

USA Field Hockey (Women)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2027 Pan American Games and 2028 Olympic Summer Games

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TO: Members of **USA Field Hockey**

FROM: **USA Field Hockey**

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games and the 2028 Olympic Summer Games

To provide information in a timely manner, USA Field Hockey is releasing this Preliminary notice of the Women's Field Hockey Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games and the 2028 Olympic Summer Games (Games). This document is being written as a summary complement, and not a substitute to the Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Field Hockey once the Athlete Selection Procedures for each event have been approved by the USOPC.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Field Hockey, USADA, USOPC, WADA, International Hockey Federation (FIH) and IOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the [USOPC Background Check Policy](#) and [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).
- For the Olympic Games, athletes must comply with all FIH eligibility requirements posted here (see *Qualification*): <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>

B. Continental and International Federation Qualification System Overview:

~~The 2027 Pan American Games and 2028 Olympic Games Qualification Systems Manual for Hockey have not been published by FIH/CF so the maximum Team size cannot be confirmed at this time.~~

~~Based on the Pan American Hockey Federation (CF) Qualification System Manual for the 2027 Pan American Games, Team USA will be allocated on quota place due to their second place finish at the 2025 Pan American Cup.~~

~~Since the United States is the host country for the Olympic Games, Team USA will be allocated on quota place on the basis that the women's team satisfied the FIH criteria of appearing on the ranking of 25 or better in the FIH World Rankings since the end of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The maximum Team size for the Olympic Games is 16 athletes. The International Hockey Federation Qualification System for the 2028 Olympic Games can be found here (see *Qualification*): <https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>~~

C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:

It is intended that athletes being considered for national to the 2027 Pan American Games and/or to the 2028 Olympic Games may be evaluated on their performance at the below listed events. Please note that additional Evaluation Events will be added as dates and locations are confirmed. Additional Evaluation Events will be confirmed by USA Field Hockey in the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games and/or to the 2028 Olympic Games.

2027 Pan American Games:

EVENT NAME*	DATE/LOCATION
August 2025—November 2027	NCAA Regular and Post Season Games
December 2025—January 2028	USA Field Hockey U21 and Development Camps
February 2027 – July 2027	2027 USA Field Hockey Women’s High Performance Program (USAFHWHP) & Centralized Training Program – Charlotte, NC
January 2027 – July 2027	International Series Events
January 2027 – May 31, 2027	Global Club outdoor Competitions (<i>as applicable**</i>)
January 2027	USA Field Hockey U21 & Development Camps
2027	Nations Cup (<i>if qualified</i>)
2027	FIH Hockey Pro League (<i>if qualified</i>)

2028 Olympic Games:

EVENT NAME*	DATE/LOCATION
February 2027 – July 2028	2027 USA Field Hockey Women’s High Performance Program (USAFHWHP) & Centralized Training Program – Charlotte, NC
January 2027 – July 2028	International Series Events
January 2027 – May 31, 2027	Global Club outdoor Competitions (<i>as applicable**</i>)
July 16 – August 1, 2027	2027 Pan American Games – Lima, Peru
January 2027	USA Field Hockey U21 & Development Camps
December 2027	Women’s Junior World Cup
2027 - 2028	Nations Cup (<i>if qualified</i>)
2027 - 2028	FIH Hockey Pro League (<i>if qualified</i>)
2027	NCAA Regular and Post Season Games

Selection to the 2027 USAFHWHP and participation in the subsequent Centralized Training Program in Charlotte, NC is required to be considered for 2027 Pan American Games or 2028 Olympic Games Team nomination. Information on acceptable periods of exemption at the Centralized Training Program is

forthcoming in full 2027 Pan American Games and 2028 Olympic Games Athlete Selection procedure documents.



*Please note that the location, schedule, and duration of future USAFHWPP events and International Series Events will be announced at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of training or competition.

**Please note that overseas athletes who are playing at the highest Global Club competitions (*with prior approval and agreement of the Women’s National Team Head Coach by July 15, 2026*) may be evaluated on their performance in those competitions.

D. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on FIH/CF rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2027 Pan American Games and the 2028 Olympic Summer Games. The information in this notice is provided for information purposes to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the USA Field Hockey Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games and the USA Field Hockey Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures for both Games will be posted at [hXps://www.usafieldhockey.com/team-usa/athlete-resources](https://www.usafieldhockey.com/team-usa/athlete-resources).

For questions about the 2027 Pan American Games and the 2028 Olympic Summer Games selection process, please contact Craig Parnham, USA Field Hockey High Performance Director (cparnham@usafieldhockey.com).

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