

**USOPC INTERNALLY MANAGED SPORTS – BREAKING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES, PARIS 2024
AUGUST 11, 2023**

**These procedures were not published six (6) months in advance of the first evaluative event due a delay in publication of the official WDSF Qualification System for the 2024 Olympic Games. Please refer to the Preliminary notice in the delay of submitting official procedures at <https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-selection-procedures>.*

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 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).

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

- Athlete must adhere to the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) Rules and Regulations Manual, Breaking (<https://www.worlddancesport.org/Rule/Competition/General>)
- Athlete must be part of the WDSF Athletes and Competition License system.
- Athlete must be born no later than December 31, 2008.
- Athlete must meet the Paris Olympic Games eligibility requirements by the time of nomination.
- Athlete must respect and comply with the provisions of the following:
 - Olympic Charter
 - Rule 41, Nationality of Competitors

- Rule 43, World Anti-Doping Code
- Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions

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 Sport](#) 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

[2023 Pan American Games](#)

November 3-4, 2023, Santiago, Chile

[2023 WDSF World Championships Breaking](#)

September 23-24, 2023, Leuven, Belgium

[2024 Olympic Qualifiers Series \(OQS\)](#)

March – June 2024, Dates/Locations TBD

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 – December 31, 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 The IWGA World Games
 - a. Athletes are nominated to compete in the 2022 The IWGA World Games as follows:
 - i. 2021 WDSF World Championships Winner
 - ii. Next highest placed U.S. athlete, per gender, from the 2021 WDSF World Championships
 - iii. Host Country quota slot
 1. Top placement, per gender, at the 2022 BFG USA Regional Tour – Texas Breaking Open
<https://www.worlddancesport.org/News/WDSF/Quotas-to-Breaking-in-TWG-in-Birmingham-July-2022-3185>

3. 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>
4. 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.
5. 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>
6. 2023 WDSF Breaking for Gold Series Events- [Series Includes World Series, International Series and Challenge Series Events]
 - a. Highest ranked U.S. athlete, per gender, in the WDSF World Ranking List
 - b. 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 National Ranking List
 - c. <https://www.worlddancesport.org/News/WDSF/Road-to-Paris-2024---WDSF-announces-2023-Breaking-calendar-3297>
7. 2023 WDSF World Championships Breaking
 - a. Breaking for Gold USA Regional Championships:
 - i. Open entry, no invitation necessary

- ii. Divisions are determined by athletes' age at the time of registration, adhering to the WDSF BRRM on Olympic breaking eligibility requirements
 - iii. Athletes must complete all registration requirements for the Adult Breaking Category by the stated deadline
 - iv. Must be in good standing with the National Federation
 - v. Athletes must compete in the pre-selection at one or more of the following BFG USA events to be eligible for the BFG USA National Championships
 - 1. Los Angeles, CA – March 4, 2023
 - 2. Minneapolis, MN – April 1, 2023
 - 3. New York, NY – April 22, 2023
 - 4. Placement in the top four (4) at each Regional Championship automatically secures top sixteen (16) placement(s) at the 2023 Breaking for Gold USA National Championship
 - b. Breaking for Gold USA National Championship: Austin, TX - May 6, 2023
 - c. The last four (4) remaining placements into the top 16 will be determined via a prelim the day of National Championship with participation in at least one Regional Championship as a prerequisite.
 - d. The top two (2) placed athletes per gender at the National Championship will qualify for the 2023 WDSF World Championship.
8. 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile): November 3-4, 2023
- a. 2023 Pan-American Continental Championship (May 27-28, 2023)
 - i. The top four (4) placed athletes per gender at the 2023 Continental Championship will qualify for the Pan American Games, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
 - ii. The top two (2) placed athletes per gender at the Continental Championship will qualify for the Olympic Qualifier Series.
 - b. WDSF Breaking for Gold (BfG) World Ranking List – as of August 5, 2023
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.

- iii. 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.

9. Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS):

- a. The OQS consists of three events held between March – June 2024.
- b. A maximum of three (3) athletes per gender per NOC can qualify for the OQS, with a total of Forty (40) athletes per gender that may compete in the three (3) OQS events.
- c. Athletes who directly qualified for the Games through the World Championship or Continental Qualifier are not eligible to participate in the OQS.
 - i. The 2nd – 6th highest ranked athletes per gender from the 2023 World Championship.
 - ii. Three (3) athletes per gender from each of the five (5) Continents. For Pan American Athletes:
 1. Top two (2) placed athletes per gender from the 2023 Pan Am Continental Championship.
 2. Second highest ranked athlete per gender from the 2023 Pan Am Games.
- d. Athletes must be ranked in the top 14 on the BfG Ranking List on December 31, 2023, to qualify for the OQS.
- e. BfG Olympic Qualifier ranking points are accumulated at the following events from July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023, with only the athlete's top 4 results counting towards their ranking points:
 - Continental Championship(s)
 - BfG World Series
 - BfG International Series
 - BfG Challenge Series
- f. Next highest ranked fourteen (14) athletes per gender from the WDSF Ranking List, excluding athletes already qualified to the OQS by other means (8c), will qualify for the OQS.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for the 2024 Olympic Games:

- Max Team Size: 4
 - B-Boys: 2

- o B-Girls: 2
 - o Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name
 - o An athlete may qualify for the Games at the 2023 WDSF World Championship Breaking or at the 2023 Pan American Games.
 - Only one (1) athlete per gender per NOC can qualify directly for Games in 2023. Should two (2) athletes from the same country win the aforementioned competitions in 2023, the winner of the earlier competition will qualify directly to Paris 2024. The second athlete will qualify for the OQS and will have to earn an Olympic Berth in that series.
 - o An athlete may also qualify for the Games through participation in the Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS), respecting the max quota.
1. September 23-24, 2023: 2023 WDSF World Championship (Belgium):
 - a. The highest placed athlete per gender will qualify for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.
 - b. If the highest placed athlete already qualified for the Games at the Continental Qualifier, the next highest placed athlete at the World Championship, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place at the Games.
 2. November 3-4, 2023: 2023 Pan American Games (Santiago, Chile):
 - a. The highest placed athlete per gender will qualify for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.
 - b. If the highest placed athlete already qualified for the Games at the 2023 WDSF World Championship, the next highest placed athlete at the Pan Am Games, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place at the Games.
 3. March – June 2024: Olympic Qualifier Series (OQS):
 - a. Each of the three (3) OQS events will award ranking points to the athlete. The athlete's total points from all three (3) events will be used in the final OQS Ranking List.
 - b. The highest ranked seven (7) athletes per gender, not yet qualified, from the final OQS Ranking List will qualify for the Games, respecting the maximum quota of 2 athletes per gender per NOC.
 - c. Two (2) athletes per gender from the top 24 ranked athletes on the final OQS Ranking List will qualify for the Games through Universality places, respecting the maximum quota of 2 athletes per gender per NOC.
 - d. One (1) athlete per gender from the final OQS Ranking List will qualify for the Games through host country places if the athlete finishes in the top 24 of the final OQS Ranking List.

In the event of a conflict between this overview and the WDSF Qualification System for the 2024 Olympic Games, the [WDSF Qualification System](#) will take precedent.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): Not Applicable
2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): Not Applicable
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, the USOPC IMS has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USOPC Sport Performance Director (Whitney Carter – 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-selection-procedures>) 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 IOC, WADA, IF, 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:

Reallocation of unused Quota Places and Replacements, as outlined by the WDSF in the Paris 2024 Qualification System:

- If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked athlete, not yet qualified, at the event at which the quota place was obtained, respecting the maximum quota per NOC. Any quota place that cannot be reallocated through the event at which the quota place was obtained, will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked athlete, not yet qualified, on the final OQS Ranking List, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- Unused host country places will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked athlete, not yet qualified, on the final OQS Ranking List, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- Unused Universality places will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked athlete, not yet qualified, on the final OQS Ranking List, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

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

See 3.1.1

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USOPC IMS 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 Olympic 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-selection-procedures>
- 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: <https://www.teamusa.com/breaking-athlete-resources>

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

7.1. USOPC IMS - 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:

- June 7, 2024 for athletes who qualify for the Games via the 2023 WDSF World Championship and 2023 Pan American Games
- Within 48 hours of the conclusion of the final Olympic Qualifier Series event or July 1, 2024, whichever is earlier, for athletes who qualify for the Games via the OQS.

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 IOC, 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, WADA, IF, 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
- Breaking for Gold USA Breaking DanceSport Council

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 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 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 their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:



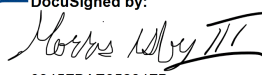
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: 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 the WDSF 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 Dusliere		9/22/2023
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Whitney Carter		9/22/2023
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* (Interim Volunteer Rep)	Morris Isby	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> DocuSigned by:  0345FBAE85284FB... </div>	September 24, 2023 6:55:56 PM

* 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.