



**US Sailing**  
**Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**Youth Sailing World Championship 2018**  
**Corpus Christi, TX, USA | July 14-21, 2018**  
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**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2018 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age**  
All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2018 (born after 31 December 1999).
- **Citizenship**  
Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception. The athlete's passport shall not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2018 Youth Worlds.
- **ISAF Sailor**  
All prospective athletes shall be registered as an 'ISAF Sailor' on the World Sailing website.
- **US Sailing Membership**  
All prospective athletes must be a member of US Sailing.
- **Gender**  
Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

**Equipment**

The USA qualification events to the Youth Worlds will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below. This list is subject to change if and only if World Sailing announces a different list of equipment for the Youth Worlds.

- Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Girls's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Boy's Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girls's Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail & 60cm fin
- Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail & 60cm fin
- Boy's Skiff – 29er
- Girl's Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Multihull – Nacra 15

**USA Qualification to the Youth Worlds**

US Sailing's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) will select one eligible prospective athlete in each of the single-handed classes and one team of two eligible prospective athletes for each of the double-handed classes to represent their country at the 48<sup>th</sup> Youth Sailing World Championship 2018 to be held in Corpus Christi, USA.



- **Laser Radial, i420, 29er & Nacra15** : qualification will be based on a two-event qualification system as outlined below:
  - **First Event**
    - Laser Radial: Radial Atlantic Coast Championship | January 13-15 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL
    - i420: i420 North American Championship | January 13-15 | Coconut Grove, FL
    - 29er: Spring High Performance Regatta | March 2-4 | Houston, TX
    - Nacra15: Nacra 15 Regatta | January 2-4 | Clearwater, FL
  - **Second Event**
    - Laser Radial: Spring High Performance Regatta | March 2-4 | Houston, TX
    - i420: i420 Midwinter Championship | February 17-19 | Miami Beach, FL
    - 29er: 29er Midwinters East | March 16-18 | Coconut Grove, FL
    - Nacra 15: **Nacra 15 Regatta | March 29-31 | Long Beach, California**
  - If either the first or second event is a “non-event”, as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the remaining event will be the sole qualifier for that class.
  - If both the first and second events are “non-events”, as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the 2018 US Youth Sailing Championships, June 23-27, Wrightsville Beach, NC will be the sole qualifier for that class.
  - Final finishing position, not net points, determines an athlete’s/team’s points from an event and counts toward series standing; ie: 10<sup>th</sup> place = 10 points.
  - Scores from each event are added together for a total combined score; ie: 10<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes add up to 13 points in the qualification system.
  - The scores of ineligible 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; ie: a 10th place finish is 10 points regardless of the eligibility of athletes/teams finishing in 1st through 9th.
  - Competitors must compete and be scored in both the first and second events to be eligible.
  - Competitors must sail the same class in both the first and second events to be eligible.
  - In double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at the second qualifying event, a substitute athlete may be approved by the OSC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC.
  - If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of the better score at the second qualifying event.
- **RS:X (both genders):** the OSC will select by sailing resume\* based on the following criteria:
  - Demonstrated ability in the RS:X
  - 2017 and 2018 regatta results
  - 2018 training plan
  - Athletes are encouraged to compete in the following 2018 regattas:
    - 2018 Clearwater Midwinters (RS:X) | March 9-11 | Clearwater, FL
    - 2018 North American Windsurfing Championship (Techno 293+ and RS:X) | May 23-27 | Puerto Cancun, MX

Eligible athletes should submit their resume to Meredith Carroll ([meredithcarroll@ussailing.org](mailto:meredithcarroll@ussailing.org)) by **May 1, 2018**.

\* Where selection is made by resume, the OSC reserves the right to not select an athlete to send to the Youth Worlds.



### **Substitutions**

- In the case that the selected single-handed athletes are unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, the next highest ranking athlete will be selected\*.
- In double-handed classes, in the case that one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) is unable to compete at Youth Worlds after selection, a substitute athlete may be approved by the OSC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC. The OSC reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest ranking team.

\*Where selection is made by resume, the OSC reserves the right to not select an athlete to send to the Youth Worlds.

### **Athlete Conduct**

Any athlete found to violate the US Sailing Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) at any time from the publishing of this document through the commencement of Youth Worlds may not be eligible to represent the USA at Youth Worlds. All decisions regarding an Athlete's violations of the US Sailing Code of Conduct in regard to an athlete's eligibility to compete at Youth Worlds will be made by US Sailing based on the procedures defined in the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations.



**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**US Sailing Code of Conduct**

**Introduction**

Each athlete representing the USA in competition at the Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds) hereby pledges that he or she agrees to uphold the spirit of this US Sailing Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for athletes in every aspect. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of athletes in situations that have ethical implications.

The athlete commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in the Youth Worlds. Athletes who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The athlete has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

**Elements of the Code**

Each athlete attempting to qualify for Youth Worlds pledges to abide by the Regulations and Bylaws of US Sailing with regard to alleged incidences of misconduct, and by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

**Participation**

- > Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws when competing.
- > Are eligible to compete under all US Sailing rules.

**Fair Play and Conduct**

>Will abide by RRS 2 and 69, and the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.

**Drugs & Alcohol**

- > Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook.
- > Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.03 for Prohibited Substances as defined below:
  - no competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water:
    1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or
    2. any alcoholic beverages.

**Sexual Abuse & Harassment**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

**Physical Abuse & Assault**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault.

**Bullying & Hazing**

>Will abide by the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook and US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

**Enforcement of the Code**

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding the Code and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action as outlined by the RRS, the US Sailing SafeSport Handbook, and the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws.

> If an incident occurs at a USA Qualification event to the Youth Worlds, or other regatta governed by the RRS and is brought to the attention of the Organizing Authority, Host and/or the Protest Committee for the event alleging that a competitor has violated this Code, the Protest Committee shall protest the competitor and conduct a hearing that meets the requirements of Part 5, Section B of the RRS. The competitor has the right and option to voluntarily withdraw from the event rather than proceeding with a hearing. If the Protest Committee decides that the competitor has violated the Code and is not exonerated, it may

- (a) remove some or all of the competitor’s event privileges or benefits,
- (b) disqualify the competitor’s boat from the race or races sailed nearest in time to that of the incident, or
- (c) disqualify the competitor’s boat from all races in the event and exclude the competitor from the event or venue. Further action may be determined by the Protest Committee if warranted including considering calling a hearing under RRS 69.2(b) or remanding it to the US Sailing Review Board.

>If an incident occurs outside the scope of a sailing event, but is brought to the attention of the US Sailing Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC) as a possible infringement of this Code, US Sailing will review the incident.

Typed name below is considered legal and binding.

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Athlete Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature if Athlete is under 18

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Print Name

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Date