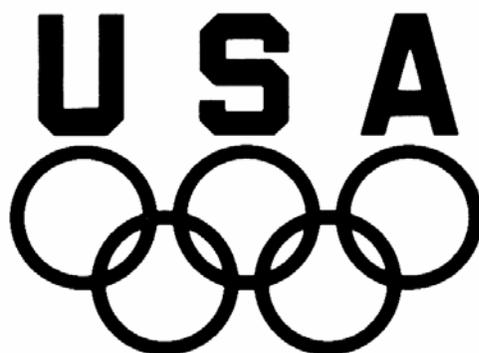


United States Olympic Committee



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURE FORMS

for the

**OLYMPIC GAMES
PARALYMPIC GAMES
PAN AMERICAN GAMES**

Version 5



NGB NAME
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
SPECIFIC GAMES, INCLUDING YEAR
(DISCIPLINE, IF NECESSARY)
SUBMISSION DATE

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

Note: Use objective based criteria as the primary selection system for selecting athletes.

- A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:
1. Citizenship:
Note: must list that athletes must have current U.S. passport.
 2. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) (PAG only) standards for participation (if any):
Note: NGBs are responsible for reading, understanding and incorporating IF standards/criteria into their Selection Procedures.
 3. Other requirements (if any):
- B. Provide a brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team (include maximum team size).
- C. Tryout Events:
Note: Selection procedures based on retroactive criteria, results or events will not be accepted unless expressly authorized by the USOC.
Note: Dates for any events, trials or camps must be announced at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the event, unless express written permission is granted from the USOC.
1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.



2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the events listed above in C. 1 (if any).

3. Provide the event name, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine “start positions” (if any).

Note: In events where teams are allowed more preliminary entries than start positions by their IF, final selection of athletes for all start positions must be made at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the event, even if IF rules allow for a shorter deadline unless special permission is granted by the USOC.

D. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

E. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

Note: Any discretion or subjectivity proposed will be required to be supported with objective criteria.

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how it will be used:



C. Discretionary Selection Committee

Note: A committee of more than one person must be involved in making the discretionary selections.

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO/Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by an NGB physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by an NGB physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct. (Attachment ___)
- **If NGB has any other specific reason, list those reasons here.**

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Constitution and Bylaws (**NGB: Provide specific Article(s) of Bylaws, etc. here**) or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.



- B. After acceptance of nomination 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 USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

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

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

- B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:
 - i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

 - ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

- C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:
 - i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:



- ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:
 - a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
 - b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
 - c. during the Games:

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB will retain 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

Note: Required Documents may include a Code of Conduct or a National Team Agreement, etc.

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination in the **Olympic, Paralympic or Pan American Games** and are included as attachments:

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the **NGB** in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

- A. NGB website: www:
These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.
- B. NGB Official Publication (if any):
Note: NGB to provide a hard copy of the published procedures to the USOC Sport Partnership/Paralympic representative within 30 days of publication.



C. Other:

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

Note: The USOC requires each NGB to submit its athlete nominations on the USOC Athlete Nomination form 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympic Games, or 45 days prior to the IPC deadline for the Paralympic Games.

Note: Requests for an extension to the date of nominations must be submitted and approved in advance. To be considered, a request must include the reason for the extension. These requests will only be approved in extraordinary circumstances.

Important: The USOC must authorize the release of the official Athlete Nominations before announcements are published or made available to the press or public.

Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be submitted to the USOC on:

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Note: NGB must provide adequate notice (e.g. 30 days) to all athletes regarding any mandatory training and/or competition in the event that exact dates aren't known at this time.

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC (IPC, PASO), WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC (IPC, PASO), WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:



XII. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The **NGB** Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found:

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on **IOC, IPC, PASO** and/or **your IF** rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in **IOC, IPC, PASO** and/or **your IF** rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to **NGB**. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

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

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

XV. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by **NGB.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or Executive Director			



Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director			
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*			

*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.

USOC USE ONLY

Date Original Procedures Rec'd _____	
Date Revision Submitted _____	Date of USOC Approval _____