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## **QUALIFICATION FOR THE US SAILING TEAM - 2025**

To qualify for the US Sailing Team, athletes/teams must meet the requirements below while training and competing in a 2028 Olympic class boat. Athletes/teams will qualify for a specific Tier, Tier 1 or 2, with corresponding levels of US Sailing Team-provided support.

### **TIER 1: TOP 10 IN THE WORLD**

To qualify for US Sailing Team Tier 1, athletes/teams must achieve a top 10 overall finish at:

- the 2024 Olympic Games OR
- either of their class's two most recent scheduled Class World Championships OR
- the 2025 Trofeo S.A.R. Princesa Sofia Regatta | Palma de Mallorca, ESP | March 28-April 4, 2025

*Athletes who qualify for Tier 1 through performance at the 2024 Olympic Games will maintain this Tier status until their class's 2025 World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.*

*Athletes who qualify for Tier 1 through performance at a World Championship or at the Princesa Sofia Regatta will maintain this Tier status for the next two scheduled World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.*

### **TIER 2:**

To qualify for US Sailing Team Tier 2, athletes/teams must:

- Achieve a top 20 overall finish (within the top 50% of the fleet) at either of their class's two most recent scheduled Class World Championships OR
- Achieve a top 20 overall finish (within the top 50% of the fleet) at the 2025 Trofeo S.A.R. Princesa Sofia Regatta | Palma de Mallorca, ESP | March 28-April 4, 2025

*Athletes who qualify for Tier 2 through performance at a World Championship or at the Princesa Sofia Regatta will maintain this Tier status for the next two scheduled World Championships, provided they meet all outlined USST requirements.*

## QUALIFICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

- To be officially named to the USST after qualifying for Tier 1 or Tier 2, athletes must:
  - Submit their Medal Winning Plan to be reviewed and approved by USST High Performance Director and USST Head of Operations.
  - Sign both the 2025 US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement and the 2025 US Sailing Team Agreement and comply with all obligations detailed therein.
- Tier Duration and/or Changes
  - If an athlete/team qualifies for a Tier and subsequently qualifies for a higher Tier at the following World Championship or at the 2025 Princesa Sofia Regatta, they will move to the higher Tier beginning the first of the month following the regatta at which they qualified, with higher funding amount prorated to the same date.
  - Should a previously qualified athlete/team fail to qualify for Tier 1 or 2 for two consecutive scheduled World Championships, they will drop off the US Sailing Team at the conclusion of the second World Championship.
  - If an athlete/team's approved schedule conflicts with a qualifying event, the athlete/team may be named to a Tier at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director and supported by recommendation from the International Selection Committee (ISC).
  - In case of injury, illness, or pregnancy, Tier status may be extended at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director and USST Head of Operations.
- Team and/or Class Changes:
  - If an athlete/team earns Tier status and then changes partners and/or boat class/equipment, athlete(s) must submit a new Medal Winning Plan and may be appointed to a Tier with a new partner or in a new class at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director, supported by recommendation from the International Selection Committee (ISC).
  - This discretionary status is only valid until the next scheduled World Championship.
- Athlete Financial Support: US Sailing provides Direct Athlete Funding to all Tier 1 and 2 athletes named to the US Sailing Team, based on their Tier status and an approved Medal Winning Plan. Specific annual funding amounts for Tiers 1 and 2 will be announced no later than December 31, 2024.
- Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI): In partnership with the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC), all athletes who meet the qualification requirements for Tiers 1 and 2 and sign the 2025 US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement and the 2025 US Sailing Team Agreement are eligible for the USOPC's Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI) for the 2025 calendar year.