



**US Sailing Selection Procedures**  
**World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship**  
**November 27 – December 2, 2024**  
**Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

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The Notice of Race (NoR) for this event can be found [here](#).

**Definition of a Prospective Athlete**

For any person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete for the U.S. at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship (“the Event”) to be held November 27 - December 2, 2024, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

**Athlete Eligibility**

- **Age:** Prospective athletes shall be under 23 years old on December 31st of the year of the Event.
- **Citizenship:** Prospective 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, and must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.
- **World Sailing ID:** Prospective athletes shall have a registered ‘[World Sailor ID](#)’ on the World Sailing website. Athletes may register for a World Sailor ID online at [World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#).
- **US Sailing Membership:** Prospective athletes must have a US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing.
- **Additional Eligibility Requirements:** Prospective athletes must meet all the eligibility requirements in the Youth Match Racing World Championships NoR. Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Event.

**Selection Procedure**

US Sailing’s International Selection Committee (ISC) will select the athlete(s), referring to the skipper, to represent the United States at the World Sailing Youth Match Racing World Championship using the following selection system:



- 1.1 Athlete(s) will be selected by match racing experience. Eligible athletes must submit this application [FORM](#). Applications must be received by midnight Eastern Time on July 15, 2024. Only the skipper needs to complete the application form.
- 1.2 The Chair of the ISC will form an evaluation group composed of no less than (3) members with integrity and match racing expertise to make a nomination recommendation to be voted on by the ISC based on the criteria below:
  - Recent results at domestic and international graded match racing events such as those listed [here](#), recognizing that applicants may not be able to participate in all these events.
  - Events sailed within the past three calendar years will be considered.
- 1.3 The ISC will notify the applicants of their selection decision no later than August 1, 2024.
- 1.4 The skipper nominated to represent the United States shall select their crew, all of whom must be eligible under the “Athlete Eligibility” requirements.

### **Removal or Withdrawal of Athletes**

A selected athlete (skipper or named crew) may be removed from the Event for any of the following reasons, as determined by US Sailing:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to John Pearce at US Sailing ([youthchampionships@ussailing.org](mailto:youthchampionships@ussailing.org)).
- Violation of US Sailing’s Olympic Development [Code of Conduct](#) (“Code of Conduct”). Any athlete found to have violated the Code of Conduct at any time from the publishing of this document through the completion of the Event may not be eligible to represent the United States 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.

### **Replacement of Athletes**

As permitted by World Sailing, a replacement skipper will be nominated from the pool of eligible athletes who submitted applications based on the criteria outlined in section 2 above, and approved by the ISC.

### **Development of Selection Procedures**

The International Selection Committee (ISC) was responsible for creating and approving these Selection Procedures. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

Briana Searle | Chair of International Selection Committee  
Judge Ryan | US Sailing Director; Alternate Athlete Advisory Representative to USOPC



Sarah Lihan | US Sailing Director  
Sheila Tolle | US Sailing Director  
Marcus Lynch | US Sailing High Performance Director  
Sally Barkow | Olympic Head of Operations  
John Pearce | US Sailing Youth Competition Manager  
Katie Pettibone | Member-at-Large  
Robbie Dean | Member-at-Large

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.

### **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](mailto:rlane@hmallc.com)

USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace at [kacie@usathlete.org](mailto:kacie@usathlete.org) Telephone | (719) 866-2299 Toll-free telephone | 1-(888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383) <https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombuds>

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