

USOPC IMS - Skateboarding

Athlete Selection Procedures (Park)

2025 World Championship

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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for selection to the 2025 WST World Championships (Park) for USOPC IMS - Skateboarding (IMS). The maximum Team size can be three (3) athletes per gender per discipline. However, Pre-seeded skaters and Extra Quota skaters do not count against the maximum Team size.

SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
 - Have a valid United States passport at the time of nomination that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2025 WST World Championships.
2. Minimum World Skate (IF) Requirements:
 - Abide by the rules in the IF, including nationality/citizenship requirements.
 - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the Local Organizing Committee.
 - Must be at least 12 years old as determined by [World Skate](#).
 - Comply with all IF eligibility requirements found here:
 - <https://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/about/bulletins.html>
 - [Bulletin 01 WST São Paulo World Championship Street and Park 2025](#)
3. IMS-Skateboarding (IMS) Requirements:
 - Comply with the IMS Athlete Agreement.
 - Comply with the [Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport](#)
 - Comply with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#) and the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) including education and training requirements.
 - Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
 - Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
 - Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, IF and/or the Local Organizing Committee.
4. Anti-Doping Requirements:
 - Agree to be bound by and adhere to all IF, USADA, WADA, 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 the IF, USADA, WADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.

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SECTION 3: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
July 26 – August 11, 2024	2024 Olympic Games
January 1 – December 31, 2025	2025 World Skate Tour Events

SECTION 4: SELECTION PROCESS

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

4.1 TOTAL NATION QUOTA PLACES:

The maximum Team size can be three (3) athletes per gender per discipline. However, Pre-seeded skaters and Extra Quota skaters do not count against the maximum Team size.

4.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

2024 Olympic Games

Athletes were nominated to the 2024 Olympic Games based on the selection procedures which are posted here: <https://www.teamusa.com/skateboarding-selection-procedures>

World Skate Tour (WST) Events

- A total of eight (8) athletes worldwide per event are pre-seeded based on the following criteria, applied in order:
 - World Skateboarding Ranking Pre-Seeded – The top six (6) athletes in the Top 30 of the World Skateboarding Ranking (WSR) as of sixty (60) days before the start of event practice.
 - Previous Event Podium Pre-Seeded – The top three (3) athletes from the previous WST event in the same discipline.
- World Skate confirms country quotas, pre-seeded athletes, and extra quota eligibility based on rankings sixty (60) days before the scheduled competition.
- Each National Federation can register up to three (3) athletes per gender for WST events.

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4.3 **NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:**

Athletes will be selected to the World Championship Team in the following order:

- IMS athletes ranked in the top six (6) athletes worldwide per discipline on the WSR released 60 days before the previously scheduled 2025 World Championship (Washington, DC) will be automatically selected as Pre-seeded athletes.
- IMS athletes ranked 7-30 on the WSR released 60 days before the previously scheduled 2025 World Championship (Washington, DC) will be selected as Extra Quota skaters up to a maximum of six (6) athletes per discipline between Pre-seeded and Extra Quota skaters.
- Three (3) IMS athletes per discipline will be selected via the Discretionary Selection Criteria outlined in Section 5.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the IF Qualification System, the IF Qualification System will take precedent. For more details, please refer to the IF Qualification System directly here: [Bulletin 01 WST São Paulo World Championship Street and Park 2025](#)

SECTION 5: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

5.1 **RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION:**

Discretionary selection may be used to allow elite riders who were injured, ill, or who experienced extenuating circumstances including but not limited to equipment failure, weather complications, travel delays, or canceled events during the qualification period (Section 5), the opportunity to be considered for the 2025 World Championship.

5.2 **DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED:**

The Selection Committee will consider a range of performance factors that will include the following in no particular order:

- Athletes who qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games
- Athletes who medaled at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games
- The athlete's WST ranking as of the WSR released 60 days before the previously scheduled 2025 World Championship (Washington, DC)
- Athletes who had podium finishes at top international competitions between January 1 - December 31, 2025. Top international competitions include X Games, SLS, and Rockstar Open events

5.3 **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections or other decisions and recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process.

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Committee Name: World Championships Selection Committee

- Mimi Knoop – USOPC IMS Skateboarding Team Manager
- Andrew Nicolaus – USOPC IMS Skateboarding Head Coach
- Alexis Sablone, 10 Year Athlete Representative

SECTION 6: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule, and duration of all mandatory training and/or competition for athletes who are nominated to the Team.

IMS does not anticipate scheduling any mandatory training or competitions for athletes who are nominated to the Team.

SECTION 7: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

IMS will nominate the Team, including any replacements/alternates on or before February 16, 2026.

SECTION 8: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

IMS JURISDICTION

- a. An athlete who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by IMS:
 - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the USOPC IMS Skateboarding Team Manager (mimi.knoop@usopc.org) requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - ii. Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by IMS 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. Failure to participate. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
 - iv. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the [Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport](#)
 - v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed IMS Athlete Agreement.
 - vi. Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 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 IF, USADA, WADA, and/or, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, as applicable.

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SECTION 9: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- 9.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, IMS will follow the nomination process outlined in Section 4.3.
- 9.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 2.

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

- 10.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, if allowed, IMS will follow the nomination process outlined in Section 4.3.
- 10.2 Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to IF regulations including applicable Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.
- 10.3 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 2.

SECTION 11: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the [IMS Complaint Procedures](#).

SECTION 12: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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

- [Athlete Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport Programs](#)
- IMS Athlete Agreement

SECTION 13: DISCLAIMERS

These procedures are based on IF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to IMS.

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

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procedures may require revisions.

SECTION 14: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 5.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 19) must comply with the [USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy](#), to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

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 the USOPC Ethics & Compliance Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themselves from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

If a conflict exists, the USOPC Ethics & Compliance Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse themselves from participating in discussions and/or voting) by following the [USOPC Ethics Procedures](#).

The AAG representative will not participate in the Ethics & Compliance Committee's deliberations or decision. Once a decision has been made, the Ethics & Compliance Committee will provide a written decision, including directions to mitigate the conflict, to the affected parties and to USOPC IMS staff. The Ethics & Compliance Committee's decision is final and is not subject to further review.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest 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.

SECTION 15: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures.

Name: Mimi Knoop

Position: USOPC IMS Skateboarding Team Manager

Email: Mimi.Knoop@usopc.org

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Name: Alexis Sablone

Position: IMS 10 Year Athlete Representative

Email: Alexis.Sablone@gmail.com

ATHLETE OMBUDS

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Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

SECTION 16: GRIEVANCES

The USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures for IMS can be found here:

<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>

SECTION 17: NON-RETALIATION

The USOPC and IMS 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 IMS 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 the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's [Speak Up Policy](#).

SECTION 18: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

IMS 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 the USOPC Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the 2025 World Championship, whichever is longer.

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SECTION 19: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE
Matt Cramer	USOPC IMS Senior Director
Mimi Knoop	USOPC IMS Skateboarding Team Manager
Alexis Sablone	10 Year Athlete Representative

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

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
USOPC IMS Senior Director	Matt Cramer		1/26/2026

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

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
IMS 10 Year Athlete Representative	Alexis Sablone		1/27/2026

* If the Team USA Athletes' Commission Representatives have delegated authority to another 10 Year Athlete Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

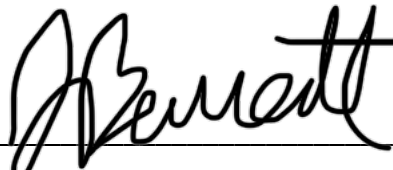
* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, the NGB must designate a 10 Year Athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Delegation of Authority to sign the Athlete Selection Procedures (Park) for the 2025 World Championship

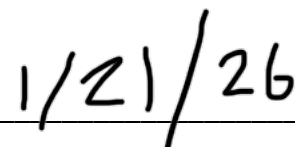
January 21, 2026

Delegation of Selection Procedure Authority

I, **Jordyn Barratt**, the Team USA AC Representative for USOPC IMS – Skateboarding (IMS), hereby delegate my authority to sign the 2025 World Championship Athlete Selection Procedures (Park) to Alexis Sablone, an IMS 10 Year Athlete Representative. As an athlete who may be selected to the 2025 World Championship Park Team, I have a conflict of interest with regard to these selection procedures.



Signature



Date

Jordyn Barratt
Team USA AC Representative
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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 IMS 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 by the Selection Committee to IMS.

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 IMS to the LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the LOC.

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APPENDIX C – ATHLETE RESOURCES

ATHLETE LEGAL AID

The purpose of the Athlete Legal Aid Program is to assist elite athletes without sufficient financial means to seek aid for fees and costs associated with legal representation or the proceeding itself with respect to claims before an anti-doping organization, NGB, IF, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USOPC, IOC/IPC, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), or other sport-related tribunal within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/ombuds/athlete-legal-aid-program

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Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

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.safesporthehelpline.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 ATHLETE SERVICES

The USOPC helps support Team USA athletes from the start of their career to their retirement and beyond through direct funds, programs and services that help athletes excel in their day-to-day lives, on and off the field of play.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/athlete-benefits-and-resources

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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 www.usopc.org/mental-health 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 [dispute resolution website](#).

USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and IMS 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 [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) 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 Policies (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the [Safety Reporting Portal](#). Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.