



QUALIFICATION FOR THE US SAILING OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - 2025

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US Sailing's Olympic Development Program (ODP) is composed of athletes competing in Olympic equipment who are working to make the top 20 in the world to qualify for the US Sailing Team.

To qualify for ODP, 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 3, 4, or 5) with corresponding levels of US Sailing-provided support.

TIER 3: PERFORMANCE POTENTIAL ATHLETE

To qualify for ODP Tier 3, athletes/teams must finish within a specific overall position (within the top 75% of the final fleet results) at the Class World Championships (beginning in **2023** **2024**) OR at the 2025 Trofeo S.A.R. Princesa Sofia Regatta:

- 470, 49er, 49erFX, Nacra 17, Men's Kite, Women's Kite: Finish 21st - 30th overall
- ILCA 6 and Women's iQFOiL classes: Finish 21st - 40th overall
- ILCA 7 and Men's iQFOiL classes: Finish 21st - 50th overall

2020 and/or 2024 Olympians who are not otherwise qualified for Tiers 1 and 2 will also qualify for Tier 3.

Athletes who qualify for Tier 3 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 requirements.

TIER 4: OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT ATHLETE

To qualify for ODP Tier 4, athletes must finish within a specific overall position at any of the following events:

- 2021-2025 Youth Sailing World Championships medalist
- 2021 or 2025 Junior Pan American Games medalist



- Top 10 overall finish at a 2021-2025 Youth Class World Championship (ex: top 10 at 29er Worlds)
- Top 10 overall finish at a 2021-2025 U21/U23 Olympic-discipline World Championship
- Top 3 finish at any 2021-2025 College Singlehanded Sailing Championships
- **ILCA 6 and 7 only:** Top 3 finish at 2021-2025 **Olympic-Class ILCA** North American Championships (competitors must meet Olympic eligibility requirements, ex: **470 sailors must be in Mixed configuration**; ILCA 6 boys are not eligible, etc)
- Finish in the top 80% of final fleet results at the 2025 Long Beach Olympic Class Regatta

Athletes may also be considered for Tier 4 through resume-based selection based on international Olympic circuit experience on a case by case, class by class basis. To be considered, [please complete the Tier 4 application form found HERE](#) and submit a sailing resume detailing your Olympic sailing experience to odp@ussailing.org. Applications and resumes will be reviewed by the US Sailing Team High Performance Director and Olympic Development Director, supported by recommendation from the International Selection Committee (ISC). [The application window will be open from January 29-March 31, 2025, and application decisions will be communicated no later than April 15, 2025. There will be a second application period open from September 1-30, 2025, with athletes hearing back by mid-October.](#)

Athletes who qualify for Tier 4 will maintain this Tier status until September 30, 2026, provided they meet all outlined requirements.

TIER 5: OLYMPIC TRANSITION ATHLETE

Athletes may be invited to participate in ODP camps and/or Olympic-class regattas at the Tier 5 level based on available resources. These invitations will be based on the following considerations:

- Member of the US Sailing Youth Team (Tiers 6 and 7) ready to transition to ODP
- Top 3 finish at any 2021-2025 College Sailing National Championship
- Sailing experience and athletic ability
- Interest in and commitment to Olympic sailing
- Goals relevant to future Olympic campaigns

To request an invitation, athletes will need to complete an application form which will be reviewed by the Olympic Development Director. The application link [will be posted shortly can be found HERE](#). [The application window will be open from January 29-March 31, 2025, and application decisions will be communicated no later than April 15, 2025. There will be a second application period open from September 1-30, 2025, with athletes hearing back by mid-October.](#)



Athletes who are invited to participate in Tier 5 will maintain this Tier status until September 30, 2026, provided they meet all outlined requirements.

QUALIFICATION DETAILS AND REQUIREMENTS

- To be officially named to the ODP after qualifying for Tiers 3, 4, or 5, athletes must:
 - Tier 3:
 - Submit a Medal Winning Plan to be reviewed and approved by both the USST High Performance Director and the Olympic Development Director.
 - Sign both the 2025 US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement and the 2025 US Sailing ODP Agreement and comply with all obligations detailed therein.
 - Tiers 4 and 5:
 - Submit a Performance Progression Plan to be reviewed and approved by the Olympic Development Director.
 - Sign the 2025 US Sailing Athlete Participation Agreement
- Tier Duration and/or Changes
 - If an athlete/team qualifies for a Tier and subsequently qualifies for a higher Tier at a later date, they will move to the higher Tier beginning the first of the month following qualification, with available resources prorated to the same date.
 - Should a Tier 3 or 4 athlete/team fail to requalify per the above time parameters, they will drop down one tiering level.
 - In case of injury, illness, or pregnancy, Tier status may be extended at the discretion of the USST High Performance Director, Olympic Development 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 or Performance Progression Plan and may be appointed to the same Tier with a new partner or in a new class in consultation with the USST High Performance Director and/or Olympic Development Director.