

US Sailing

Men's One-Person Dinghy (ILCA 7), Women's One-Person Dinghy (ILCA 6), Men's and Women's Windsurfing (iQFOiL), and Men's and Women's Formula Kite

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2025 Junior Pan American Games

October 31, 2024

TO: Members of **US Sailing**

FROM: **US Sailing**

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games

To provide as much information in a timely manner, US Sailing is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by US Sailing once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must observe and abide by the Panam Sports Constitution and the regulations established by the Pan American Sport Confederation and World Sailing.
- Athletes must meet the age requirements as determined by the Pan American Sport Confederation: be at least 17 years old and not more than 22 years old in the year of the Pan American Junior Games (year of birth 2003 - 2008, inclusive).
- Athletes must sign the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing of US Sailing at the time of the Games.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Must adhere to all US Sailing, USADA, USOPC, WADA and Panam Sports anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.
- Any athlete aged 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete aged 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

B. Qualification System Overview:

- US Sailing may, as a country, qualify one athlete per class for a maximum of six (6) athletes [three (3) males and three (3) females].
 - US Sailing has already qualified as a country in the Men's and Women's iQFOiL.

- US Sailing still needs to qualify as a country in Men’s One-Person Dinghy (ILCA 7), Women’s One-Person Dinghy (ILCA 6), and Men’s and Women’s Formula Kite.
- Entry to Qualifying Regattas is governed by the Notice of Race per qualifying event.
- Athletes must meet the Pan Am Games eligibility criteria at the time of the qualifying event.
- Any individual that earns a quota entry place for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games at a country qualifying regatta will only qualify the USA and not an entry for themselves by name.
- The full 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Guide can be found in Appendix A.
- The Pan American Sport Confederation will confirm NOC quota places by February 28, 2025.

C. Anticipated Selection Events:

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events.

CLASS	EVENT NAME	DATE/LOCATION
ILCA 7	2025 ILCA Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025 St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL
ILCA 6	2025 ILCA Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025 St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL
Men’s iQFOiL	2025 iQFOiL Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025 St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL
Women’s iQFOiL	2025 iQFOiL Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025 St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL
Men’s Formula Kite	Formula Kite Open Championships	December 10-15, 2024 Ocean Kite Point, Brazil
	OR Mayan Windfest	January 16-19, 2025 Cancun, Mexico
Women’s Formula Kite	Formula Kite Open Championships	December 10-15, 2024 Ocean Kite Point, Brazil
	OR Mayan Windfest	January 16-19, 2025 Cancun, Mexico

- The top eligible finisher at each selection event will be selected as the athlete representative for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. Athlete selection will be determined using a low point scoring system whereby finishing position equals finishing points at the event, counting finishing positions including ineligible competitors.
 - Note: in order to achieve selection in Men’s or Women’s Formula Kite, the top eligible athlete must also complete at least 80% of the races in the selection event
- In the ILCA 6, ILCA 7, and Men’s and Women’s Formula Kite classes, the athlete selection event is also the country qualification event.
- Once additional eligibility and registration information becomes available for the events listed above, this preliminary notice will be updated.

D. Qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru):

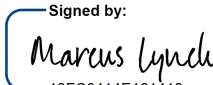
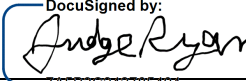
- In Sailing, the 2025 Junior Pan American Games gold medalists will qualify by name to the Lima 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. Three (3) spots per gender (6 in total) will be allocated in these competitions.

- These places will be allocated to the athletes, not the country. If the athlete who earned the place cannot participate in the Lima 2027 Games, said place will be lost and may not be transferred to the country or to any other athlete in the corresponding event of the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

E. Disclaimer:

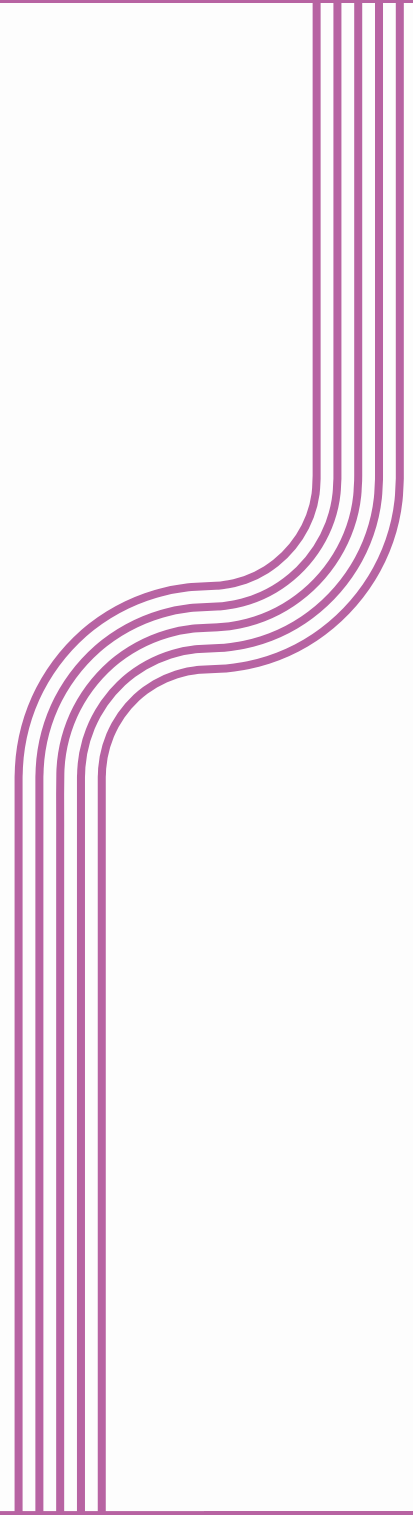
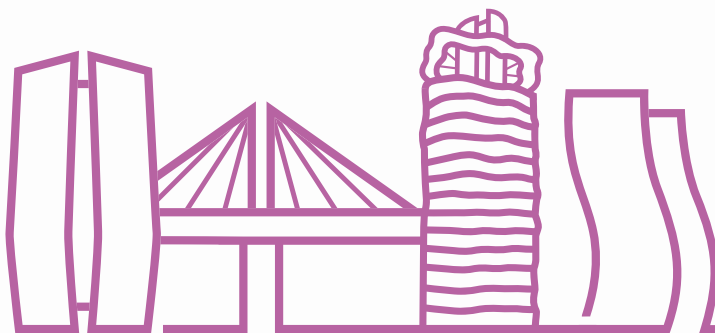
This preliminary notice is based on the Panam Sports rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the US Sailing Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.ussailing.org/olympics/selection/>.

For questions about the 2025 Junior Pan American Games selection process, please contact olympic@ussailing.org.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
US Sailing High Performance Director	Marcus Lynch	Signed by:  13FC6414E101410...	10/31/24
Team USA Athletes Commission Alternate Representative	Judge Ryan	DocuSigned by:  7A5B3C242785404...	10/31/24

APPENDIX A

SAILING



Junior Pan American
Games



SAILING

EVENTS

Men (3)

One-person Dinghy
Windsurfing
Kite (Formula Kite)

Women (3)

One-person Dinghy
Windsurfing
Kite (Formula Kite)

Entry quotas

The National Olympic Committee (NOC) is the organization in each Pan American country recognized by Panam Sports and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as responsible for Olympic sports in that country. The Member National Authority (MNA) is the organization in each Pan American country recognized by World Sailing as the national governing body for the sport of sailing.

A country's National Olympic Committee may enter no more than one boat in each of the six Pan American Junior sailing events. Qualification procedures and rulings are the responsibility of the Panam Sailing Qualification Committee. The general timeline for confirmation of the allocation of country places to the NOC's and Entry by Name is described in this document.

The maximum number of places in each of the six Pan American Junior sailing events will be as follows:

QUOTA PLACES

Event	Host NOC	Other NOCs	#Boats total	#Athletes total
Men				
One-person Dinghy	1	15	16	16
Windsurfing	1	7	8	8
Kite	1	7	8	8
Women				
One-person Dinghy	1	15	16	16
Windsurfing	1	7	8	8
Kite	1	7	8	8
Total	6 athletes	58 athletes	64 boats	64 athletes



Athletes' eligibility

1. The athletes must have signed and submitted the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.
2. An athlete may qualify an NOC for the Asuncion 2025 Pan American Junior Games only when eligible to represent that NOC under Panam Sports regulations.
3. Once a competitor has qualified a NOC in any event, he or she may not thereafter qualify another NOC, irrespective of any change in their nationality as defined by Panam Sports, or their ability to claim multiple citizenship.
4. All competitors must be at least 17 years old and not more than 22 years old in the year of the Pan American Junior Games (year of birth 2003 - 2008, inclusive).

NOC Qualification

1. The host country will automatically qualify one boat place in each of the six Pan American Junior sailing events.
2. The best-ranked NOCs in the men's and women's windsurfing events across the 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships will qualify one boat place per Pan American Junior Games event according to the quotas in the Qualification System table.
3. The best-ranked NOCs in the men's and women's kite events across the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships will qualify one boat place per Pan American Junior Games event according to the quotas in the Qualification System table.
4. For purposes of NOC qualification in men's and women's events, men and women shall be ranked separately in regattas based on their final placement, where men and women race together. This approach will also apply to "age-groups".
5. Once a competitor has qualified a NOC in any event, he or she may not thereafter qualify the NOC in another event.
6. Equipment Class Rules requiring athletes to be members of Class Associations shall apply.



Qualification System

For the events to be considered valid, athletes from a minimum of three countries must compete in the corresponding event of the Qualification Regatta.

If a designated Qualifying Regatta is cancelled or fails to meet the requirement for a valid series, the places will be divided among valid regattas for the relevant event(s) in a proportion determined by the Qualification Committee. The Qualification Committee will attempt to maintain continental balance with respect to location in the selection of alternate Qualifying Regattas.

The Notice of Race of a Qualifying Regatta shall be reviewed and approved by Panam Sailing before the event.

The Notice of Race of a Qualifying Regatta shall specify that:

- a) For purposes of country qualification for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games, the Qualification System and Regatta Schedule, Sailing - 2025 Junior Pan American Games, Asuncion, Paraguay (Qualification System), shall apply. See <http://panamsailing.org>
- b) All events designated as qualifiers for the Junior Pan American Games shall conform with the formats specified for those events in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event of the Qualification System. For the Windsurfing events the equipment shall be the same as used in the Olympic Games (with the exception of the previous World Sailing Youth World Championships).
- c) A competitor may qualify a country for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer. The athlete shall be age eligible for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games - all competitors shall be at least 17 years old and not more than 22 years old in the year of the 2025 Pan American Junior Games (year of birth 2003 - 2008, inclusive).
- d) Class Rules requiring competitors to be members of the relevant Class Associations shall apply.

The Principal Race Officer (PRO) for a Qualifying Regatta shall be certified as a World Sailing International Race Officer (IRO). Requests for replacement of the International Race Officer with a nationally certified Race Officer must be submitted for approval by Panam Sailing at least 30 days prior to the start of the regatta.

The International Measurer who serves as the Equipment Inspector Chief shall chair the Technical Committee for a qualifying Regatta and shall be certified as a World Sailing International Measurer (IM). Requests for replacement of the International Measurer with a nationally certified Measurer must be submitted for approval by Panam Sailing at least 30 days prior to the start of the regatta.



The Protest Committee for a Qualifying Regatta shall be constituted as an International Jury in accordance with Appendix N of the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall specify that the right of appeal is denied, as per RRS 70.5.

The Qualifying Regattas for each event of the 2025 Junior Pan American Games and the number of boat places allocated to each regatta are listed in this document:

One-person Dinghy - Men - ILCA 7		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
Clube dos Jangadeiros, Porto Alegre, BRA, January 18-25, 2025	3	3
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	3	3
ILCA Mid-Winter's East, St. Petersburg, FL, USA, February 20-23, 2025	3	3
Host Country	1	1
Universality	6	6
Total	16	16

One-person Dinghy - Women - ILCA 6		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
Clube dos Jangadeiros, Porto Alegre, BRA, January 11-17, 2025	3	3
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	3	3
ILCA Mid-Winter's East, St. Petersburg, FL, USA, February 20-23, 2025	3	3
Host Country	1	1
Universality	6	6
Total	16	16



Windsurfing - Men - iQFOiL		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth Worlds	1	1
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	2	2
Potrillos, Mendoza, ARG, February 19-23, 2025	2	2
Host Country	1	1
Universality	2	2
Total	8	8

Windsurfing - Women - iQFOiL		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth Worlds	1	1
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	2	2
Potrillos, Mendoza, ARG, February 19-23, 2025	2	2
Host Country	1	1
Universality	2	2
Total	8	8

Kite - Men - Formula Kite		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth Worlds	1	1
Formula Kite Open Championships, Ocean Kite Point, BRA, December 10-15, 2024	2	2
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	2	2
Host Country	1	1
Universality	2	2
Total	8	8



Kite - Women - Formula Kite		
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes
2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth Worlds	1	1
Formula Kite Open Championships, Ocean Kite Point, BRA, December 10-15, 2024	2	2
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	2	2
Host Country	1	1
Universality	2	2
Total	8	8

Confirmation of quotas

Panam Sailing shall confirm to Panam Sports and NOCs the places qualified by the NOCs no later than February 28, 2025.

NOCs shall confirm to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing the places they will use no later than March 14, 2025, though Panam Sailing will request an earlier response based on earlier notification (as per above).

Allocation of universality quota places

NOCs/MNAs shall submit applications for universality quota place(s) no later than March 21, 2025 to the following emails: hagedornfh@gmail.com and andrea@panamsports.org

Panam Sailing shall confirm the allocation of universality quota places to the NOCs and Panam Sports no later than March 31, 2025.

NOCs shall confirm their intention to use allocated universality quota places to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing no later than April 11, 2025.

Universality places will be allocated by the Qualification Committee according to the following criteria:

- a) Results of age-eligible athletes in the 2021 (not windsurfing), 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships, 2024 South American Youth Championships, 2025 Mayan Windfest, 2025 Semana de Buenos Aires (for ILCA), ILCA Mid-Winters East, Regional Games and Equipment Class Championships.



- b) The status of the designated athlete in the WS World Rankings available on March 10, 2025 (if applicable).
- c) Continental balance with respect to NOC representation in the specified event and in the Games overall.

Reallocation of unused quota places

If necessary, Panam Sailing will reallocate unused quota places no later than April 18, 2025, according to the process outlined below.

NOCs that received reallocated quotas shall confirm their intention to use the places to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing no later than April 25, 2025.

Unused quota places will be allocated by the Qualification Committee according to the following criteria:

- a) Results of age-eligible athletes in the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth World Championships, 2024 South American Youth Championships, 2025 Mayan Windfest, 2025 Semana de Buenos Aires (for ILCA), ILCA Mid-Winters East, Regional Games and Equipment Class Championships; the World Sailing World Rankings (if applicable); and continental balance.
- b) The Qualification Committee may reallocate unused quota places from one event to another.

Qualification for Lima 2027 Pan American Games

In Sailing, the gold medalists in individual events will qualify directly to the Lima 2027 Pan American Games. Three (3) spots per gender (6 in total) will be allocated in these competitions.

These places will be allocated to the athletes, not the country. If the athlete who earned the place cannot participate in the Lima 2027 Games, said place will be lost and may not be transferred to the country or to any other athlete in the corresponding event of the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.



TIMELINE

Key date	Event
February 28, 2025	Panam Sailing will confirm to Panam Sports and to the NOCs the places that they qualified, no later than this date
March 14, 2025	NOCs must confirm to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing the places they will use, no later than this date
March 21, 2025	NOC Universality Applications due to Panam Sailing
March 31, 2025	Panam Sailing will confirm to Panam Sports and to the NOCs the places that they qualified
April 11, 2025	NOCs must confirm to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing the Universality places they will use
April 18, 2025	Reallocation of unused quota places by Panam Sailing
April 25, 2025	NOCs that received reallocated places must confirm their participation to Panam Sports and Panam Sailing
May 9, 2025	Entry by number deadline
July 19, 2025	Entry by name deadline

