



**US SAILING**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION SYSTEM AND REQUIREMENTS**  
**YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2016**  
**December 14 – 20 2016, Auckland, New Zealand**

Amended by US Sailing on 26 August 2016

**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2016 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds)

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age**  
All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2016 (born after 31 December 1997).
- **Citizenship**  
Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Executive, all prospective athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception.
- **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
- Open 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 46th Youth Sailing World Championship 2016 to be held in a location to be determined.

- **Laser Radial, i420, & 29er (both genders for all three classes):** qualification will be based on performance at the US Youth Sailing Championship – Coronado Yacht Club, August 5-9, 2016. The highest finishing eligible prospective athletes will be selected



- **RS:X (both genders):** Selection by resume with consideration given to results at prior international and national level events and training plan.
- **Nacra 15:** Selection by resume with consideration given to results at prior international and national level events, training plan and performance at the Youth Multihull Challenge to be held October 8-10, 2016 in Clearwater, FL (participation is not required).
- **For both the RS:X and Nacra 15,** resumes are due to [YouthDevelopment@ussailing.org](mailto:YouthDevelopment@ussailing.org) by October 1. Decision and notification will be made by October 14, 2016.

#### **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 or team to send to the Youth Worlds.