

**USOPC INTERNALLY MANAGED SPORTS - BREAKING  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
PAN AMERICAN GAMES, SANTIAGO 2023  
AUGUST 3, 2023**

*\*These procedures were not published six (6) months in advance of the first evaluative event due to a delay in publication of the official 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System for Breaking.*

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.0. Nationality/Passport requirements:

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

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six (6) months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.1. 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).

1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must meet the Pan American Games eligibility requirements at the time of the qualifying event(s).
- Adhere to the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF) Breaking Rules and Regulations Manual (BRRM) outlined [here](#).
- Must be part of the WDSF Athletes and Competition License System.
- Athletes must sign and submit the athlete eligibility conditions form.
- Athletes must be born no later than December 31, 2008.
- Athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the following:
  - Olympic Charter
  - World Anti-Doping Code

- Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions
- Pan Am Sport Regulations

1.1.3. Other requirements:

- Athlete must be a member of USA Dance, registered as a Breaking Athlete, at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must sign and abide by the USOPC's Code of Conduct for [Internally Managed Sports](#) by the time of nomination.
- 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](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

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

[2022 Breaking for Gold USA \(BFG USA\) National Tour](#)

March 19 – August 13, 2022

[2022 The IWGA World Games](#)

July 9 – 10, 2022, Birmingham, Alabama

The following events are involved in the WDSF World Ranking List:

[2022 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events](#)

*Series Includes World Series, International Series and Challenge Series Events*

April 16, 2022 – November 19, 2022\*

\*World Ranking points starting 1 July 2022

[2022 WDSF World Championships - Breaking](#)

October 21-22, 2022, Seoul, South Korea

[2023 WDSF Pan American \[Continental\] Championships](#)

May 27-28, 2023, Santiago, Chile

[2023 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events](#)

*Series Includes World Series, International Series and Challenge Series Events*

January 1, 2023 – August 5, 2023

- 1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:
1. 2022 Breaking for Gold USA (BFGUSA) National Tour
    - a. Open entry, no invitation necessary
    - b. Divisions are determined by athletes' age at the time of registration
    - c. Athletes must complete all registration requirements for the Adult Breaking Category by the stated deadline
    - d. Must be in good standing with the National Federation
  2. 2022 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events – [Series Includes World Series, International Series and Challenge Series Events]
    - a. Athletes are nominated to compete in the 2022 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events, in results order, from the 2022 Breaking for Gold USA National Tour
      - i. Top 3, per gender, at regional events in the Adult Breaking Division
      - ii. Ranked Top 8 in BFGUSA National Ranking List as of May 9, 2022  
<https://usadance.org/page/BreakingNationalRanking>
  3. 2022 WDSF World Championships – Breaking
    - a. Athletes are nominated to compete in the 2022 WDSF Breaking World Championships, in results order:
      - i. Top 2 placements, per gender, at the 2022 BFGUSA National Championships in the Adult Breaking Division  
<https://usadance.org/page/BreakingNationalRanking>
      - ii. Next five highest point earners, per gender, in the 2022 BFGUSA National Ranking List
      - iii. Top 16 IWGA qualifier in the Adult Breaking Category
      - iv. Athletes must be part of the WDSF Athletes and Competition License System at the time of nomination.
  4. 2023 WDSF Pan American [Continental] Championships
    - a. Top 4 placements, per gender, at the 2023 BFGUSA National Championships in the Adult Breaking Division  
<https://and8.dance/en/stats/reports/4413>
    - b. Athletes, per gender, in rank order, accumulating WDSF World Ranking Points during the 2022 -2023 Qualification Period

<https://www.worlddancesport.org/Event/Competition/World-Championship-Seoul-23379/Adult-Breaking-1vs1-b-boys-58529/Ranking>

- c. Athletes, per gender, in rank order, accumulating WDSF Olympic Ranking Points during the 2022 -2023 Qualification Period

<https://www.worlddancesport.org/Ranking/Olympic>

5. 2023 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events- [Series Includes World Series, International Series and Challenge Series Events]

- a. World Series

- i. Highest ranked U.S. athlete, per gender, in the WDSF World Ranking List
- ii. Next two highest ranked athlete(s), per gender, on the BFGUSA 2022/2023 National Ranking List or by National Federation nomination from the approved 2022/2023 WDSF International Ranking List

<https://www.worlddancesport.org/News/WDSF/Road-to-Paris-2024---WDSF-announces-2023-Breaking-calendar-3297>

- b. International and Challenge Series

- i. Athletes, per gender, on the BFGUSA 2022/2023 National Ranking List, in accordance with WDSF Athletes and Competition License System

- ii. <https://cdn.ymaws.com/usadance.org/resource/resmgr/breakin/breakingdancesportrulebookv4.pdf>

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for the Pan American Games:

1. Max Team Size: 4

- a. B-Boys: 2
- b. B-Girls: 2

2. 2023 WDSF Pan American Championships, May 27-28, 2023, Santiago, Chile

- a. Highest four (4) placed athletes per gender will qualify for the 2023 Pan American Games, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

3. 2023 WDSF World Ranking List as of August 5, 2023

- a. Eleven (11) quota places per gender will be allocated to the top eleven (11) ranked athletes of the respective Continent in the WDSF BfG World Ranking List, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

- b. If a top eleven (11) ranked athlete already qualified for the Pan American Games, the next highest ranked athlete from the respective Continent will qualify for the Pan American Games, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- c. If a top eleven (11) athlete is unable to participate in the Pan American Games, the next highest ranked athlete from the respective Continent will qualify for the Pan American Games, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the 2023 Pan American Games Qualification System for Breaking, the [Pan American Games Qualification System](#) will take precedent.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): Not Applicable
- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): Not Applicable
- 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: Not Applicable

## 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, USOPC IMS Breaking has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USOPC, Director of Internally Managed Sports (Whitney Carter – [whitney.carter@usopc.org](mailto:whitney.carter@usopc.org)).
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USOPC. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USOPC, 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 8 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USOPC's Code of Conduct for [Internally Managed Sport](#).

- 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 the USOPC's Internally Managed Sport complaint procedures (<https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-athlete-resources> ) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9 (<https://www.usopc.org/legal/section-9-complaint-form>).

- 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 USOPC Internally Managed Sport 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.usopc.org/governance/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 Panam Sports, WADA, WDSF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, and the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy 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:

If necessary, the WDSF will reallocate unused quota places to the next highest ranked and not yet qualified athlete of the Pan American region through the [WDSF BfG ranking list](#), respecting the maximum quota per NOC. Unused quota places will be reallocated no later than August 21, 2023 and confirmed by August 24, 2023.

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

If necessary, the WDSF will reallocate unused quota places to the next highest ranked and not yet qualified athlete of the Pan American region through the [WDSF BfG ranking list](#), respecting the maximum quota per NOC. Unused quota

places will be reallocated no later than August 21, 2023 and confirmed by August 24, 2023.

## 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USOPC IMS Breaking 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):

- USOPC Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sports (Please click this link to access): <https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-athlete-resources>
- USOPC Complaint Procedures for Internally Managed Sports (Please click this link to access): <https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-athlete-resources>
- USOPC Internally Managed Sports National Team Agreement or Non-National Team Agreement

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

- 7.1. USOPC Breaking Web site: <https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-selection-procedures>

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

- 7.2. Other: N/A

## 8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes, and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

September 10, 2023

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

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

N/A

**10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

**11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

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

- USOPC Director, Internally Managed Sports: Whitney Carter
- VP of DanceSport Breaking – Breaking for Gold USA: Zack Slusser
- Interim Volunteer AAC Athlete Representative: Morris Isby

**12. USOPC IMS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USOPC IMS Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-athlete-resources>

**13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, Panam Sports as applicable, and/or WDSF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, Panam Sports as applicable, and/or WDSF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USOPC 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, 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 USOPC IMS.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:



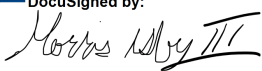
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

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

WEBSITE: <https://www.usopc.org/athlete-ombuds>

**15. USOPC IMS SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or Panam Sports 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 USOPC IMS.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USOPC Chief of Paralympics & Internally Managed Sports	Julie Dussliere		8/10/2023
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Whitney Carter	DocuSigned by:  47D8784A30A944E	August 10, 2023   9:27:29 AM MDT
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* (Interim Volunteer Rep)	Morris Isby	DocuSigned by:  0345FBAE85284FB...	August 15, 2023   1:31:48 PM PDT

\* 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 these Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the USOPC IMS, 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, USOPC IMS must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.