

# US SAILING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

World Sailing Youth Match Racing Worlds

September 1, 2019

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

- Athletes must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4
  - Athlete must hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- All athletes shall be under 23 years old on 31 December of the year of the Event.
- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor).
- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing with US Sailing.

## 2. SELECTION

The following is the procedure used by the Youth Match Racing Worlds Selection Committee to select the skipper to represent the U.S. at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship. The Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the criteria below and will make their selection.

- Demonstrated match racing ability at the following events will be used for reference, recognizing that not all applicants may be able to participate in all these events:
  - The most recent Governor's Cup
  - The most recent ICSA Match Race Championship
  - The most recent Rose Cup
- Other match racing experience
- Most current World Sailing Open Match Racing ranking as of the time of selection
- Declared training program
- Any issues involving sportsmanship
- Older applicants will have preference over younger applicants when otherwise fairly similar

Applications must be submitted online by midnight Central Time on November 15, 2019. The application is available at [www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/small-boat-racing/match-racing/)

The skipper nominated to represent the U.S. shall inform the Selection Committee of his or her crew, all of whom must be eligible under Section 1, Eligibility.

Selection challenge procedure: Once selection is announced, athletes who wish to challenge the selection process shall have one week (7 days) from the official publication of selection to file a challenge online to an independent panel who will review the selection and may consult with the Selection Committee Chair. The Selection Challenge Committee will issue its decision within one week (7 days) from the close of the challenge deadline. Challenges are to be sent to Meredith Carroll at: [MeredithCarroll@USSAILING.ORG](mailto:MeredithCarroll@USSAILING.ORG)

## 3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

3.1.. An athlete who is to be nominated to represent the U.S. in the World Sailing Youth Match Racing Championship by US Sailing may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Sailing:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to US Sailing's Chairman of the Match Racing Committee.

3.1.2. Injury or illness that develops, or is additional since the qualifying performance, which newly affects athlete's performance, as certified by an approved US Sailing physician (or medical staff). If an

athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved US Sailing physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

### 3.1.3. Violation of US Sailing's Code of Conduct.

Any athlete found to violate the US Sailing Code of Conduct (Addendum 1) at any time from the publishing of this document through the commencement of the Youth Match Racing Worlds (Event) may not be eligible to represent the USA at the Event. All decisions regarding an Athlete's violations of the US Sailing Code of Conduct in regard to an athlete's eligibility to compete at the Event will be made by US Sailing based on the procedures defined in the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations. An athlete who is removed from representing the U.S. in the Event pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per US Sailing's Bylaws as mentioned in US Sailing's Bylaw 702 and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

3.2. An athlete may be removed as a representative of the U.S. in the Event for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

## **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement athlete will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above, and approved by the Youth Match Racing Worlds Selection Committee.

## **5. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

US Sailing's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block](http://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/#resources-block)

See also Section 2, Selection, for the challenge procedure if selection is the issue.

## **6. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:ombudsman@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

**AS THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR SAILING IN THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMITTEE MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED UPON THE APPLICANT'S RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AGE, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, VETERAN STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, GENETIC INFORMATION, OR ANY OTHER STATUS PROTECTED BY FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW, WHERE APPLICABLE.**

## Addendum 1, US Sailing Code of Conduct

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 World Sailing Youth Match Racing Worlds 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 event. 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 event.

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

- Will abide by all rules related to the 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 USOPC 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 team, 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, and the United States; and
- Will remember at all times that s/he is an ambassador for 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 event, and/or forfeiture of the right to represent US Sailing and/or the USOPC at international events. US Sailing will follow all due process requirements of the US Sailing Regulations and Bylaws and the US Olympic and Paralympic 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: \_\_\_\_\_