

US SAILING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
HEMPEL 2021 OFFSHORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
September 16-26 | Adriatic Sea, ITA
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The Notice of Race (NoR) for the HEMPEL 2021 Offshore World Championship (“the Event”) can be found at [this LINK](#). Since NoR 4.1 states “Entrants to be nominated by their MNA,” this document will govern the selection for sailors representing the United States.

Definition of a Prospective Athlete/Team

A person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the Event. A prospective team is comprised of two athletes who meet the gender requirements of the Event.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- All athletes shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor.
- Athletes must meet all requirements in the event NoR including those regarding nationality, gender, anti-doping and safety-at-sea certifications.
- Athletes must be members in good standing with US Sailing.
- Athletes will be responsible for all expenses including charter fees and entry fees for participation in this Event.

2. SELECTION

- 2.1. The International Selection Committee (ISC) has asked Larry Rosenfeld, President of the Offshore Doubles Sailing Association, to form an evaluation group comprised of members with integrity and expertise to rank the applicants and provide a selection recommendation to the ISC.
- 2.2. Prospective teams must indicate their interest as soon as possible but no later than midnight Central Time on **Thursday, July 15th** by filling out a JotForm application [at this LINK](#). For any questions, contact Betsy Alison at US Sailing (BetsyAlison@ussailing.org). On the application, athletes should be prepared to provide the following:
- Name, contact information
 - Teammate’s name, contact information
 - Sailing resumes for both athletes (especially offshore shorthanded experience and recent training/racing in Offshore Doubles events)
 - Safety at Sea & First Aid certifications
- 2.3. The evaluation group may contact prospective teams to request additional information.
- 2.4. The ISC will announce the selection decision by **Monday, July 28th, 2021**.

3. REMOVAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Athletes (skipper and crew) who will be representing the USA at the Event may be removed by US Sailing for any of the following reasons:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to Betsy Alison at US Sailing (BetsyAlison@ussailing.org)

3.1.2. Violation of US Sailing's Olympic Development Code of Conduct ("Code of Conduct"). Any athlete found to have violated the Code of Conduct (Attachment 1) at any time from the publishing of this document through the completion of the Event may not be eligible to represent the USA at the Event. All decisions regarding an Athlete's violations of the 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.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement athlete or team will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures.

5.1. Any member of the ISC or the evaluation group that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the person must recuse him/herself from discussions and voting. Further, the person should not otherwise influence other members of the selection process. However, a person who has recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance (for example a national team coach) may, if requested by the committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

6. 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 at rlane@hmallc.com

USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace at kacie@usathlete.org

Telephone | (719) 866-2299 Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)

<https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

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.



**Attachment 1: 2021 US Sailing Code of Conduct for
2021 Double Mixed Offshore World Team (“Travel Team”)**

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.

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

- 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 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
- 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 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 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 / Printed Name / Date