

USA WRESTLING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
03/03/2026

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.1. 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 months after the conclusion of the Youth Olympic Games (Games).

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

- Any competitor in the 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).
- Athlete must abide by the IOC Eligibility of Conditions Form/Conditions of Participation Form.
- Athlete must comply with all rules and policies implemented by the OCOG for Dakar 2026.

1.1.3. Minimum United World Wrestling (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athlete must be 17 years of age or younger on or before December 31, 2026.
- Athlete must comply with all IF eligibility requirements which are anticipated to be posted here once available:
<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/youth-olympic-games>

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a current Athlete member of USA Wrestling and be recorded in the United World Wrestling (UWW) official database.
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athlete must comply with the NGB Code of Conduct
<https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>

- Athlete must comply with the NGB SafeSport Policy
<https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>
- Athlete must comply with all USOPC rules applicable to the Games.
- Athlete must complete all USOPC Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.
- Athlete must comply with the USOPC Delegation Terms, including the Conduct Requirements, which will be made available here:
<https://www.usopc.org/games-and-qualification>
- Athlete must comply with the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.
- Athlete must not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.

1.2. Evaluative Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events, and camps to be used as part of the nomination process:

Date(s)	Event(s)
October 2025	2025 U17 World Championships
April 26, 2026	2026 U17 Beach Pan Am Championships
May 9, 2026	2026 Carolina Beach Nationals & World Team Qualifier
August 8, 2026	2026 U.S. Beach Nationals

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for the events listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Selection procedures for the above events (where applicable) will be posted at <https://www.themat.com/team-usa/team-selection-criteria>.

NOTE: There is no requirement to have a certain number of athletes entered to compete within any given weight category at the 2026 Carolina Beach Nationals & World Team Qualifier or the U.S. Beach Nationals events. These events are open to anyone who would like to compete.

a) 2026 U17 Beach Pan Am Championships

The U17 Pan Am Championship team member in the Olympic styles will have a slot at the 2026 U17 Beach Pan Am event (April 26).

Athletes qualify for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games through the following process.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process.

The 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Team could be comprised of a maximum of eight athletes – one athlete, per style, per weight category for the women’s (45kg, 55kg, 65kg, 75kg) and men’s (50kg, 60kg, 70kg, 80kg) weight classes. These weights will be allocated by the USOPC for the event.

The 2026 YOG Team will be determined based on the following, working down these criteria that are listed in priority order:

- 2026 U17 Beach Pan Am Championships – Champion
- 2026 Carolina Beach Nationals & World Team Trials – Champion
- 2025 U17 Beach World Championships Medalist
- 2026 U17 Beach Pan Am Championships – 2nd or 3rd
- 2026 U.S. Beach Nationals – Champion
- 2026 Carolina Beach Nationals & World Team Trials – 2nd or 3rd
- 2026 U.S. Beach Nationals – 2nd or 3rd

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members’ titles currently serving on the committee: N/A

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1 USA Wrestling has jurisdiction over athlete nominees until athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG.

- a. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Wrestling:
 - 3.1.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the USA Wrestling Executive Director requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - 3.1.2 Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Wrestling 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.

- 3.1.3 Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates a term in their signed USA Wrestling Code of Conduct. <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>).
 - 3.1.4 Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1 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 IOC, IF, USADA, WADA, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and the NGB SafeSport policies, as applicable.
 - c. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Wrestling's Bylaws: <https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>.
- 3.2 Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.
 - 3.3 USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply in addition to the NGB Code of Conduct. The Delegation Conduct Requirements in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and are made available during the Games registration process.
 - 3.4 The USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the USOPC Dispute Resolution Policy and Hearing Procedures.
 - 3.4.1 See <http://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution> for more information.
 - 3.5 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IF, USADA, WADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Wrestling's 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. Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name to the OCOG:

If for any reason a replacement athlete is needed, the next ranked athlete from 1.3 above will be selected.

- 4.1.2. Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by the USOPC to the OCOG, if allowed, the same process outlined in 4.1.1. will be used, provided USA Wrestling is still authorized to add a replacement to the Team.

Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to IOC, USOPC, and IF regulations including applicable Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.

4.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 1.1.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Wrestling 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 USA Wrestling's Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games, whichever is longer.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following document is required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games.

- USA Wrestling Code of Conduct – USA Wrestling Policies - <https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>

7. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: **August 31, 2026**

8. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

10. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

- Jaimie McNab, Sr. Manager of Women’s Freestyle, Emerging Programs and National Teams Services
- Tim Box, Volunteer Coach, Beach Programs
- Ed Duncan, UWW Beach Commissions Member
- Gary Abbott, at-large
- USAW Executive Committee: <https://www.themat.com/about-us/board-of-directors>

All individuals listed above must comply with the NGB’s conflict of interest policy: <https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies>

11. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Wrestling Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: <https://www.themat.com/membership/usa-wrestling-policies> (See Disciplinary Proceedings and Grievance Policy)

12. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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

However, the selections 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 will be revised.

13. APPROVAL

These procedures were approved by the Executive Committee on Feb 03, 2026.