



**2019 Code of Conduct
US Sailing Olympic Development
2019 Travel Teams & Youth Sailing World Championship**

The Athlete hereby pledges to uphold the spirit of US Sailing's Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to the Athlete's conduct as a member of the Travel Team. The Athlete acknowledges that he or she has a right to a hearing if the opportunity to compete is denied or if charged with a violation of this Code.

The Athlete commits to familiarization with the Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of selection to the Travel Team. Failure to meet any term in the Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Athletes who violate the Code of Conduct will be subject to a disciplinary review by US Sailing and penalties that may include suspension or removal from the ODP.

As a Member of the Travel Team, the Athlete hereby promises and agrees that s/he:

- Will abide by all rules related to the Olympic Development Program (ODP) selection procedures as approved by US Sailing;
- Has acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit performance at the maximum of the athlete's abilities;
- Will follow the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code, the World Anti-Doping Code and the United States Anti-Doping Protocol, acknowledging the World Sailing, World Anti-Doping Agency and US Anti-Doping Agency rules and regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances. Drug testing may take place during the event.
- Will be familiar with and follow the SafeSport rules, policies, and procedures adopted by the USOC Center for SafeSport, as such rules may be amended from time to time.
- Will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to the athlete, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- Is eligible to compete under the rules of World Sailing;
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from his/her ability or that of teammates to attain peak performance;
- Will give careful consideration to the possibility of incurring injuries that would jeopardize the ability to compete in sailing events, prior to participating in potentially hazardous sports such as skiing, snowboarding, hang gliding, rock climbing, parachuting, base jumping, water skiing, wake boarding, etc.
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect members of the ODP, team coaches, staff members, other teams, supporters, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the Athlete, teammates, US Sailing, team supporters, the US Olympic Sailing Program, the ODP and the United States; and
- Will remember at all times that s/he is an ambassador for the U.S. Olympic Development Program, US Sailing, the USA, and the Olympic Movement.

The Athlete acknowledges that failure to comply with any of these terms may result in suspension or removal from the Olympic Development Program, and/or forfeiture of the right to represent US Sailing and/or the USOC at international events. US Sailing will follow all due process requirements of the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws and the US Olympic Committee Bylaws, where applicable, before declaring an athlete ineligible to participate.

Typed name below is considered legal and binding.

Athlete Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature if Athlete is under 18

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____