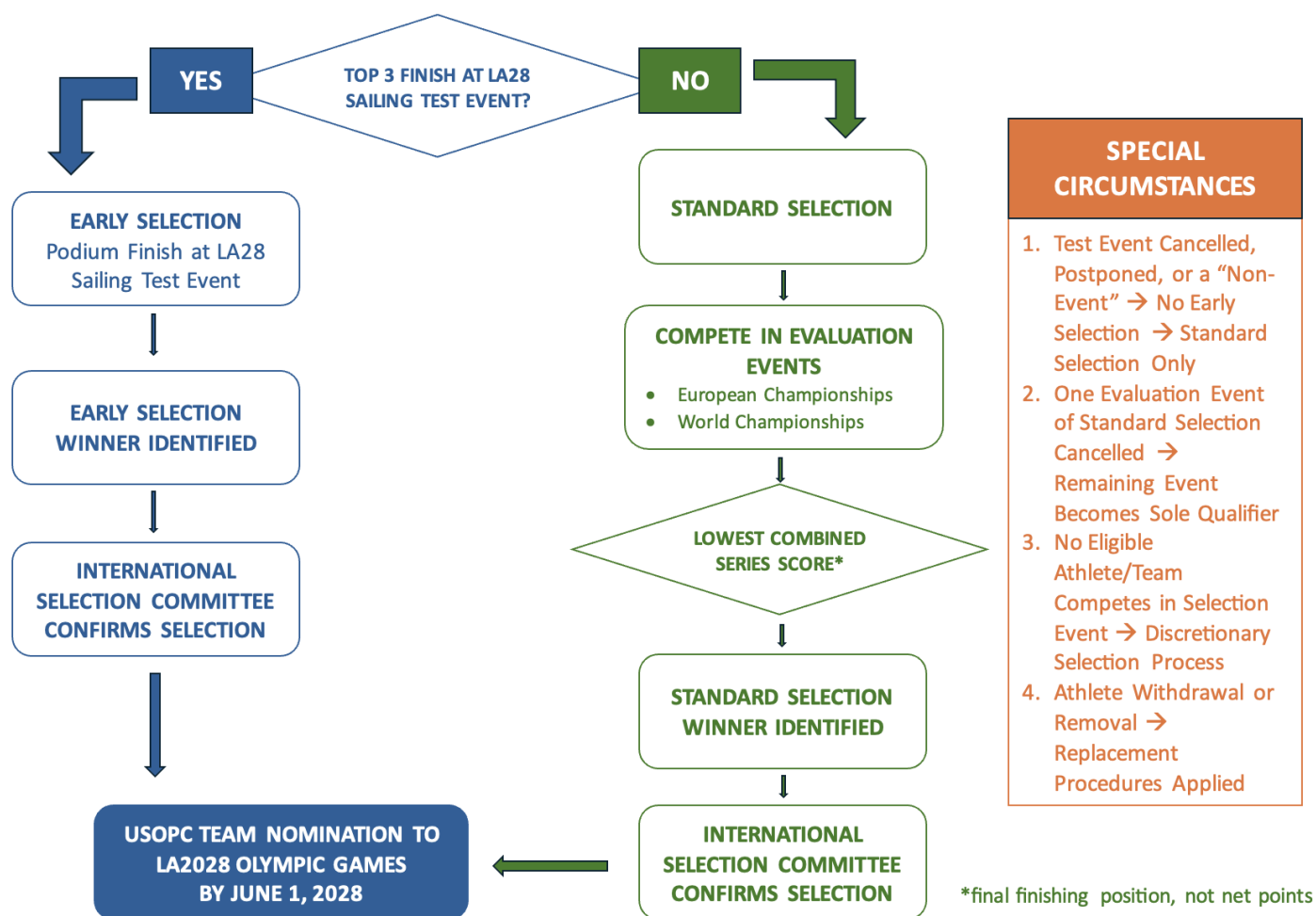
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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Summer Games for US Sailing (NGB). The maximum Team size can be fourteen (14) athletes, seven (7) for men and seven (7) for women athletes; however final Team size will depend on earned World Sailing quota. World Sailing quotas are awarded by quota places to the NOC.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS DIAGRAM

The following provides a high-level overview of how athletes will be nominated to the Team:



Note: This diagram is for informational purposes only. In the event of a conflict between the diagram and any written section herein, the written sections will take precedence.

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SECTION 3: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
 - Have a valid United States passport at the time of participation in an evaluative event that does not expire within six months after the conclusion of the 2028 Olympic Summer Games (Games).
2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) Requirements:
 - Abide by the rules in the Olympic Charter, including nationality/citizenship requirements.
 - For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the [Olympic Charter](#) (Rule 41).
 - Abide by the IOC Eligibility of Conditions Form/Conditions of Participation Form
 - Abide by the [IOC Policy on the Protection of the Female \(Women's\) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sport Governing Bodies](#), including SRY gene screening.
3. Organizing Committee Olympic Games Requirements (OCOG) Requirements:
 - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the OCOG for Los Angeles 2028.
4. World Sailing (IF) Requirements:
 - Comply with all World Sailing eligibility requirements which are posted here: <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>
 - Comply with all Class Rules and regatta measurement requirements.
5. USOPC Requirements:
 - Comply with all USOPC rules applicable to the Games (e.g., Demonstrations).
 - Complete all USOPC Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.
 - Comply with the USOPC Delegation Terms, including the Conduct Requirements, which will be made available here: <https://www.usopc.org/games-and-qualification>
 - Comply with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#), [USOPC Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#), [USOPC Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy](#), and the U.S. Center for SafeSport's [SafeSport Code](#).
 - Comply with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
6. US Sailing (NGB) Requirements:
 - Comply with the US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement.
 - Comply with the [US Sailing Code of Conduct](#).
 - Comply with the [US Sailing SafeSport Policy](#).
 - Athlete must have an active US Sailing membership.
 - Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.
 - Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.

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SECTION 4: OTHER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM

- Agree to be bound by and adhere to all IOC, World Sailing, WADA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of the IOC, World Sailing, WADA, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.
- Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, World Sailing and/or the OCOG.

SECTION 5: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

Athletes being considered for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Games will be evaluated on their performance at the below listed events.

Early Selection:

CLASS	DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
ALL	August 22-September 4, 2027	LA28 Sailing Test Event Belmont Shore (Long Beach, CA) and the Port of LA (San Pedro, CA)

Standard Selection:

CLASS	DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
Women's Windsurfing - iQFOiL	Event 1: September 18-25, 2027 Event 2: Date TBD	Event 1: 2027 Women's and Men's iQFOiL European Championships Palma de Mallorca, ESP Event 2: 2028 iQFOiL World Championships Venue TBD
Men's Windsurfing - iQFOiL	Event 1: September 18-25, 2027 Event 2: Date TBD	Event 1: 2027 Women's and Men's iQFOiL European Championships Palma de Mallorca, ESP Event 2: 2028 iQFOiL World Championships Venue TBD
Mixed Multihull - Nacra 17	Event 1: November 9-14, 2027 Event 2: January 31-February 6, 2028	Event 1: 2027 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 European Championships La Palma, Canary Islands, ESP Event 2: 2028 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 World Championships Tangier, MAR
Women's Formula Kite	Event 1: Date TBD Event 2: Date TBD	Event 1: 2027 Formula Kite European Championships Venue TBD Event 2: 2028 Formula Kite World Championships Venue TBD

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Men's Formula Kite	Event 1: Date TBD Event 2: Date TBD	Event 1: 2027 Formula Kite European Championships Venue TBD Event 2: 2028 Formula Kite World Championships Venue TBD
Women's Skiff - 49er FX	Event 1: November 9-14, 2027 Event 2: January 31-February 6, 2028	Event 1: 2027 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 European Championships La Palma, Canary Islands, ESP Event 2: 2028 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 World Championships Tangier, MAR
Men's Skiff - 49er	Event 1: November 9-14, 2027 Event 2: January 31-February 6, 2028	Event 1: 2027 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 European Championships La Palma, Canary Islands, ESP Event 2: 2028 49er, 49er FX, and Nacra 17 World Championships Tangier, MAR
Mixed Two-Person Dinghy - Mixed 470	Event 1: Date TBD Event 2: Date TBD	Event 1: 2027 Mixed 470 European Championships Venue TBD Event 2: 2028 Mixed 470 World Championships Venue TBD
Women's Dinghy - ILCA 6	Event 1: May 15-22, 2027 Event 2: February 11-18, 2028	Event 1: 2027 ILCA 6 & 7 European Championships Los Alcazares, ESP Event 2: 2028 ILCA 6 World Championships Takapuna, NZL
Men's Dinghy - ILCA 7	Event 1: May 15-22, 2027 Event 2: January 29-February 5, 2028	Event 1: 2027 ILCA 6 & 7 European Championships Los Alcazares, ESP Event 2: 2028 ILCA 7 World Championships Takapuna, NZL

National Ranking Events:

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

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Discretionary Criteria Events:

CLASS	DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
ALL	2024-2028	- World Championships - European Championships - Sailing Grand Slam events

SECTION 6: SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

As the host nation, USA will be allocated fourteen (14) athlete quota places: seven (7) for men and seven (7) for women. USA will automatically have one (1) boat qualified in each of the ten (10) sailing events on the condition that the athletes entered meet the eligibility requirements described in [Section C. Athlete Eligibility of the Qualification System document](#).

6.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

Early Selection: The LA28 Sailing Test Event is a limited entry event. Athlete Selection procedures for the LA28 Sailing Test Event will be posted on [US Sailing's Selection page](#) as soon as they are confirmed.

Standard Selection: Should any of the events listed in Section 5 "Standard Selection" have restricted entry or a limited number of national quota places, US Sailing will allocate these places by establishing a National Ranking system based on results at the 2026 Sailing Grand Slam Long Beach and San Pedro Olympic Classes Regatta.

This National Ranking system will be used solely for allocating US entries into restricted-entry or limited quota international regattas in 2026-2028. 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.

6.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

Early Selection:

The eligible athlete/team who finishes on the podium (Top 3) at the LA28 Sailing Test Event shall be declared the winner of Early Selection for that class and shall be nominated to the Team.

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If the athlete/team selected to the LA28 Sailing Test Event is unable to compete in the Test Event due to injury or illness, there will be no early selection opportunity in that class.

For Early Selection, if the event is a “non-event” as defined in the Notice of Race for that regatta, cancelled, or postponed, then there will be no early selection opportunity.

Standard Selection:

For classes in which no athlete/team achieves early selection, the International Selection Committee (ISC) shall use the combined results from the evaluative events outlined in Section 5, “Standard Selection”.

The team with the lowest combined series-score at the evaluative events listed in Section 5, “Standard Selection”, who also meets all eligibility requirements stated in Section 3 and 4, will be declared the winner of the Standard Selection for that class.

In the case of double-handed classes, both athletes on a boat/team must meet the eligibility requirements stated in Section 3 and 4, otherwise the team will be ineligible. Athletes must sail in the same class (and in two-person classes, with the same teammate) in both the first and second events to be eligible.

Final finishing position, not net points, will determine an athlete/team’s points from the regatta and count towards series standing, i.e., a 3rd place regatta finish equals 3 points in the qualification system. Scores from each regatta are added together for a total combined score: i.e., 3rd and 5th place finishes add up to 8 points in the qualification system.

The scores of ineligible athletes/teams who compete in these events and finish ahead of eligible athletes/teams will still count in this scoring system when factoring an eligible team’s score: i.e., a 10th place finish is 10 points regardless of the eligibility of athlete/teams finishing 1st through 9th.

If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of the athlete/team with the better score at a single event, i.e., should one athlete/team score a 1st place and 4th place and another athlete/team score a 2nd place and 3rd place, for a combined total five points for each athlete/team, the athlete/team with the higher, 1st place score will win selection. If there is still a tie after this, i.e., both teams have a 1st place score, the athlete/team will be ranked in order of the better score at the second event.

If only one US-eligible athlete/team competes and is scored in the first regatta, then that athlete/team will be declared the winner of the Standard Selection for that class. If more than one US-eligible athlete/team competes in the first regatta, athletes/teams must compete and be scored in both the first and second events to be eligible. In the unlikely event that all athletes/teams who compete in the first regatta are unable to compete in the second regatta, the athlete/team with the best finish at the first regatta shall be declared the winner of Standard Selection for that class.

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For Standard Selection, if any one of a class's evaluative events under Section 5 "Standard Selection" are "non-events" as defined in the Notice of Race for that regatta, cancelled, or postponed, then the one completed regatta will be the sole qualifier for that class. If both of a class's evaluative events under Section 5 are "non-events" as defined in the Notice of Race for that regatta, cancelled or postponed, the ISC will publish a revised selection procedure as soon as practicable.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the World Sailing Qualification System, the World Sailing Qualification System will take precedence.

For more details, please refer to the World Sailing Qualification System are posted here:

<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>

SECTION 7: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

7.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

Discretionary Selection may be used if:

- No eligible athlete/team competes and is scored in the evaluative events
- All eligible finishers at an evaluative event choose not to attend the 2028 Olympic Games
- A nominated athlete is removed under the guidelines described in Section 10 and there are no other eligible finishers from the evaluative events
- If one athlete on a double-handed boat nominated to the Team has to be replaced under the guidelines described in Section 10

7.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:

Sailing is a sport that requires proficiency in a wide range of individual skills including physical, technical, and psychological elements. In classes with more than one sailor in the boat, these skills must be combined to form an effective unit. US Sailing's ISC believes the system set out in Section 6 will result in the most competitive athletes, and in the case of double-handed classes, the most competitive teams.

If discretionary selection is required for the reasons outlined in Section 7.1, US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) will create a sub-committee led by the Chair of the ISC, to make a recommendation to either nominate a replacement athlete or nominate a different team utilizing the criteria below in no particular order:

- Highest probability for medal-winning performance as determined by the ISC, based on performance in 2024-2028 World Championships, European Championships, and Sailing Grand Slam events.
- Input from the remaining athlete should one athlete on a double-handed boat needs to be replaced
- The following physical and technical proficiencies:
 - Physical: Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance at past national and international regattas.

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- Technical: Proficient in the boat handling and trim techniques for the class (tacking, gybing, use of the spinnaker, sail trim and balance), and game situations and tactics, as evidenced by performance at past national and international regattas.
- The timing of the athlete replacement based on the reasons listed in Section 7.1.

7.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections or other decisions and recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process:

International Selection Committee: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-people/committee-directory/international-selection-committee>

An ISC subcommittee containing not less than 5 and not more than 7 members will be responsible for making a recommendation to the ISC on all discretionary selections.

The Sub-committee must include the following individuals:

- (1) the Chair of the ISC;
- (2) the US Sailing Representative to the Team USA Athletes' Commission (or, if such person is unavailable or has a conflict of interest (as described in Section 16 below), the Team USA Athletes' Commission Alternate Representative);
- (3) a US Sailing Team staff member;
- (4) other members which may include Olympic senior coaches and other relevant subject matter experts, all of whom must be approved by vote of the ISC; and
- (5) if necessary, additional 10 Year Athlete representatives to ensure the committee has a minimum of 33.3% athlete representation.

Any recommendation by the sub-committee must be approved by the International Selection Committee.

SECTION 8: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

It is anticipated that the athletes nominated to the Team will not be required to participate in a mandatory training program in advance of the 2028 Olympic Games.

SECTION 9: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

The Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before June 1, 2028.

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SECTION 10: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

10.1 US SAILING JURISDICTION

US Sailing has jurisdiction over athlete nominees until athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG.

- a. An athlete who is nominated to the Team by US Sailing may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Sailing:
 - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the US Sailing Director of Olympic Sailing at olympic@ussailing.org requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - ii. Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing provides certification that the Athlete has a debilitating condition. If Athlete refuses to provide verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be debilitating, and they may be removed from the Team.
 - iii. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the US Sailing Code of Conduct: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/US-Olympic-Sailing-Program-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>
 - iv. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement.
 - v. Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 3 and Section 4 of these selection procedures.
- b. An Athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team if found to have violated IOC, WADA, World Sailing, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and US Sailing SafeSport policies, as applicable.

10.2 USOPC JURISDICTION

- a. Once Athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.
- b. USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply in addition to the US Sailing Code of Conduct. The Delegation Conduct Requirements in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and are made available during the Games registration process.
- c. The USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the USOPC Dispute Resolution Policy and Hearing Procedures.
 - i. See www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution for more information.

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SECTION 11: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- 11.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the OCOG, the entry will be awarded to the next highest ranked athlete in this selection process. If there are no eligible athletes in the selection process, the vacancy will be filled using the discretionary criteria outlined in Sections 7.
- 11.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 3-4.

SECTION 12: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- 12.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the OCOG, US Sailing will follow the same process outlined in Section 11.1.
- 12.2 Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to IOC, USOPC, and World Sailing regulations including applicable Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.
- 12.3 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 3-4.

SECTION 13: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per the US Sailing's complaint procedures (<https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/review-board/>) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9 (<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>).

SECTION 14: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games:

- US Sailing Code of Conduct: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/US-Olympic-Sailing-Program-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>
- US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement

SECTION 15: DISCLAIMERS

These procedures are based on IOC and World Sailing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or World Sailing rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically

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may not have accounted for every possible contingency. If any force of nature, pandemic, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

SECTION 16: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 7.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 21) must comply with US Sailing's Conflict of Interest Policy, found in [Section 14 of the US Sailing Regulations](#), to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with US Sailing's Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business relationship or interferes with, or may be perceived to interfere with a committee member's ability to be impartial and participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. Any member of the Selection Committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the US Sailing Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themselves from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

If a conflict exists, the US Sailing Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse themselves from participating in discussions and/or voting).

During its review, the US Sailing Ethics Committee may ask a Selection Committee member or an affected person for more information at its discretion. For example, if a Selection Committee member is required to recuse themselves from voting, the US Sailing Ethics Committee may still determine that a Selection Committee member who has relevant and necessary information related to athlete performance, such as a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide that information to the Selection Committee if the information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and if the Selection Committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the US Sailing Ethics Committee. Reports may also be made anonymously through the [USOPC's Integrity Portal](#). No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest. In addition, the USOPC maintains a strict no retaliation policy that prohibits any employee, contractor, agent, volunteer, or member of the USOPC to take or threaten to take any action against an athlete for reporting information to or seeking assistance from the Office of the Athlete Ombuds.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the US Sailing International Selection Committee appointment process.

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SECTION 17: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact olympic@ussailing.org for information about these selection procedures, as well as the Team USA Athlete's Commission Representative listed below:

Name: Luke Muller

Position: Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative

Email: luke.muller1@gmail.com

ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

SECTION 18: GRIEVANCES

US Sailing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/review-board/>

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an NGB alleging that they have been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here: <https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>

SECTION 19: NON-RETALIATION

The USOPC and US Sailing have zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or US Sailing staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

- Individuals may report concerns to US Sailing by following US Sailing's Whistleblower Policy located here: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources->

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- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's [Speak Up Policy](#).

SECTION 20: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

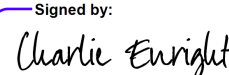
US Sailing will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process as required by the US Sailing's Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games, whichever is longer.

SECTION 21: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

US Sailing's International Selection Committee, made up of the following individuals, developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE
Chris Barnard	Chair of the International Selection Committee; Team USA Athletes' Commission Alternate Representative for Sailing
Robbie Dean	Member-at-Large
Sarah Lihan	Member-at-Large; Olympian
Charlie McKee	Member-at-Large; Olympian
Stuart McNay	10 Year Athlete Representative; Olympian
Luke Muller	Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative for Sailing; Olympian
Sheila Parker Tolle	Member-at-Large
John Pearce	US Sailing Youth Competition Manager
Judge Ryan	10 Year Athlete Representative
Molly Vandemoer	US Sailing Director of Olympic Sailing; Olympian
Kate Drummey	US Sailing Olympic Operations Manager; ISC Staff Liaison [non-voting]

The following individual approved these selection procedures and through their signature, certifies that the procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by World Sailing. The following individual further certifies that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US Sailing and that these selection procedures will be posted on the US Sailing website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
US Sailing Chief Executive Officer	Charlie Enright	Signed by:  D3D0CC19C5A346A...	9/11/2026

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The following individual affirms that they read and understand the selection procedures.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Team USA Athletes Commission Representative*	Luke Muller	DocuSigned by: <i>Luke Muller</i> 5284F2479CC2474...	9/11/2026

* If the Team USA Athletes’ Commission Representatives have delegated authority to another 10 Year Athlete Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, US Sailing must designate a 10 Year Athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

AAC – Athletes’ Advisory Council

AC – Athletes’ Commission

Act or TSOASA – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

APC – Americas Paralympic Committee

CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport

Center – U.S. Center for SafeSport

IOC – International Olympic Committee

IPC – International Paralympic Committee

IF – International Federation

NGB – National Governing Body

NOC – National Olympic Committee

NPC – National Paralympic Committee

OCOG – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. The OCOG refers to the Organizing Committee of the Paralympic Games as well.

PSO – Paralympic Sport Organization

TEAM USA AC – Team USA Athletes’ Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)

USADA – United States Anti-Doping Agency

WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency

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APPENDIX B – GLOSSARY

Contingency means a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

Delegation Event means the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

Force Majeure means an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (e.g., hurricane, tornado, etc.).

Grievance Procedures means the process that enables an athlete to file a complaint with the NGB or USOPC.

Jurisdiction means the power or authority to make decisions and judgments.

Nominated means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted to the USOPC by an NGB for participation in a Delegation Event.

Protected Competition means a Delegation Event or a Qualifying Competition.

Qualifying Competition means either of the following:

- i. **NGB Qualifying Competition:** Any competition or activity organized or approved by the NGB where the athlete's performance or results are considered in the published selection criteria to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.
- ii. **International Qualifying Competition:** Any international sport competition where (i) athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations, (ii) the NGB officially designates entrants, as required by the competition organizers, and (iii) athlete results or performance are included in the published criteria to qualify, or be selected, to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

Selected means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG at the final submission date, as determined by the OCOG.

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APPENDIX C – ATHLETE RESOURCES

ATHLETE OMBUDS

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING

Allegations of Sexual Misconduct and Child Abuse must be reported to the [U.S. Center for SafeSport](#). Allegations of Child Abuse must also be reported to [Law Enforcement](#).

Allegations of emotional abuse, physical abuse, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), or a violation of the Athlete Safety components (Section 4) of the Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy can be reported online to the USOPC through the Athlete Safety Reporting Portal found on the USOPC [Athlete Safety Page](#). Individuals may also report to the USOPC by phone at 877-404-9935. Allegations that an Athlete with an Intellectual Impairment is or has been subjected to any criminal act, including abuse and/or neglect, must also be reported to Law Enforcement.

Additional information, to include links for reporting, can be found on the USOPC [Athlete Safety Page](#).

RAINN HOTLINE

RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Hotline, provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or visit <https://rainn.org/>.

TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) *(Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)*

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission

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TEAM USA ATHLETE LEGAL AID PROGRAM

The purpose of the Athlete Legal Aid Program is to assist eligible Team USA Athletes without sufficient financial means to seek aid for fees and costs associated with legal representation or the proceeding itself with respect to claims before an anti-doping organization, NGB, IF, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USOPC, IOC/IPC, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), or other sport-related tribunal within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

WEBSITE: [Athlete Resources & Tools](#)

TEAM USA ATHLETE SERVICES

The USOPC helps support Team USA athletes from the start of their career to their retirement and beyond through direct funds, programs and services that help athletes excel in their day-to-day lives, on and off the field of play.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/athlete-benefits-and-resources

TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychservices@usopc.org, or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit www.usopc.org/mental-health for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at: go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.

USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)

For Protected Competitions, USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the [dispute resolution website](#).

USOPC COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.