



**US Sailing**  
**Athlete Selection System and Requirements**  
**Youth Sailing World Championship 2020**  
**Salvador, Brazil | December 2020**

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**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2020 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age**

All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2020 (born after 31 December 2001).

- **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 2020 Youth Worlds.

- **World Sailing ID**

All prospective athletes shall have a registered 'World Sailor ID' on the World Sailing website.

- **US Sailing Membership**

Competitors must have a US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

- **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
- Girl's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
- Boys' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girls' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Boy's Windsurfer – ~~RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail & 60cm fin~~ Techno 293 Plus
- Girl's Windsurfer – ~~RS:X with 8.5m<sup>2</sup> sail & 60cm fin~~ Techno 293 Plus
- Boys' Skiff – 29er
- Girls' Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Multihull – Nacra15

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Youth Sailing World Championship 2020 to be held in Salvador, Brazil.



- **Laser Radial, i420, ~~RS:X~~, 29er & Nacra15:** qualification will be based on a two-event qualification system as outlined below:
  - **First Event**
    - 29er: U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24 | Pensacola, Fla.
    - i420: i420 Midwinters | February 15-17 | Coconut Grove, Fla.
    - Laser Radial: Radial Midwinters West | March 20-22 | Long Beach, Calif.
    - Nacra15: Nacra15 Midwinters West | April 9-11 | Long Beach, Calif.
    - ~~RS:X: Windsurf Midwinters | March 12-15 | Clearwater, Fla.~~
  - **Second Event**
    - 29er: 29er Nationals | June 26-27 | Pensacola, Fla.
    - i420: U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24 | Pensacola, Fla.
    - Laser Radial: U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24 | Pensacola, Fla.
    - Nacra15: U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24 | Pensacola, Fla.
    - ~~RS:X: U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24 | Pensacola, Fla.~~
  - Final finishing position, not net points, determines an athlete's/team's points from an event and counts toward series standing; e.g.: 10<sup>th</sup> place = 10 points.
  - Scores from each event are added together for a total combined score; e.g.: 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; e.g.: 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 by contacting US Sailing **Youth Racing Events Manager, Catherine Shanahan** at Youth@ussailing.org.
  - 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.
  - 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, OSC will select based on the following criteria:
    - All individuals must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Athlete Eligibility section in this document. Eligible athletes must submit their sailing resume and a 2020 training plan to US Sailing ([Youth@ussailing.org](mailto:Youth@ussailing.org)) by September 1, 2020.
    - Physical
      - Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance in 2019 and 2020 regattas.
      - Has the appropriate physical size, including competitive height and weight.
    - Technical Proficiency
      - Handling and trim techniques (tacking, gybing, sail trim, starting line acceleration and



balance), as well as race situations and tactics, as evidenced by performances in 2019 and 2020 regattas.

- Experience in a wide range of wind/wave conditions.
- **Techno 293 Plus (both genders):** the OSC will select by sailing resume based on the following criteria:
  - All individuals must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Athlete Eligibility section in this document. Eligible athletes must submit their sailing resume and a 2020 training plan to US Sailing ([Youth@ussailing.org](mailto:Youth@ussailing.org)) by September 1, 2020.
  - Physical
    - Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance in 2019 and 2020 regattas.
    - Has the appropriate physical size, including competitive height and weight.
  - Technical Proficiency
    - Handling and trim techniques (tacking, gybing, sail trim, starting line acceleration and balance), as well as race situations and tactics, as evidenced by performances in 2019 and 2020 regattas.
  - Experience in a wide range of wind/wave conditions.
  - Athletes are encouraged to compete in the following 2020 regattas:
    - 2020 Windsurf Midwinters | March 12-15, 2020 | Clearwater, FL
    - 2020 U.S. Youth Championship | June 20-24, 2020 | Pensacola, FL

#### **Substitutions**

- In the case that a selected single-handed athlete is 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 by contacting **Youth Racing Events Manager, Catherine Shanahan**, at US Sailing at [Youth@ussailing.org](mailto:Youth@ussailing.org). The OSC reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team. In the case of both athletes in a double-handed boat being unable to compete, the next highest-ranking team will be selected.

#### **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.

#### **NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

US Sailing's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/bylaws/>.

#### **ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

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

Telephone at (719) 866-5000

E-mail at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.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**



2020 Code of Conduct
US Sailing Olympic Development
2020 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: