

**US SPEEDSKATING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING
March 28, 2023
Amended July 21, 2023**

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 by the registration deadline for the Selection event.

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

- 1.1.1. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic 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 Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

- 1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

To be eligible to participate, athletes must have been born between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008.

Athletes must have competed at least once in a US National Championship or in an ISU sanctioned International Competition during the last 16 months prior to the sport entries deadline for Gangwon 2024.

The personal best time skated for each distance along with a proof of such time must be sent to the ISU and Gangwon 2024 Sport Entries.

- 1.1.3. Other requirements:

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of US Speedskating (USS).
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be available for the entire duration of the Games.

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:

The 2023 USS Short Track US Championships in Salt Lake City, Date TBD (September/October 2023) will be used to select the 2024 Youth Olympic Games Short Track athletes.

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

2023 USS Short Track US Championships

- a) Skaters must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2023-2024 USS Short Track Rules and Regulations found on the USS website.
- b) Skaters must meet the qualifying times at a USS or ISU sanctioned competition. Times must be skated between July 1, 2022 and the registration deadline for US Championships as per the USS Rules and Regulations (see 1.2.2.a). Qualifying times are as follow:
 - i. Women 500m: 48.50
 - ii. Men 500m: 46.00

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

The maximum team size as defined in the ISU Qualification System for the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games is up to 2 athletes per gender. Quota spots have been earned by country, as per the ISU Qualification System, at the 2023 ISU World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships, January 27-29, 2023 in Dresden, Germany. The ISU Qualification System for the 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games is attached as Attachment A.

The 2024 U.S. Short Track Youth Olympic Team will be selected from the 2023 USS Short Track US Championships (see format and comprehensive description below). For the purposes of these procedures, the women and men teams will be selected separately. The following procedures will be used in the selection process.

2023 USS Short Track US Championships

Competition Format: The 2023 USS Short Track US Championships will be conducted as an All Finals-Elimination progression and follow the race schedule below (Figure 1):

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|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Day 1 | 1500m (1) & 500m (1) | Qualifying Rounds and Finals |
| Day 2 | 1000m (1) & 1500m (2) | Qualifying Rounds and Finals |
| Day 3 | 500m (2) & 1000m (2) | Qualifying Rounds and Finals |

Figure 1. Race schedule

All distances will be used for the selection of the 2024 Youth Olympic Games athletes as all three distances will be contested there.

For each distance, a final distance classification will be made in which the skaters are ranked as per the 2023-2024 Rules and Regulations (see Section 2. Distance Classification). A combined distance classification (CDC) and Overall Classification will also be made (see Section 2. Combined Distance Classification, Overall Classification).

Additionally, a Special Overall Classification will be made by combining the best four (4) out of six (6) Distances included in the Overall Classification ~~combining the best two CDC for each skater~~. Skater shall be ranked in the following order:

1. Highest total number of Final Points over the best four (4) out of six (6) distances.
 2. Best combined ranking over the best four (4) out of six (6) distances.
 3. Best ranking in one (1) out of the best four (4) distances.
 4. Highest rank in the Overall Classification
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- ~~1. Highest total number of Final Points of the best two (2) out of three (3) CDC.~~
 - ~~2. Best total ranking over the best two (2) out of three (3) CDC.~~
 - ~~3. Best rank in one (1) out of three (3) CDC.~~
 - ~~4. Highest rank in the Overall Classification.~~

The two (2) skaters per gender with the highest Special Overall Classification from US Championships will be nominated to the 2024 Short Track Youth Olympic Team.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Not applicable. There will be no discretionary selection.

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:

2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure

form for review by the NGB/PSO's ethics committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the Short Track YOG Selection Task Force (STYSTF) who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to US Speedskating'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, US Speedskating's 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 US Speedskating's ethics committee. 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 US Speedskating's selection committee appointment process.

The Short Track YOG Selection Task Force (STYSTF) is comprised of:

- USS Executive Director
- USS Short Track Program Director
- USS Board Member Athlete Representative

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

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

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to US Speedskating.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Speedskating. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by US Speedskating, 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 US Speedskating's Code of Conduct
<https://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Members-and-Clubs/Membership/Membership-Registration>
- 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 US Speedskating's Bylaws <https://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/governance/governance-and-bylaws> Article 14, 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 and US Speedskating 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:

In the event any qualifying skater declines his/her position on the 2024 Youth Olympic Team, the next highest ranked skater from the Special Overall Classification at the 2023 USS Short Track US Championships (as described in 1.3.) will be the replacement athlete.

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

If time allows and if in accordance with ISU and Youth Olympic Games regulations, the process identified in 4.1.1. above will apply.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Speedskating 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 Youth Olympic Games

- Declaration of Intent Form to be signed at the team processing following the selection competition.

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

7.1. US Speedskating Web site:

<https://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Athletes/Rules-and-Regulations/Short-Track>

- 7.2. Other:
Announcements will be made in USS membership email communications such as the USS Member News.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:
October 31, 2023

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

At the time of development of these procedures, no mandatory training camps or competitions have been determined for the 2024 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, USS will immediately notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance.

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:

USS Short Track Task Force:

USS Member Chair– Michael Kooreman
USS Short Track Program Director- Andr  a Do-Duc
USS Head Coach – Stephen Gough
USS Member – Donna Fiorenza
Athlete Representative – Keith Carroll Jr.
Athlete Representative – Ryan Pivrotto

Working group Additions:

USS Staff Liaison – Bryce Holbech

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The US Speedskating Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/governance/governance-and-bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC and/or ISU rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or ISU rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to US Speedskating. 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:

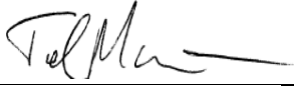


PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. US SPEEDSKATING SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF (the International Skating Union) 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 US Speedskating.

| Position | Print Name | Signature | Date |
|--|---------------|--|-----------|
| USS Executive Director | Ted Morris |  | 7/21/2023 |
| USS Short Track Program Director | Andréa Do-Duc |  | 7/21/2023 |
| USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | Brian Hansen |  | 7/21/2023 |

* 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, 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 must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.