

LA28 Sailing Test Event Selection Procedures

LA28 Sailing Test Event | Belmont Shore & the Port of Los Angeles

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Each MNA (Member National Authority), which, for the United States, is US Sailing, is entitled to one entry, awarded by World Sailing, in each event at the LA28 Sailing Test Event to be held at the 2028 Olympic venues of Belmont Shore (Long Beach, CA) and the Port of Los Angeles (San Pedro, CA). The U.S. athlete entries in each event will be allocated through the selection system described below. The Qualification System and Notice of Race for this event have not yet been published but will be found [HERE](#) once published.

1. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Athlete must be a national of the United States or have an approved exemption at the time of selection. 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).

1.2 Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire within six months after conclusion of the Test Event or have an approved exemption.

1.3 Class Rules requiring competitors to be members of Class Associations shall apply.

1.4 Athletes must be members of US Sailing by the time of selection.

1.5 Athletes must sign and adhere to the US Sailing [Code of Conduct](#) by the time of nomination.

1.6 Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).

1.7 Any athlete age 18 or older as of the last day of competition will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.8 Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, World Sailing, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, World Sailing, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

1.9. Athletes must have a registered “World Sailor ID” on the World Sailing website.

1.10 Athletes must meet the eligibility requirements of the **LA28 Sailing Test Event** as determined by the Organizing Authority.

2. SELECTION SYSTEM

The International Selection Committee of US Sailing will select athletes/teams using the following one-regatta system:

2.1 For all Olympic classes – Women’s Dinghy-ILCA 6, Men’s Dinghy-ILCA 7, Women’s Windsurfing-iQFOiL, Men’s Windsurfing-iQFOiL, Women’s Skiff-49er FX, Men’s Skiff-49er, Mixed Multihull-Nacra 17, Mixed Two-Person Dinghy-470, Women’s Formula Kite, and Men’s Formula Kite:

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2.2 The athlete/team with the best overall final finishing position the event listed above, who also meets all eligibility requirements stated in Section 1, will be selected as the US entry in their respective class for the LA28 Sailing Test Event.

2.3 All athletes on a boat must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Section 1, otherwise the boat will be ineligible. The scores of ineligible athletes/teams who compete in these events and finish ahead of eligible 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 athletes/teams finishing 1st through 9th.

2.4 If the regatta is a “non-event” as defined in the Notice of Race, cancelled, or postponed, the ISC will publish a revised selection procedure as soon as practicable.

2.5 If the top eligible athlete/team from the selection event chooses not to accept their entry place to the LA28 Sailing Test Event or is removed as per Section 3, the next highest eligible finisher(s) will be offered the entry and so on. If no eligible individual/team chooses to accept the place, the International Selection Committee will select the individual/team per the criteria outlined in Section 4.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A selected athlete may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Sailing:

3.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit an email to olympic@ussailing.org.

3.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.

3.3 Violation of [US Sailing's Code of Conduct](#).

3.4 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, World Sailing, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and US Sailing's SafeSport policies, as applicable.

4. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

If a selected athlete is removed under Section 3, 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 discretionary sub-committee, based on performance at the 2024-2028 World Championships, European Championships, and Sailing Grand Slam event.
- Input from the remaining athlete should one athlete on a double-handed boat need 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.
 - 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.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

US Sailing's International Selection Committee was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Chris Barnard | Chair of 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]

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the International Selection Committee as well as any discretionary sub-committee of the ISC must comply with US Sailing's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by US Sailing's Ethics Committee prior to starting the selection process and/or convening the sub-Committee to discuss any discretionary selection situation.

Any member of the ISC or ISC sub-committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to US Sailing's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process. They may recuse themselves from the review process and voting on their own initiative or as directed by the ethics committee as follows. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the Committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise – or reasonably be perceived as compromising – the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, US Sailing's Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the Committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that Committee member must recuse him/herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a Committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the Ethics Committee may still determine that a Committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, 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 so long as the Committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The Committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the Committee in the discretionary selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to US Sailing's Ethics Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual may be replaced by another member of the International Selection Committee.

6. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to participate may contact the US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane at rlane@hmallc.com.

Also, the USOPC Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

7. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or 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 selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions.

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.