



US Sailing Athlete Selection System and Requirements
2021 Youth Sailing World Championships
Location TBC | Date TBC

The Notice of Race for this event has not been published by World Sailing but will be posted at this [LINK](#) when available.

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

A person meeting all Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championship (Youth Worlds).

Athlete Eligibility

- **Age**
 - All prospective athletes shall be above the age of 12 years and under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2021 (born after 31 December 2002 and no later than 31 December 2009).
- **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 2021 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.

- Boy's One Person Dinghy – International Laser Class Association – Radial - (ILCA 6)
- Girl's One Person Dinghy – International Laser Class Association – Radial - (ILCA 6)
- Boys' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Girls' Two Person Dinghy – i420
- Boys' Skiff – 29er
- Girls' Skiff – 29er
- Mixed Multihull – Nacra15
- Boy's Windsurfer – iQFoil*
- Girl's Windsurfer -- iQFoil*

*It is anticipated that the Windsurfer equipment at the 2021 Youth Worlds may not be the iQFoil, however, the intention of the International Selection Committee (ISC) is to use iQFoil results for the US athlete selection.



USA Qualification to the Youth Worlds

US Sailing's ISC 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 50th Youth Sailing World Championship to be held TBC by World Sailing .

- ILCA 6, i420, 29er & Nacra15: The top eligible finisher in their class at the following events will earn selection:
 - 29er: 29er Nationals | June 25-27, 2021 | Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI
 - i420: Event TBD | Date TBD | Location TBD**
 - ILCA 6: Laser Midwinters West | June 25- 27, 2021 | Alamitos Bay YC, Long Beach, CA
 - Nacra15: Event TBD | Date TBD | Location TBD**

**The ISC intends to use a domestic i420 class event and a domestic Nacra15 event in late summer/early fall, to be announced by May 15, 2021.

If any of these regattas are “non-events” as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, cancelled, or postponed, the ISC will publish a revised selection procedure within 30 days.

- **Windsurfer (both genders):** the ISC will select by sailing resume* based on the following criteria:
 - Performance at previous events
 - Athletes are encouraged to compete in the following 2021 regattas in the iQFoil:
 - West Marine US Open Sailing Series- San Diego | June 11-13, 2021 | San Diego Yacht Club
 - West Marine US Open Sailing Series-Long Beach | July 8-11, 2021 | Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
 - The Gorge Olympic Cup | July 22-25, 2021 | Columbia Gorge Racing Association
 - West Marine US Open Sailing Series-San Francisco | August 13-15, 2021 | St. Francis Yacht Club
 - All individuals must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Athlete Eligibility section in this document. Eligible athletes must submit their sailing resume, a 2021 on and off-water training plan, and application to US Sailing (Youth@ussailing.org) by September 1, 2021. Athletes will be informed of the selection decision no later than September 15, 2021.

Substitutions

- Should a selected single-handed athlete be unable to compete for any reason, including injury or illness, the next highest-ranking athlete will be selected.
- In double-handed classes, should both athletes in a double-handed boat be unable to compete, the next highest-ranking team will be selected. Should only one of the athletes (either skipper or crew) be unable to compete after selection, a substitute athlete may be approved by the ISC. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the ISC by contacting Youth Racing Events Manager, Catherine Shanahan, at US Sailing at Youth@ussailing.org. The ISC reserves the right to disapprove the request and select the next highest-ranking team.



Athlete Conduct

Any athlete found to violate the US Sailing Code of Conduct (see Attachment) 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.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Sailing may contact either of the following:

- US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Bob Lane
 - Email at rlane@hmallc.com
- US Sailing Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace by email at kacie@usathlete.org.
 - Telephone | (719) 866-2299
 - Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
 - <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

DISCLAIMER

The Selection Criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

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.



2021 Code of Conduct
US Sailing Olympic Development
2021 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 Travel Team.

- Shall abide by all rules related to the selection procedures as approved by US Sailing;
- Shall exercise good judgment and conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and respect for others at all times, including acting in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play;
- Shall maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit performance at the maximum of the athlete's abilities;
- Shall 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;
- Is not currently serving an Anti-Doping Agency violation and does not have a pending or unresolved violation charge;
- Shall review medications on www.globaldro.com and determine if any medications are considered Prohibited. If considered Prohibited, athletes will have to apply for a TUE, Therapeutic Usage Exemption. Any questions can go to olympic@ussailing.org;
- Shall 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;
- Shall successfully complete SafeSport training upon signing the Code of Conduct. Training is required every year, with a refresher course for those who have previously completed the SafeSport Training;
 - To complete the training: go to the [SafeSport website](#).
 - Create an account (if not done so already) by entering Athlete's US Sailing member ID
 - Follow instructions for online training
- Shall complete a background check through the US Sailing provider upon signing the Code of Conduct and promptly complete this screening after receiving the e-mail prompt by Hire Image, the screening company retained by US Sailing;
- Shall 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;
- Shall refrain from conduct detracting from athlete's ability or that of teammates to attain peak performance;



- Shall 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;
- Shall respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Shall exercise good judgment and conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, and respect for team members, team coaches, staff members, other teams, supporters, spectators, and officials; shall refrain from biased or harassing behavior or verbal, physical or sexual abuse;
- Shall 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
- Shall remember at all times that s/he is an ambassador for the 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 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

Athlete Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Date

Date