

**USA Skateboarding**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**Santiago 2023 Pan American Games**  
**Park & Street Disciplines**  
**January 26, 2023**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

- 1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

- 1.2. Minimum Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Pan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7)

- 1.3. Minimum Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

Athletes must have signed and submitted the athlete eligibility conditions form.

Only NOCs recognized by the Panam Sports and whose National Skating Federations are members of World Skate and World Skate America may enter athletes in the Santiago 2023 Pan American Games

All athletes must be listed by their name in the World Skateboard Rankings on the official World Skate website as of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

- 1.4. Other requirements:

- Athlete must be a member of USA Skateboarding in good standing
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

2. Tryout Events:

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

The following qualification pathway is the method in which quota places by name are earned for the 2023 Pan American Games in accordance with the qualification system established by Panam Sports found [Here](#)

Olympic World Skate Rankings (OWSR) points will be awarded for the following events between 24 June 2022 - 5 July 2023:

2022 - 2023 World Skate Events

- Rome Street: 26 Jun – 3 Jul 2022, Rome, ITA
- 2022 Street World Championships: 25 Jan – 5 Feb 2023, Sharjah, UAE
- 2022 Park World Championships: 5-12 Feb 2023, Sharjah, UAE
- Rome Street: 18 – 25 Jun 2023, Rome, ITA
- While no other events are currently scheduled, should any other events be added, dates, and locations will be announced on USA Skateboarding's website [here](#), within two business days of event announcement.

The OWSR is sanctioned by World Skate and World Skate indicates they will be updated day after each competition. The OWSR per discipline and gender can be found [here](#).

Athletes will be selected by name from the OWSR as of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, following the conclusion of all eligible OWSR events with a maximum of one (1) athlete per NOC, per gender, per event.

2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

All events that are sanctioned by World Skate and count toward the OWSR (World Championships, Olympic Qualifier Series, Pro Tour Events, 5-star events, 3-Star Events):

Athlete entries into events that are sanctioned by World Skate and count toward the OWSR will be determined with the following methods for Park and Street disciplines in 2023:

Generally, World Skate provides automatic invitations to pre-seeded skaters. Pre-seeded skaters are typically the top five highest ranked OWSR athletes in each discipline and gender.

*USA Skateboarding procedures for qualification for these events are here, for illustration of how athletes can qualify for World Skate events: [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0311/0551/5656/files/World\\_Skate\\_Qualification\\_2023.pdf?v=1668474669](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0311/0551/5656/files/World_Skate_Qualification_2023.pdf?v=1668474669)*

Beyond the skaters that qualify through the pre-seeding rules as determined by World Skate, additional skaters may participate in international events as determined by the National Federation (i.e., USA Skateboarding). In these cases, USA Skateboarding will fill open positions with National Team members first (in rank order based on OWSR, with the highest ranked U.S. athlete, invited first). USA Skateboarding's National Team is listed [here](#) and the selection criteria for being named to the team is provided [here](#). If any positions remain open, then USA Skateboarding will extend invitations based on the discretionary selection to those who have not already accepted an invitation (whether extended by World Skate or USA Skateboarding).

Discretionary selection will be utilized to determine unfilled spots in each event.

The application of discretionary selection may allow elite skaters 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, the opportunity to be considered for World Skate events. When applying discretionary selection, the USA SKB Athlete Event Selection Committee will consider a range of performance factors that will include the following in no particular order:

- Athletes who medaled at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- Athletes who demonstrate an overall consistent ability to place top ten through reliable execution at the highest-level events (such as National Championships, Street League, X Games, Dew Tour, and other events that exhibit high levels of competition and attendance/strength of field) within the previous 15 months
- Athletes with a podium finish at the most recent USA Skateboarding National Championships
- (Olympic World Skate Rankings) OWSR at the time of selection

USA Skateboarding's Athlete Event Selection Committee will be comprised of the following committee:

- USAS High Performance Director
- USAS Athlete Representative(s)
- USAS Coach(es)

#### Conflict of interest

All members of the selection committee must comply with USA Skateboarding conflict of interest policy (see USA Skateboarding Bylaws, Section 17.3), to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review USA Skateboarding's ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to USA Skateboarding's ethics committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, USA Skateboarding ethics committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse him/

herself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the ethics committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to USA Skateboarding's ethics committee at [ethics@usaskateboarding.com](mailto:ethics@usaskateboarding.com).

Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USA Skateboarding selection committee appointment process (see Section 8 of the USA Skateboarding Bylaws).

3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The 2023 Pan American Games Team will be comprised of a maximum of four (4) athletes – one (1) athlete per event (Men's Park, Men's Street, Women's Park, Women's Street), provided all available quota places are qualified in accordance with World Skate America's Pan American Games Qualification System for Santiago 2023.

Athletes will be selected by name according to the OWSR (following the conclusion of all eligible OWSR events) as of July 5, 2023, with a maximum quota of one (1) athlete per NOC for each event until the number of seven (7) athletes is reached.

The highest ranked US athlete in each event/gender by July 5, 2023 will earn the quota by name.

## 2. **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

- 2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): Discretionary criteria are not used in the selection to the Pan American Games. Criteria for access to qualification events include discretionary criteria, as is outlined in 1.2.1 above.
- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): See 1.2.1
- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles: See 1.2.1
  - 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: See 1.2.1

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, the NGB/PSO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by USA Skateboarding may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Skateboarding:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Skateboarding CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Skateboarding. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Skateboarding, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of USA Skateboarding Code of Conduct (Attachment A).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Skateboarding Bylaws (found [here](#)) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms.

See “Delegation Events” at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy (including required background checks) and USA Skateboarding SafeSport policies, as applicable.

#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

As qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games is by name, World Skate America will reallocate spots to the next eligible highest ranked athlete by name in the OWSR while respecting the maximum country quota per each NOC.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:  
See 4.1.1.

#### **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Skateboarding 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 Ceremony of the Games.

#### **6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games (include as attachments or provide links):

- USA Skateboarding National Team Membership Agreement found [Here](#)

**7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Skateboarding in the following public location(s):

7.1. NGB/PSO Web site: [www.usaskateboarding.com](http://www.usaskateboarding.com)

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

**8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

Nomination of athletes, including replacements [if applicable], will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before July 14, 2023.

**9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

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

There are currently no plans to hold a mandatory training camp for the 2023 Pan American Games. Should this change, athletes will be given at least 30 days notice by announcement through email to athletes, as well as posted online.

**10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

**11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CEO                       | Johnny Schillereff |
| High Performance Director | Miah Wheeler       |
| Athlete Representative    | Liam Pace          |

**12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**



USA Skateboarding Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found [here](#)

### 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on Panam Sports regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in Panam Sports, rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Skateboarding. 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, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

### 14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/ PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

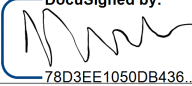
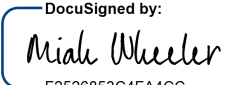
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

### 15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our CF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Skateboarding.**

| Position                  | Print Name         | Signature  | Date      |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------|
| USA Skateboarding CEO     | Johnny Schillereff | DocuSigned by:<br><br>78D3EE1050DB436...  | 1/28/2023 |
| High Performance Director | Miah wheeler       | DocuSigned by:<br><br>F2526853C4FA4CC... | 1/27/2023 |

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| USOPC Athletes'<br>Advisory Council<br>Representative* | Liam Pace | DocuSigned by:<br><br>D14174D668BB46E... | 1/27/2023 |
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\* If the USOPC 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 Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A

**USAS National Team**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

USA Skateboarding's Code of Conduct outlines the standard of behavior expected of all team members, as well as all Officials, employed or volunteering with USAS. It is a formal statement of the values and ethical standards that guide individuals in sport. It is a set of principles and norms to which sportspeople and officials can be held accountable when representing their country. The Code is used as a point of reference when dealing with disciplinary procedures against members or officials.

I will:

- Respect the rules
- Display high standards of behavior that promote a positive image of USAS and the USA
- Respect other athletes and official's cultures and beliefs.
- Respect the officials and their decisions.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Give my teammates positive inputs and feedback.
- Compete fairly.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language or behavior on or off the field of play.
- Strive to maintain a sense of self-control and dignity at all times.
- Have positive interactions with officials and opposing skaters.
- Maintain a sense of integrity.
- Respect facilities and others' properties
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- Never advocate or condone the abuse of drugs or other banned substances or methods.
- Reject corruption, drug abuse, racism & violence.
- Help others to resist corrupting pressures.
- Denounce those who attempt to discredit the sport.
- Honor those who defend the sport's good reputation.
- Never provide under age participants with alcohol.
- Participate in all team testing and satisfy all team program-testing objectives.
- Communicate and cooperate with registered medical practitioners/testing centers in the diagnoses, treatment and management of medical problems and respect the concerns

these medical people have when they are considering my future health and well being and when they are making decisions regarding my ability to continue to play or train.

- Do not block the USAS logo during video or still camera photography activity.

PRINT NAME Liam Pace

DATE 1/27/2023

SIGNATURE