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# **SECTION 1: OVERVIEW**

These procedures outline the pathway for selection to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Games) in Sailing. The maximum team size can be a maximum of six (6) athletes [three (3) males and three (3) females]; however final team size will depend on earned Pam American Sailing Federation (PASAF) quotas. US Sailing has already qualified as a country in the Men's and Women's iQFOiL. The remaining PASAF quotas are awarded as outlined in the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Guide, found in Appendix D. Note, 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.

# **SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
  - Have a valid United States passport at the time of participation in selection event that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 2. Minimum Panam Sports Requirements:
  - Abide by the rules in the Panam Sports Constitution, including nationality/citizenship requirements.
    - For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7).
  - Abide by the Panam Sports Eligibility of Conditions Form/Conditions of Participation Form
- 3. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Requirements:
  - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the LOC.
- 4. Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) Requirements:
  - Comply with all PASAF eligibility requirements outlined in the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Guide, found in Appendix D.
- 5. United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) Requirements:
  - Comply with all USOPC rules applicable to the Games (e.g., Demonstrations).
  - Complete all USOPC Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.
  - Comply with the USOPC Delegation Terms, including the Conduct Requirements, which will be made available here: <u>https://www.usopc.org/games-and-qualification</u>
  - o Comply with the <u>USOPC Athlete Safety Policy</u> and the <u>U.S. Center for SafeSport Code</u>.
  - Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current <u>USOPC Background Check Policy</u> if you will be age 18 or older.
- 6. US Sailing Requirements:
  - Comply with the US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement.
  - Comply with the <u>US Sailing Code of Conduct</u>.

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- Comply with the <u>US Sailing SafeSport Policy</u>.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing of US Sailing at the time of participation in selection event.
- o Athlete must have a registered "World Sailor ID" on the World Sailing website.
- Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.
- Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.

# SECTION 3: OTHER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM

- Meet the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the <u>USOPC</u>
  <u>Athlete Safety Policy</u> if you will be 18 or older on the day after the Closing Ceremony.
- Agree to be bound by and adhere to all Panam Sports, WADA, PASAF, World Sailing, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of Panam Sports, WADA, PASAF, World Sailing, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.
- Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, PASAF, World Sailing, and/or the Local Organizing Committee.

# **SECTION 4: EVALUATIVE EVENTS**

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 U.C.A. Midwinters Fast Championship	February 20-23, 2025   St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St.	
	2025 ILCA Midwinters East Championship	Petersburg, FL	
ILCA 6	2025 ILCA Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025   St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St.	
ILCA 0	2023 IECA MIDWIITERS East Championship	Petersburg, FL	
Men's iQFOiL	2025 iQFOiL Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025   Clearwater Community Sailing	
		Center, Clearwater, FL	
Women's iQFOiL	2025 iQFOiL Midwinters East Championship	February 20-23, 2025   Clearwater Community Sailing	
		Center, Clearwater, FL	
Men's Formula	Mayan Windfest	January 16-19, 2025   Cancun, Mexico	
Kite	Wayari Willulest	January 10-19, 2025   Cancult, Mexico	
Women's	Mayan Windfast	January 16 10, 2025   Cansun Movico	
Formula Kite	Mayan Windfest	January 16-19, 2025   Cancun, Mexico	

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# **SECTION 5: SELECTION PROCESS**

Provide a step-by-step description of the selection process including an overview of the PASAF Qualification System.

#### 5.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

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. PASAF quotas are awarded as outlined in the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Guide, found in Appendix D.

#### 5.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

All evaluative events listed in Section 4 are open events with no qualification pathway. Registration information to each is linked in Section 4.

#### 5.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

- The top eligible finisher at each evaluative event listed in Section 4 will be selected as the athlete representative for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. If a qualified athlete chooses not to attend the 2024 Junior Pan American Games, the entry will be awarded to the next highest ranked athlete in this selection process.
- 2. 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. The scores of ineligible athletes/teams who compete in these events and finish ahead of eligible teams will still count in this scoring system when factoring an eligible team's score: i.e., a 10th place finish is 10 points regardless of the eligibility of athletes/teams finishing 1st through 9th.
  - 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. If any of the evaluative regattas are "non-events" as defined in the Notice of Race for that regatta, cancelled, or postponed, the ISC will publish a revised selection procedure as soon as practicable.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the PASAF Qualification System, the PASAF Qualification System will take precedent. For more details, please refer to the PASAD Qualification System directly in Appendix D.

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# SECTION 6: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

#### 6.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:

Discretionary Selection may be used if:

- All eligible finishers at an evaluative event choose not to attend the 2025 Junior Pan American Games
- A selected athlete is removed under the guidelines described in Section 9 and there are no other eligible finishers from the evaluative event

# 6.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:

If discretionary selection is required for the reasons outlined in Section 6.1, US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) will create a sub-committee to consider the following criteria in no priority order:

- Highest probability for medal-winning performance as determined by the discretionary sub-committee, based on performance in past national and international level regattas within the past four calendar years.
- The following physical and technical proficiencies:
  - Physical: Possesses appropriate fitness and strength as evidenced by performance at past national and international regattas
  - Technical: Proficient in the boat handling and trim techniques for the class (tacking, gybing, use of the spinnaker, sail trim and balance), and game situations and tactics, as evidenced by performance at past national and international regattas.

# 6.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE

If discretionary selection is required for the reasons outlined in Section 6.1, US Sailing's International Selection Committee (ISC) will create a sub-committee from members of the ISC:

Briana Searle | Chair of the International Selection Committee, Olympian

Sally Barkow | Head of Operations, US Sailing Team, Olympian

Robbie Dean | Member-at-Large

Sarah Lihan | US Sailing Director, Olympian

Marcus Lynch | High Performance Director, US Sailing Team

John Pearce | US Sailing Youth Competition Manager

Katie Pettibone | Member-at-Large

Judge Ryan | Member-at-Large

Sheila Parker Tolle | Member-at-Large

Mackenzie Berwick | Secretary

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Justin Sterk | Counsel Kate Drummey | Staff Liaison

# SECTION 7: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

None.

# **SECTION 8: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION**

NGB will nominate the Team, including any replacements/alternates to the USOPC on or before June 16, 2025.

# **SECTION 9: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM**

#### 9.1 US SAILING JURISDICTION

- a. US Sailing has jurisdiction over athlete nominees until athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the Local Organizing Committee. An athlete who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by NGB:
  - i. <u>Voluntary withdrawal</u>. Athlete submits a email letter to the High Performance Director at <u>olympic@ussailing.org</u> requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
  - ii. <u>Injury or illness</u>. A physician (or medical staff) approved by US Sailing provides certification that the Athlete has a debilitating condition. If Athlete refuses to provide verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be debilitating and they may be removed from the Team.
  - iii. <u>Failure to participate</u>. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
  - iv. <u>Code of Conduct Violation.</u> Athlete violates the US Sailing Code of Conduct: <u>https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/US-Olympic-Sailing-Program-Code-of-Conduct.pdf</u>
  - v. <u>Athlete Agreement</u>. Athlete violates a term in their signed US Sailing Athlete Agreement.
  - vi. <u>Non-compliance</u>. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 and Section 3 of these selection procedures.
- b. An Athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team if found to have violated WADA, PASAF, World Sailing, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and the US Sailing SafeSport Policy, as applicable.

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# 9.2 USOPC JURISDICTION

- a. Once Athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the Local Organizing Committee, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.
- b. USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply in addition to the US Sailing Code of Conduct. The Delegation Conduct Requirements in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and are made available during the Games registration process.
- c. The USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the USOPC Dispute Resolution Policy and Hearing Procedures.
  - i. See <u>www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution</u> for more information.

# SECTION 10: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- 10.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, the entry will be awarded to the next highest ranked athlete in this selection process. If there are no eligible athletes in the selection process, the vacancy will be filled using the discretionary criteria outlined in Section 6.
- 10.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 2-3.

# SECTION 11: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- 11.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, if allowed, the entry will be awarded to the next highest ranked athlete in this selection process. If there are no eligible athletes in the selection process, the vacancy will be filled using the discretionary criteria outlined in Section 6.
- 11.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 2-3.

# **SECTION 12: RIGHT TO A HEARING**

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per US Sailing's complaint procedures (<u>https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/review-board/</u>) and the USOPC Bylaws (applies only for a Protected Competition), Section 9 (<u>https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution</u>).

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# **SECTION 13: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Games:

- US Sailing Code of Conduct: <u>https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/US-Olympic-Sailing-Program-Code-of-Conduct.pdf</u>
- US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement

# **SECTION 14: DISCLAIMERS**

These procedures are based on Panam Sports and PASAF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in Panam Sports and/or PASAF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Sailing.

However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency. If any force of nature, pandemic, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions.

# **SECTION 15: CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 6.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 21) must comply with US Sailing's Conflict of Interest Policy, found in Section 14 of the US Sailing Regulations, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with US Sailing's Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee. <u>https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/US-Sailing-Regulations-7.18.22-1.pdf</u>

Any member of this sub-committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to US Sailing's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse themselves from the review process and/or voting.

A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business relationship or interferes with, or maybe perceived to interfere with a committee member's ability to be impartial and participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. Any member of the Selection Committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to US Sailing's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themself from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

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If a conflict exists, US Sailing's Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse themself from participating in discussions and/or voting).

During its review, US Sailing's Ethics Committee may ask a Selection Committee member or an affected person for more information at its discretion. For example, if a Selection Committee member is required to recuse themself from voting, US Sailing's Ethics Committee may still determine that a Selection Committee member who has relevant and necessary information related to athlete performance, such as a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide that information to the Selection Committee if the information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and if the Selection Committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the Chair of US Sailing's Ethics Committee (hubbellthomas@ussailing.net). Reports may also be made anonymously through the USOPC's Integrity Portal. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest. In addition, the USOPC maintains a strict no retaliation policy that prohibits any employee, contractor, agent, volunteer, or member of the USOPC to take or threaten to take any action against an athlete for reporting information to or seeking assistance from the Office of the Athlete Ombuds.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the US Sailing International Selection Committee appointment process.

# SECTION 16: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact <u>olympic@ussailing.org</u> for information about these selection procedures, as well as the Team USA Athlete's Commission Representative listed below:

Name: Luke Muller Position: Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative Email: <u>luke.muller1@gmail.com</u> Phone: 772-940-9262

#### ATHLETE OMBUDS

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Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds: PHONE: (719) 866-5000 EMAIL: <u>ombudsman@usathlete.org</u> WEBSITE: <u>usathlete.org</u>

# **SECTION 17: GRIEVANCES**

US Sailing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <u>https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-organization/review-board</u>

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an NGB alleging that they have been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here: <a href="https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution">https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution</a>

# **SECTION 18: NON-RETALIATION**

The USOPC and NGB have zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or NGB staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

- Individuals may report concerns to US Sailing by following US Sailing's Whistleblower Policy located here: <u>https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/US-Sailing-Whistleblower-and-Anti-Retaliation-Policy-USOPC-Approved.pdf</u>
- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the <u>USOPC</u> <u>Integrity Portal</u> or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's <u>Speak Up Policy</u>.

# **SECTION 19: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

US Sailing will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process as required by US Sailing's Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the 2025 Junior Pan American Games, whichever is longer.

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# SECTION 20: QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2027 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

- Gold medalists in individual events in Sailing from the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will qualify by name for the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- If the athlete who earned the quota cannot participate in the 2027 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and may not be transferred to the country or to any other athlete.

# **SECTION 21: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

Briana Searle | Chair of the International Selection Committee, Olympian

Sally Barkow | Head of Operations, US Sailing Team, Olympian

Robbie Dean | Member-at-Large

Sarah Lihan | US Sailing Director, Olympian

Marcus Lynch | High Performance Director, US Sailing Team

John Pearce | US Sailing Youth Competition Manager

Katie Pettibone | Member-at-Large

Judge Ryan | Member-at-Large

Sheila Parker Tolle | Member-at-Large

Mackenzie Berwick | Secretary

Justin Sterk | Cousel

Kate Drummey | Staff Liaison

The following individual approved these selection procedures and through their signature, certifies that the procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by the PASAF. The following individual further certifies that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the NGB and that these selection procedures will be posted on the NGB's website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
US Sailing High Performance Director	Marcus Lynch	signed by: Marcus Lyndu TSECRATAETENATE	1/27/2025

The following individual affirms that they read and understand the selection procedures.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Team USA Athletes	Luke Muller	DocuSigned by:	1/27/2025
Commission Representative*		luke Muller 5284F2470602474	, ,

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\* If the Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that they have read and understand the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, they may submit those reasons in writing to their USOPC Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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#### APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

AAC - Athletes' Advisory Council

- **AC –** Athletes' Commission
- Act or TSOASA Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

APC – Americas Paralympic Committee

- CAS Court of Arbitration for Sport
- Center or CSS U.S. Center for SafeSport
- **CF** Continental Federation
- **IMS** Internally Managed Sport (sport managed by the USOPC)
- IOC International Olympic Committee
- IPC International Paralympic Committee
- IF International Federation
- LOC Local Organizing Committee
- NGB National Governing Body
- NOC National Olympic Committee
- NPC National Paralympic Committee

**OCOG** – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. The OCOG refers to the Organizing Committee of the

Paralympic Games as well.

- **PAG** Pan American Games
- Panam Sports or PASO Pan American Sports Organization
- PPAG Parapan American Games
- PSO Paralympic Sport Organization
- TEAM USA AC Team USA Athletes' Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)
- USADA United States Anti-Doping Agency
- WADA World Anti-Doping Agency

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#### **APPENDIX B – GLOSSARY**

**Contingency** means a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

**Delegation Event** means the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

**Force Majeure** means an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (e.g., hurricane, tornado, etc.).

**Grievance Procedures** means the process that enables an athlete to file a complaint with the NGB or USOPC.

Jurisdiction means the power or authority to make decisions and judgments.

**Nominated** means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted to the USOPC by an NGB for participation in the Games.

**Protected Competition** means a Delegation Event or a Qualifying Competition.

Qualifying Competition means either of the following:

- i. **NGB Qualifying Competition:** Any competition or activity organized or approved by the NGB where the athlete's performance or results are considered in the published selection criteria to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.
- ii. **International Qualifying Competition**: Any international sport competition where (i) athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations, (ii) the NGB officially designates entrants, as required by the competition organizers, and (iii) athlete results or performance are included in the published criteria to qualify, or be selected, to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

**Selected** means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the USOPC to the LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the LOC.

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# **APPENDIX C – ATHLETE RESOURCES**

#### ATHLETE OMBUDS

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Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000 EMAIL: <u>ombudsman@usathlete.org</u> WEBSITE: <u>usathlete.org</u>

#### SAFESPORT HELPLINE

The SafeSport Helpline provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Helpline at 866-200-0796 or visit www.safesporthelpline.org.

#### TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) (Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission

#### TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychservices@usopc.org, or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit <u>https://www.usopc.org/mental-health</u> for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.

#### **USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)**

For Protected Competitions, USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the <u>dispute resolution website</u>.

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#### USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the <u>USOPC</u> <u>Integrity Portal</u> or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.

#### USOPC SECURITY AND ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL

Athletes can report an incident of emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Polices (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the <u>Safety Reporting</u> <u>Portal</u>. Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.



# SAILING





Junior Pan American Games





EVE	ENTS
Men (3)	Women (3)
One-person Dinghy Windsurfing Kite (Formula Kite)	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-persor	n 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		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		2	
Total	8	8	

Kite - Men - Formula Kite			
Qualification Approach	Boats	Athletes	
2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World Sailing Youth Worlds	1	1	
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, January 16-19, 2025	2	2	
Host Country	1	1	
Universality	4	4	
Total	8	8	





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Kite - Women - Formula Kite		
Qualification Approach Boats	Athletes	
2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 World 1 Sailing Youth Worlds	1	
Mayan Windfest, Cancun, MEX, 2 January 16-19, 2025	2	
Host Country 1	1	
Universality 4	4	
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: <u>hagedornfh@gmail.com</u> and <u>andrea@panamsports.org</u>

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

