USA Surfing
Olympic Surfing - Shortboard Athlete Selection Procedures
2028 Olympic Summer Games

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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Summer Games for USA Surfing (NGB).

The maximum Team size is six (6) athletes, three (3) men and three (3) women. International Surfing Association (ISA) quota may be awarded to athletes by name and to the National Olympic Committee (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.

SECTION 3: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
    - Have a valid United States passport on or before June 20, 2028 that does not expire for six

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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 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.
   - Abide by the IOC Eligibility of Conditions Form/Conditions of Participation Form
3. Organizing Committee Olympic Games (OCOG) Requirements:
   - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the OCOG for Los Angeles 2028.
4. ISA (IF) Requirements:
   - Comply with all IF eligibility requirements which are posted here (see Qualification): https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games
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 and the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code including education and training requirements.
   - Comply with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
6. NGB Requirements:
   - Comply with the NGB Athlete Agreement.
   - Comply with the NGB Code of Conduct link
   - Comply with the NGB SafeSport Policy link
   - Athlete must have an active NGB 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

Other requirements an athlete must meet to be eligible for selection are:

- Agree to be bound by and adhere to all IOC, IF, USOPC, USADA and WADA 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, IF, USADA, WADA, 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, IF and/or the OCOG.

SECTION 5: EVALUATION EVENTS

Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the nomination process:

DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
April 1, 2026 – June 15, 2028	2026 – 2028 World Surf League “WSL” Championship Tour “CT” Events
November 6 – 15, 2026	2026 ISA World Surfing Games “WSG”, Punta Rocas, Peru
May 22 – 30, 2027	2027 ISA World Surfing Games “WSG”, Surf City, El Salvador
July 23 – August 8, 2027	2027 Pan American games, Lima, Peru
August 15, 2027 – June 15, 2028	WSL CT Olympic Qualification Events
Late winter/early Spring, 2028	2028 ISA World Surfing Games “WSG”, TBD

*dates and locations are subject to change; USA Surfing will notify athletes as soon as updated information is available.

SECTION 6: SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

The maximum Team size is six (6) athletes, three (3) men and three (3) women. A maximum of two (2) ISA quotas may be awarded to two athletes by name per gender. Team USA may earn additional quota places which will be awarded to the NOC for a maximum total of three (3) quotas per gender. One (1) host county quota place will only be allocated if Team USA has not obtained any qualification places (by name or NOC) for the gender concerned.

The LA28 Surfing Qualification System can be found here (see Qualification):
https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games

6.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

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Athletes will be selected to the following events based on the selection procedures that are or will be posted here once complete: https://www.usasurfing.org/selection-procedures

- 2026 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2027 ISA World Surfing Games
- 2027 Pan American Games
- 2028 ISA World Surfing Games

Athletes qualify to WSL CT events and WSL CT Olympic Qualification events based upon eligibility criteria found here: https://www.worldsurfleague.com/ and 2026 WSL Rule Book.

6.3 NOC QUOTA AND RANKING SYSTEM:

a. NOC Quota

Team USA may earn one (1) NOC quota per gender at the 2026 WSG and one (1) NOC quota per gender at the 2027 WSG if Team USA is the highest-ranking team per gender at the respective WSG.

- Team USA would only be able to accept an NOC quota from both the 2026 WSG and 2027 WSG if one or fewer athletes earn a quota by name.
- If Team USA is the highest-ranking team at both the 2027 WSG and the 2026 WSG in the same gender and Team USA athletes achieve a maximum of two qualified places in that gender via other qualifying events by name, the NOC quota from the 2027 WSG goes to the next highest-ranking team at the 2027 WSG.
- Alternatively, if Team USA is the next-highest ranking team at the 2027 WSG and another country is the highest-ranking team at both the 2026 and 2027 WSG in the same gender and achieves a maximum of two qualified places in that gender via other qualifying events by name, Team USA would earn one (1) NOC quota in that gender.

b. Team USA Ranking List

Team USA Ranking List 2026: If Team USA earns NOC quota at the 2026 WSG, the three (3) athletes on the 2026 WSG team will be ranked in accordance with their finish at that event. The athlete on the 2026 WSG team with the highest individual placement will be ranked highest. Any tiebreakers will follow procedures listed in section c. below.

Team USA Ranking List 2027: If Team USA earns NOC quota at the 2027 WSG, the three (3) athletes on the 2027 WSG team will be ranked in accordance with their finish at that event. The athlete on the 2027 WSG team with the highest individual placement will be ranked highest. Any tiebreakers will follow procedures listed in section c. below.

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Team USA Combined Ranking List: If Team USA earns NOC quota at the 2026 WSG **and** 2027 WSG in the same gender, a combined ranking list will be created.

- The highest ranked athlete on each 2026 WSG and 2027 WSG team will be compared and the athlete with the highest finishing place will be ranked highest. The other athlete will be ranked next. If both (or more than two) athletes have the same finishing place, the Ranking List Tiebreaker will be used.
- The remaining athletes from the 2026 WSG and 2027 WSG teams will be ranked following the highest ranked athletes from 2026 & 2027 in accordance with their individual placement at the respective WSG.
- If the same athlete competed at both the 2026 WSG and 2027 WSG, the athlete's highest individual placement will be used on the combined ranking list.

c. Team USA Ranking List Tiebreaker

If two (2) or more athletes are tied on the ranking list, the following steps will be used to break the tie:

1. The athlete with the higher individual placement at the respective WSG will break the tie.
2. If a tie remains, the highest heat total from each athlete's last heat at the respective WSG will break the tie.
3. If a tie remains, the highest single wave score of the heat total at the respective WSG will break the tie. If a tie remains, the third highest wave, then fourth highest wave, and so forth will be used until the tie is broken.

If the same athlete competed at both the 2026 WSG and 2027 WSG, the athlete's highest results will be used for all tiebreaker steps above.

See Appendix C for Team USA Ranking Lists Example

6.4 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

Athletes will be nominated to the Team in the order of priority below. For the purposes of these selection procedures, the steps below will be followed for both the men's and women's team.

a. Priority 1 - WSL CT Ranking (One Athlete Quota by Name)

The eight (8) highest-ranked eligible athletes in the WSL CT ranking between August 15, 2027-June 15, 2028 with a maximum of one (1) per country will obtain a quota place. If an eligible Team USA athlete earns this quota, the athlete will be nominated to the Team.

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b. Priority 2 – 2028 ISA World Surfing Games (One Athlete Quota by Name)

The seven (7) highest-ranked eligible athletes, with a maximum of one (1) per country, will obtain a quota place. If an eligible Team USA athlete earns this quota, the athlete will be nominated to the Team.

- If there is a tie in the ranking when determining the highest ranked eligible athlete, the athlete with the highest heat-score total from their final heat in the respective event will obtain the quota place.

c. Priority 3 - 2027 Pan American Games (*One Athlete Quota by Name)

The highest ranked eligible athlete at the Pan American Games will obtain one (1) quota place by name. If an eligible Team USA athlete earns this quota, the athlete will be nominated to the Team only if Team USA has not earned two (2) quotas in the same gender through Priority 1-2 above.

*If two (2) Team USA athletes in the same gender earn by-name quota through Priority 1-2 above, a U.S. athlete in the same gender cannot qualify for the Olympic Games via the Pan American Games.

d. Priority 4 – 2026 and 2027 ISA World Surfing Games (NOC Quota)

Please note that if Team USA earns two (2) quotas via Priority 1-3, only one (1) NOC quota can be used to nominate a third athlete to the Team in the same gender.

If Team USA earns NOC quota at the 2026 WSG **or** 2027 WSG, the highest ranked athlete based on the applicable 2026 or 2027 Team USA Ranking List (see Section 6.3) will be nominated to the Team.

- If the highest ranked athlete on the applicable Team USA Ranking List is already nominated to the Team via Priority 1-3 above, the next highest ranked athlete on the same Team USA Ranking List will be nominated to the Team until all quota is filled.

If Team USA earns NOC quota at the 2026 WSG **and** 2027 WSG in the same gender, athletes will be nominated to the Team based on the Team USA Combined Ranking List (see Section 6.3).

- If two (2) Team USA athletes in the same gender earn by-name quota through Priority 1-3 above, the highest ranked athlete on the Team USA Combined Ranking List, who is not already qualified will be nominated to the Team.
- If one (1) Team USA athlete in the same gender earns by-name quota through Priority 1-3 above, the two (2) highest ranked athletes on the Team USA Combined Ranking List who are not already qualified will be nominated to the Team until quota is filled.

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- The Team USA Ranking List Tiebreaker will be implemented as needed.

SECTION 7: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

7.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

Not Applicable

7.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:

Not Applicable

7.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

Not Applicable

SECTION 8: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule, and duration of all mandatory training and/or competition for athletes who are nominated to the Team.

No mandatory training is planned at this time. If mandatory training is added, athletes who are nominated to the Team will be notified at least 30 days prior to any training.

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 20, 2028.

SECTION 10: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

10.1 NGB JURISDICTION

NGB 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 NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by NGB:
   i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the NGB Chief Executive Officer or High Performance Director requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
   ii. Injury or illness. In the event of an injury, illness, or medical condition, and the approved NGB physician determines the athlete has a debilitating condition which prohibits the athlete from competing, they may be removed from the Team. The athlete may seek a secondary opinion to demonstrate otherwise. The NGB shall specify a reasonable deadline by which an athlete must submit a secondary opinion. In the event the

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secondary opinion does not confirm the initial review, the NGB Chief Medical Officer and Team Physician will make a final determination.

iii. Failure to participate. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.

iv. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the NGB Code of Conduct Link

v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed NGB Athlete Agreement.

vi. 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, IF, USADA, WADA, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and NGB Safe Sport policies, as applicable.

10.2 USOPC JURISDICTION

- Once Athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.
- USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply in addition to the NGB 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.
- 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.

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, if allowed, the following replacement athlete will follow per quota allocation.:

11.1.1. Quota by Name:

If a Team USA athlete was nominated by name, the athlete's quota place will be re-allocated by the ISA based on the reallocation section of the LA28 Surfing Qualification Guide (Section F). If a Team USA athlete is awarded a reallocated quota place by name, that athlete will be nominated to the Games.

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11.1.2. Quota by NOC:

- The next highest ranked athlete from the applicable Team USA Ranking List will be nominated to the Team per Section 6.4.

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, if allowed, the NGB will follow the procedure outlined in Section 11.

12.2 Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to IOC, USOPC, and IF 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 NGB's complaint procedures link here 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:

- USA Surfing Code of Conduct
- NGB Athlete Agreement

SECTION 15: DISCLAIMERS

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

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

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realistically 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 evaluation events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

SECTION 16: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All individuals involved in nominating athletes to the Team and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 21) must comply with the NGB's Conflict of Interest Policy (link here), to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the NGB'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 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 NGB Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themself from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

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

During its review, the NGB 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 themself from voting, the NGB 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 NGB 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.

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Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB Selection Committee appointment process.

SECTION 17: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures.

Name: Tracy Axel
Position: Director of High Performance, USA Surfing
Email: Tracy@usasurfing.org

Name: Candice Appleby
Position: Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative
Email: candicerappleby@gmail.com

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EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
WEBSITE: usathlete.org

SECTION 18: GRIEVANCES

The NGB Grievance Procedures can be found here link here.

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 NGB 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

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means no USOPC or NGB 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 the NGB by following the NGB's Whistleblower Policy link here
- 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 Speak Up Policy.

SECTION 20: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB 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 NGB'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

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE
Tracy Axel	Director of High Performance
Ryan Simmons	National Team Coach
Candice Appleby	10 Year Athlete Representative
Brett Simpson	Athlete Board Member
Kayla Durden	Athlete Board Member
Rob Pendergist	Board Chairman

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

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
USA Surfing Chief Executive Officer	Greg Hulsizer	Gregory L Hulsizer	11 / 06 / 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*	Candice Appleby		11 / 06 / 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, the NGB 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

CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport

Center – U.S. Center for SafeSport

CF – Continental Federation

CT – Championship Tour (WSL)

IOC – International Olympic Committee

ISA- International Surfing Association

IF – International Federation

LOC – Local Organizing Committee

NGB – National Governing Body

NOC – National Olympic Committee

OCOG – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games.

PAG – Pan American Games

Panam Sports or PASO – Pan American Sports Organization

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

USADA – United States Anti-Doping Agency

WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency

WSG – World Surfing Games

WSL – World Surf League

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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 – Team USA Ranking Lists

Team USA Combined Ranking List Example: If Team USA wins the 2026 and 2027 ISA WSG NOC quota

Athlete	WSG Team	Actual WSG Finishing Place	Team USA Combined Ranking
Athlete A	2026 WSG	1st	1
Athlete B	2027 WSG	1st	2
Athlete C	2026 WSG	3rd	3
Athlete D	2027 WSG	4th	4
Athlete E	2027 WSG	5th	5
Athlete F	2026 WSG	16th	6

Tie Break for Equal 1st Place		Final Heat Total	Team USA Combined Ranking
Athlete A	2026 WSG	16.5	1
Athlete B	2027 WSG	15.8	2

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APPENDIX D – ATHLETE RESOURCES

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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 Polices (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 ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and 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.

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