



US SAILING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
Boys and Girls Windsurfing
December 14, 2009

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen of the United States at the time of the Calema Midwinter Windsurfing Festival/2010 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event regatta, March 4-7, 2010 ("the Trials") and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) will only award Member National Authorities (MNAs) 2 possible entry slots out of 4 possible, one for boys, one for girls for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games (Please refer to the ISAF website at www.sailing.org). Each MNA must qualify for these 2 entry slots at the designated country qualifier events, as outlined on the ISAF website above. If the United States qualifies as a country per the criteria, US SAILING will only send athletes in the Boys Windsurfing and Girls Windsurfing events. Per ISAF and the IOC, the sailing event is an open event and in order to be eligible to compete in the regatta as part of the Trials, an athlete must have been born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995. Proof of age will be required at regatta registration, by providing a copy of a birth certificate and valid U.S. passport.

Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.

Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.

3. Other requirements (if any):

All eligible athletes competing in the Trials shall be members of US SAILING. Proof of membership will be verified prior to the competition.



- B. Provide a description explaining how athletes are selected to the Team (include tryout events and date of selection).

A total of 2 athletes, one male and one female in each of the windsurfing classes will compete in the sport of sailing for the U.S. at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games to be held from August 14-26, 2010 in Singapore, if qualified as a country. The events and classes which have been chosen for these Games are as follows:

Windsurfing boys (1 athlete): Techno 293

Windsurfing girls (1 athlete): Techno 293

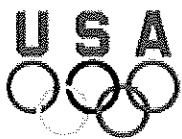
The Olympic Sailing Committee of US SAILING (OSC) is only eligible to send 2 athletes total, one boy and one girl, pending country qualification as determined by the ISAF. The OSC will send athletes in the windsurfing events only. No provision will be made to include either of the dinghy events if athletes for the windsurfing events are not able to compete. Information on the country qualification schedule can be found at www.sailing.org/youtholympicgames.php

To select athletes for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, the OSC will use the Calema Midwinter Windsurfing Festival/2010 Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event regatta, hosted by Calema Windsurfing and Watersports in Merritt Island, Florida, March 4-7, 2010. This regatta has also been designated as the Regional Qualifier by the ISAF.

A series of races will be run over the course of the 3 days, and will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing - Windsurfing Competition Rules. A Notice of Race shall be produced, as well as Sailing Instructions and any other necessary regatta documents, by the Organizing Committee of the event, Calema Windsurfing. Competitors are subject to all rules outlined in any official regatta documents, and shall agree to this when registering as a competitor. Following the series of races, the top eligible U.S. finisher in each event will be nominated to the USOC to represent the United States at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, pending country qualification. This regatta will be an open event to any athlete, but only eligible athletes as outlined in Section I.A shall be eligible for nomination to the USOC for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

If the U.S. qualifies all eligible slots (one athlete per gender) at the Trials, the selection process will conclude.

If the U.S. does not qualify any eligible slots at the Trials, or qualifies only one boy or one girl, athlete(s) must then compete in the Windsurfing



World Championship/Open Qualification Event to qualify a country slot (dates and location to be determined and posted at www.sailing.org/youtholympicgames.php).

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on or before June 21, 2010.

- C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.

The Executive Committee of US SAILING's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC ExCom) oversees the selection process.

*Dean M. Brenner, Chairman
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Betsy Alison, Paralympic coach
Kenneth Andreasen, High Performance Director
Jerehyn Biehl
Robert Billingham
Gary Bodie
Luther Carpenter, Olympic Coach
Dan Cooney, Commercial Director
Carol Cronin, USOC AAC Rep
Louise Gleason
Serge Jorgensen
Katie Kelly, Olympic Director
Benjamin Richardson
Leandro Spina, Olympic coach
James Tichenor*

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Explain the discretionary criteria and how it will be used (if any):

N/A

- B. Discretionary Selection Committee

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections:

N/A



III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of the selections by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over selected athletes.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by US SAILING may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by US SAILING.

- *Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to US SAILING's Olympic Director.*
- *Injury or illness as certified by an approved US SAILING physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved US SAILING physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.*
- *A violation of US SAILING's Code of Conduct (see Attachment 1).*

NOTE: US SAILING's Code of Conduct is updated annually. The 2010 US Sailing Code of Conduct will be approved and posted online no later than January 15, 2010.

- B. After acceptance of athlete selections by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

- C. An athlete may be removed from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

If the top eligible U.S. finisher at the Trials in either event is not able to attend the 2010 Youth Olympic Games for any reason, then US SAILING will use the results of the Trials, and nominate the next highest ranked, eligible finisher. US SAILING will continue down the results in finishing order, until there is an athlete who can attend.



V. 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 for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- *US SAILING's Code of Conduct (Attachment 1)*

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the US SAILING in the following locations:

- A. NGB Web site: <http://sailingteams.ussailing.org>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- B. Other (if applicable): *N/A*

VIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

The Executive Committee of US SAILING's Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC ExCom).

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X. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures

(<http://about.ussailing.org/Assets/Bylaws/Bylaws+of+USSA09.pdf>) or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9 and Grievance Procedures, http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08_executed_.pdf.

XI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or ISAF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or ISAF 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 selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US SAILING may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:



- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XIII. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by US SAILING.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
US SAILING Executive Director	Charles M. Leighton	<i>Charles M. Leighton</i>	12/17/09
Olympic Director	Katie Kelly	<i>Katie Kelly</i>	12/17/09
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Carol Cronin		

*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

ATTN: Katie Kelly 683-0840 Team 423-0336
CAROL Cronin



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Attachment 1

2010 US SAILING TEAM ALPHAGRAPHICS
CODE OF CONDUCT

The Athlete hereby pledges to uphold the spirit of the USSTAG Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to the Athlete's conduct as a member of the US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics (USSTAG). The Athlete acknowledges that he or she has a right to a hearing if the opportunity to compete is denied or if charged with a violation of this Code.

The Athlete commits to familiarization with the Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of selection to the USSTAG.

As a Member of the USSTAG, the Athlete hereby promises and agrees that s/he:

- Will abide by all rules related to the USSTAG selection procedures as approved by the OSC and the USOC where applicable;
- Has acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit performance at the maximum of the athlete's abilities;
- Will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC);
- Is not currently serving a doping violation and does not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- Will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to the athlete, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- Is eligible to compete under the rules of ISAF;
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from his/her ability or that of teammates to attain peak performance;
- Will give careful consideration to the possibility of incurring injuries that would jeopardize the ability to compete in sailing events, prior to participating in potentially hazardous sports such as skiing, snowboarding, hang gliding, rock climbing, parachuting, base jumping, etc.
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect members of the USSTAG, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Will follow the USSTAG rules, including, rules regarding required attendance at USSTAG meetings;
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the Athlete, teammates, US SAILING, the US Olympic Sailing Program and the United States; and
- Will remember at all times that s/he is an ambassador for the US Olympic Sailing Program, US SAILING, the USA, and the Olympic Movement.

The Athlete acknowledges that failure to comply with any of these terms may result in expulsion from the USSTAG, and/or forfeiture of the right to represent US SAILING and/or the USOC at international events, including, but not limited to the Olympic Games.

Athlete Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
(for participants under the age of 18)

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____