

USOPC IMS – Surfing and USA Surfing
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2027 Pan American Games
Men’s and Women’s Longboard

April 22, 2026

To provide qualification pathway information in a timely manner, USOPC IMS – Surfing in collaboration with USA Surfing is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games (“PAG”). 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 once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been completed.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must comply with all International Surfing Association (ISA) eligibility requirements posted at <https://isasurf.org/about-isa/isa-rulebook/>
- 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 PAG.
- Athletes must have an active USA Surfing Membership
- Athletes must adhere to all USOPC, USADA, WADA, and ISA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the applicable Background Check Policy and Athlete Safety Policy.

B. Pan American Games Qualification System Overview:

- The preliminary PAG Qualification System has been posted here: <https://pasasurf.org/sistema-de-clasificacion-a-juegos-panamericanos-lima-2027/>
- The maximum quota allocated is one (1) surfer per gender. Quota is awarded by name at the following events in the presumed hierarchical order.

Longboard (9 Surfers per gender– Max 1 per country)

- i. **3** – ISA World Longboard Surfing Championship “WLSC” 2027 (if this competition is not held before Lima 2027, the results of the 2026 ISA WLSC will be considered)
- ii. **4** – PASA Pan American Surfing Games 2027
- iii. **1** – PASA Pan American Surfing Games 2026
- iv. **1** – Host Country (Peru)

C. Anticipated Evaluation Events to Qualify for the 2027 PAG Team:

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2027 PAG Team may be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events.

EVENT NAME	DATE/LOCATION
2025 USA Surfing Championships	June 9-14, 2025 (Oceanside, CA)
2026 PASA Pan American Surfing Games	April 24-May 3, 2026 (Playa Venao, Panama)
2026 USA Surfing Championships	June 7-12, 2026 (Oceanside, CA)
2026 USAS Longboard Champs Finalist Surf Off	June 7-12, 2026 (Oceanside, CA)
2026 ISA WLSC*	November 13-19, 2026 (El Salvador)
2027 PASA Pan American Surfing Games	TBD
2027 ISA WLSC	TBD

**Please note that it is anticipated that the 2026 ISA WLSC results will only be considered if the 2027 ISA WLSC does not occur in advance of the 2027 Pan American Games.*

I. 2026 ISA World Longboard Championships:

Due to the uncertainty of the PAG qualifier as either the 2026 or 2027 ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships “WLSC,” it has been determined by the Selection Committee that athlete nomination for the 2026 ISA World Longboard Team for USA* athletes will follow the steps below:

- It is anticipated the top two (2) places from the 2025 USA Surfing Championships and the top two (2) places from the 2026 USA Surfing Championships will compete in the “2026 USAS Longboard Champs Finalist Surf Off.” Format and details to follow in the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2026 ISA World Longboard Championships.
- If a top (2) surfer from the 2025 USA Surfing Championships places in 1st or 2nd at 2026 USA Championships, that surfer will bypass the 2026 USAS Longboard Champs Finalist Surf Off and will be nominated to the 2026 ISA Longboard Team.
- 2026 USA Surfing Championships Event details: <https://www.usasurfing.org/event/usa-surfing-championships-oceanside-2026>

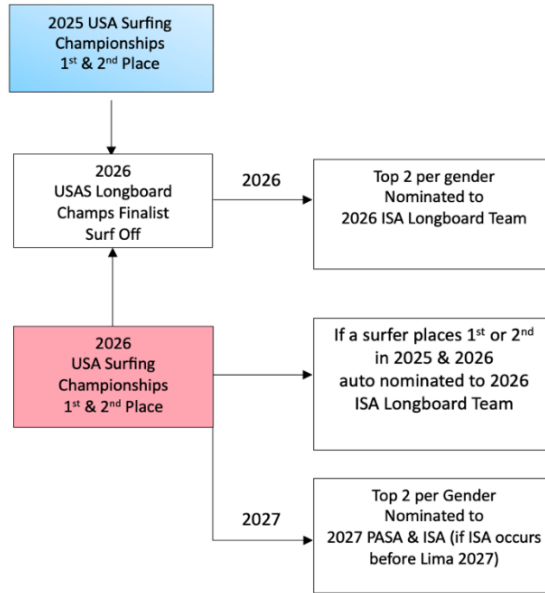
** Please note since Hawaii is recognized as a sovereign nation at ISA WLSC, the Hawaiian Federation will have their own nomination process for their surfers.*

II. 2026 PASA Surfing Games

The 2026 Pan American Surfing Games Athlete Selection Procedures for Longboard, SUP Surfing and SUP Technical Race can be found here: <https://www.teamusa.com/surfing-selection-procedures>

III. 2027 PASA Surfing Games & 2027 ISA World Longboard Championships:

The top two (2) places from the 2026 USA Surfing Championships will be nominated to represent USA at the 2027 PASA Surfing Games and 2027 ISA World Longboard Championships (if the 2027 ISA WLSC occurs before the Lima 2027 Games).



D. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the PASA & ISA rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2027 Pan American Games via the Pan American Surfing Association. 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 Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games.

For questions about the 2027 Pan American Games qualification pathways and selection process, please contact Tracy Axel, Director of High Performance, USA Surfing (tracy@usasurfing.org).

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