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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for selection to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games for Skateboarding. The maximum quota per NOC in the Street discipline is two (2) men and two (2) women. Quota is awarded to the athlete by name. Athlete nomination will be based on athlete ranking per the World Skate Ranking (WSR) list as of April 28, 2025.

SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:
 - Have a valid United States passport at the time of nomination that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (Games).
- 2. Minimum Panam Sports Requirements:
 - o Abide by the rules in the Panam Sports Constitution, including nationality/citizenship requirements.
 - 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).
- 3. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Requirements:
 - Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the LOC for 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
- 4. Continental Federation Requirements:
 - Comply with all 2025 Junior Pan American Games eligibility requirements found in the 2025 Qualification
 System Manual: https://www.panamsports.org/en/documents/?doc_category=games
 - Athletes must meet the age requirements as determined by the Pan American Sport Confederation be under the age of 21 years (athletes born in 2005 or after). Athletes can be up to 20 years old by December 31, 2025.
 - Athletes must be listed by their name in the World Skate Ranking on the official World Skate website as of April 28, 2025.
 - Only National Olympic Committees (NOCs) recognized by Panam Sports and whose National Skating Federations are member of World Skate and World Skate America may enter athletes in the Asuncion 2025 Junior Pan American Games.
 - Athletes must sign and submit the athlete eligibility conditions form.
- 5. USOPC Requirements:
 - Comply with all USOPC rules applicable to the Games (e.g., Demonstrations).
 - Complete all USOPC Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.
 - Comply with the USOPC Delegation Terms, including the Conduct Requirements, which will be made available here: https://www.usopc.org/games-and-qualification
 - Comply with the <u>USOPC Athlete Safety Policy</u> and the <u>U.S. Center for SafeSport Code</u>.

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Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current <u>USOPC Background Check Policy</u> if you will be age 18 or older.

6. IMS Requirements:

- o Comply with the IMS Athlete Agreement.
- o Comply with the IMS <u>Athlete Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport Programs</u>.
- Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.
- Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.

SECTION 3: OTHER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM

- Meet the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the <u>USOPC</u>
 <u>Athlete Safety Policy</u> if you will be 18 or older on the day after the Closing Ceremony.
- Agree to be bound by and adhere to all IOC, Panam Sports, WADA, World Skate (WS), USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of the IOC, Panam Sports, WADA, WS, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.
- Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, WS and/or Panam Sports.

SECTION 4: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

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

DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
June 18 – June 25, 2023	WST: Rome Street 2023
	Phase 1
September 9 – September 16, 2023	WST: Lausanne Street 2023
	Phase 1
December 10 – December 17, 2023	WST: Street World Championship Japan 2023
	Phase 1
March 3 – March 10, 2024	WST: Dubai Street 2024
	Phase 1
May 14 – May 19, 2024	Olympic Qualifier Series Shanghai
	Phase 2
June 18 – June 23, 2024	Olympic Qualifier Series Budapest
	Phase 2
September 7 – September 15, 2024	World Skate Games - Italy 2024
	Phase 2

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SECTION 5: SELECTION PROCESS

Provide a step-by-step description of the selection process including an overview of the Panam Sports Qualification System.

5.1 TOTAL QUOTA PLACES:

The maximum quota per NOC in the Street discipline is two (2) men and two (2) women. Quota is awarded to the athlete by name.

5.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

The qualification pathway to the Evaluative Events in the Street discipline outlined in Section 4 is described in Section 1.2.2 of the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games. These procedures can be found here:

https://assets.contentstack.io/v3/assets/blteb7d012fc7ebef7f/blt5ffdc3989dcd3d4d/66316bc4e664765668d44233/ AMENDED SKB 2024 Olympic Games ATH Selection FINAL-Remediated.pdf

5.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

The highest two (2) ranked eligible athletes per gender in the Street discipline on the World Skate Ranking (WSR) list as of April 28, 2025, will be nominated to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the Asuncion 2025 Qualification System, the Asuncion 2025 Qualification System will take precedent.

For more details, please refer to the Qualification System Manual Asuncion 2025 directly here: https://www.panamsports.org/en/documents/?doc_category=games.

SECTION 6: DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES 6.1 RATIONALE FOR UTILIZING DISCRETIONARY SELECTION: Not applicable

6.2 DEFINE THE DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA TO BE USED: Not applicable

6.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE: Not applicable

SECTION 7: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule, and duration of all mandatory training and/or competition that will be considered in Team selection.

Athletes will not be required to attend any mandatory training and/or competitions.

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SECTION 8: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

IMS will nominate the Team, including any replacements/alternates to the USOPC on or before June 16, 2025.

SECTION 9: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM 9.1 IMS JURISDICTION

IMS has jurisdiction over athlete nominees until athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the LOC.

- a. An athlete who is nominated to the Team by IMS may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by IMS:
 - Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the Senior Director, Internally Managed Sports (Matt Cramer – <u>Matt.R.Cramer@usopc.org</u>) requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - ii. <u>Injury or illness</u>. A physician (or medical staff) approved by IMS 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.
 - iii. <u>Failure to participate</u>. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
 - iv. <u>Code of Conduct Violation.</u> Athlete violates the <u>Athlete Code of Conduct for Internally Managed</u>
 Sport Programs
 - v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed IMS Athlete Agreement.
 - vi. <u>Non-compliance.</u> Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 and Section 3 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 Panam Sports, WADA, WS, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, as applicable.

9.2 USOPC JURISDICTION

- a. Once Athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the LOC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.
- b. USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply in addition to the Athlete Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport Programs. The Delegation Conduct Requirements in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and are made available during the Games registration process.
- c. The USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the USOPC Dispute Resolution Policy and Hearing Procedures.
 - i. See www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution for more information.

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SECTION 10: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES (LOC)

- 10.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the LOC, the next highest ranked eligible athlete in the Street discipline on the World Skate Ranking (WSR) list as of April 28, 2025 will be nominated to fill the athlete vacancy.
- 10.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 2-3.

SECTION 11: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES (LOC)

- 11.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the LOC, if allowed, World Skate and World Skate America will reallocate the unused quota places to the next highest ranked and not yet qualified eligible athlete in the Street discipline of the Pan American region through the World Skateboarding Ranking (WSR) list, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- 11.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 2-3.

SECTION 12: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the <u>IMS</u> Complaint Procedures.

SECTION 13: 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 2025 Junior Pan American Games:

- Athlete Code of Conduct for Internally Managed Sport Programs: https://www.teamusa.com/skateboarding-athlete-resources.
- USOPC IMS Skateboarding Athlete Agreement

SECTION 14: DISCLAIMERS

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

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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, pandemic, 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.

SECTION 15: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 6.3) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 21) must comply with the <u>USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy</u>, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business relationship or interferes with, or maybe perceived to interfere with a committee member's ability to be impartial and participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. Any member of the Selection Committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse him/herself from the Selection Committee's discussions and/or voting.

If a conflict exists, the USOPC Ethics & Compliance 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) by following the USOPC Ethics Procedures.

The AAG representative will not participate in the Ethics & Compliance Committee's deliberations or decision. Once a decision has been made, the Ethics & Compliance Committee will provide a written decision, including directions to mitigate the conflict, to the affected parties and to USOPC IMS staff. The Ethics & Compliance Committee's decision is final and is not subject to further review.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest through the <u>USOPC's Integrity Portal</u>. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest. In addition, the USOPC maintains a strict no retaliation policy that prohibits any employee, contractor, agent, volunteer, or member of the USOPC to take or threaten to take any action against an athlete for reporting information to or seeking assistance from the Office of the Athlete Ombuds.

SECTION 16: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures.

Name: Matt Cramer

Position: Senior Director, Internally Managed Sports

Email: Matt.R.Cramer@usopc.org

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ATHLETE OMBUDS

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Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

SECTION 17: GRIEVANCES

The USOPC Dispute Resolution Procedures (Effective May 31, 2024) can be found at www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution

SECTION 18: NON-RETAILATION

The USOPC and IMS have zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or IMS staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the <u>USOPC</u>
 Integrity Portal or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC's Speak Up Policy.

SECTION 19: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

IMS 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 the USOPC Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games, whichever is longer.

SECTION 20: QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2027 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

- Gold medalists in the Street discipline of Skateboarding from the 2025 Junior Pan American Games will qualify by name for the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- If the athlete who earned the quota cannot participate in the 2027 Pan American Games, the quota will be lost and may not be transferred to the country or to any other athlete.

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SECTION 21: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE	
Olivia Barker	Manager, Internally Managed Sports	
Matt Cramer	Senior Director, Internally Managed Sports	
Jordyn Barratt	Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative	

The following individuals approved these selection procedures and through their signature, certify that the procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by Panam Sports. The following individuals further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by IMS and that these selection procedures will be posted on the IMS website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
USOPC Senior Director of Internally Managed Sports	Matt Cramer	Signed by: Matt Cramer	February 3, 2025 6:45:12

The following individual affirms that they read and understand the selection procedures.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Team USA Athletes	Jordyn Barratt		February 7, 2025 4:10:49
Commission Representative*		John Bauath	

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^{*} If the Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

^{*} Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that they have read and understand the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by IMS, they may submit those reasons in writing to their USOPC Sport Performance Team.

^{*} If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, IMS must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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APPENDIX A - COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

AC – Athletes' Commission

Act or TSOASA – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

APC - Americas Paralympic Committee

CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport

Center or CSS – U.S. Center for SafeSport

CF – Continental Federation

IMS – Internally Managed Sport (sport managed by the USOPC)

IOC – International Olympic Committee

IPC – International Paralympic Committee

IF - International Federation

LOC – Local Organizing Committee

NGB – National Governing Body

NOC – National Olympic Committee

NPC – National Paralympic Committee

OCOG – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games

PAG - Pan American Games

Panam Sports or PASO – Pan American Sports Organization

PPAG – Parapan American Games

PSO – Paralympic Sport Organization

TEAM USA AC - Team USA Athletes' Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)

USADA – United States Anti-Doping Agency

WADA – World Anti-Doping Agency

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APPENDIX B - GLOSSARY

Contingency means a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

Delegation Event means the Olympic Games, the Olympic Winter Games, the Paralympic Games, the Paralympic Winter Games, the Pan American Games, and the Parapan American Games.

Force Majeure means an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (e.g., hurricane, tornado, etc.).

Grievance Procedures means the process that enables an athlete to file a complaint with the NGB or USOPC.

Jurisdiction means the power or authority to make decisions and judgments.

Nominated means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted to the USOPC by an NGB for participation in a Delegation Event.

Protected Competition means a Delegation Event or a Qualifying Competition.

Qualifying Competition means either of the following:

- NGB Qualifying Competition: Any competition or activity organized or approved by the NGB where
 the athlete's performance or results are considered in the published selection criteria to represent the
 United States in a Delegation Event.
- ii. **International Qualifying Competition**: Any international sport competition where (i) athletes represent the United States against athletes representing other nations, (ii) the NGB officially designates entrants, as required by the competition organizers, and (iii) athlete results or performance are included in the published criteria to qualify, or be selected, to represent the United States in a Delegation Event.

Selected means an athlete, coach or staff member whose name has been submitted by the USOPC to the OCOG/LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the OCOG/LOC.

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APPENDIX C - ATHLETE RESOURCES

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USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)

USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the dispute resolution website.

USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the USOPC Untegrity Portal or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.

USOPC SECURITY AND ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL

Athletes can report an incident of emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Polices (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the <u>Safety Reporting Portal</u>. Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.

SAFESPORT HELPLINE

The SafeSport Helpline provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Helpline at 866-200-0796 or visit www.safesporthelpline.org.

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TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) (Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission

TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychoservices@usopc.org, or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit TeamUSA.org/psychoservices for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at: go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.