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Water Ski Athlete Selection Procedures

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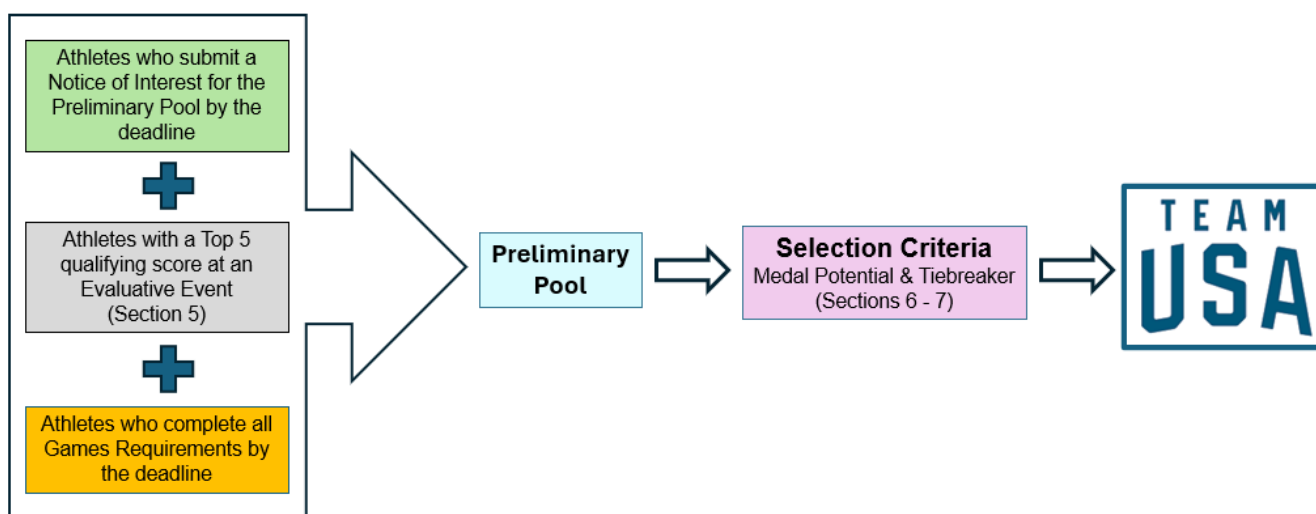
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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

These procedures outline the pathway for nomination to the 2027 Pan American Games (Games) for the USA Water Ski Team. The maximum USA Water Ski Team size can be four (4) athletes, with athletes from each gender in the ratio required by the Pan Am Games qualification criteria.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS DIAGRAM

The following provides a high-level overview of how athletes will be nominated to the Team:



Note: This diagram is for informational purposes only. In the event of a conflict between the diagram and any written section herein, the written sections will take precedent.

SECTION 3: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

1. Nationality/Passport Requirements:
 - Athletes must be a United States citizen and have a valid United States passport at the time of nomination that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
2. Minimum Panam Sport Requirements:
 - All Team athletes participating in the Games must be at least fourteen (14) years of age at the time of competition.
 - Athletes must abide by the rules in the Panam Sports Constitution, including nationality/citizenship requirements.

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- 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).
 - Athletes must abide by the requirements set forth in the Panam Sports Eligibility of Conditions Form/Conditions of Participation Form.
- 3. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Requirements:
 - Athletes must comply with all rules and policies implemented by the LOC.
- 4. IWWF Pan American Waterski and Wakeboard Confederation (CF) Requirements:
 - Athletes must comply with all Panam Sports Organization and CF eligibility requirements which will be posted [here](#) once available.
- 5. USOPC Requirements:
 - Athletes must comply with all USOPC rules applicable to the Games (e.g., Demonstrations).
 - Athletes must complete all USOPC Games Registration requirements by the stated deadline.
 - Athletes must 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 [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#), [USOPC Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#), [USOPC Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy](#), and the U.S. Center for SafeSport's [SafeSport Code](#).
 - Athletes must comply with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- 6. USA Water Ski & Wake Sports (NGB) Requirements:
 - Athletes must sign and comply with the NGB Athlete Agreement
 - Athletes must comply with the [NGB Code of Conduct](#)
 - Athletes must comply with the [NGB SafeSport Policy](#) (see Appendix VIII in Policies and Procedures)
 - Athletes must have an active NGB membership, and a current IWWF Competition license.
 - Athletes must not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.
 - Athletes must not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Games.

SECTION 4: OTHER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM

- Athletes must agree to be bound by and adhere to all Panam Sports Organization, CF, WADA, 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 Panam Sports Organization, WADA, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.
- Athletes must meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, CF, and/or the LOC.

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SECTION 5: EVALUATIVE EVENTS

Athletes being considered for nomination to the 2027 Games USA Water Ski Team will be evaluated on their tournament performances in IWWF-Sanctioned Class L and Class R tournaments, held between June 1, 2026 and May 30, 2027. The IWWF tournament calendar can be found [here](#).

The majority of tournaments from which a Qualifying Score can be obtained are “open” events. For tournaments that are “invitation only,” each tournament’s selection criteria may either be posted on the tournament’s website or are available from the sponsoring organization.

The anticipated “invitation only” tournaments include:

DATE(S)	DESCRIPTION/EVENT NAME
March 6 - 8, 2027	Moomba Masters (contact: waterskivic@bigpond.com)
May 29 - 30, 2027	U.S. Masters (contact: rbischoff@nautique.com)

Other invitational tournaments may also be scheduled, as published on the IWWF and NGB websites from time to time. Athletes should directly contact the sponsors of those tournaments to determine the criteria for receiving an invitation or qualifying for the tournament. Please note that the NGB does not register or enter athletes into any IWWF-sanctioned tournaments, except for the IWWF-sanctioned tournaments listed below.

For USA-WSWS team events, athletes will be selected following the process outlined in each event’s selection procedures.

- [2026 Pan American Waterski Championships](#)
- [2027 Under 21 World Championships](#)
- [2027 World Open Championships](#)

SECTION 6: SELECTION PROCESS

6.1 TOTAL TEAM SIZE/EVENTS:

It is anticipated that the U.S. will qualify to send a water ski Team of four (4) athletes, with athletes from each gender in the ratio required by the Pan Am Games qualification criteria and rules for the Games as adopted by the IWWF Pan American Waterski and Wakeboard Confederation. Additionally, all eligible gold medalists from the 2025 Junior Pan American Games qualify by name for the Games.

The Games will consist of individual water ski events (slalom, tricks, and jump), plus a separate overall competition (combined slalom, tricks and jump score, calculated in accordance with IWWF overall rules). Athletes nominated to the Team may also be required to ski in additional events (in addition to the event(s)

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qualifying them for the Team) during the Games, to ensure the Team complies with all Pan Am rules for the Games (as adopted by the CF) restricting the number of one event (specialist) athletes, and/or requiring a minimum number of athletes to compete in all three (slalom, tricks, and jump) individual (not overall) events.

6.2 EVALUATION EVENT QUALIFICATION PATHWAY:

To be considered for the 2027 Games Water Ski Team, athletes must be included in the NGB “Preliminary Pool.”

- To be considered for inclusion in the Preliminary Pool, athletes must submit a Notice of Interest to <https://forms.gle/qJ1FeeN25DXARd3w7> on or before March 20, 2027, at 11:59 PM (PDT).
- The Preliminary Pool will be made up of athletes who meet all three (3) criteria below:
 - i. All athletes who submit a timely Notice;
 - ii. All athletes of each gender who have a “top 5” IWWF Open Division Ranking in any event (i.e., slalom, trick, jump, and overall) (see generally IWWF Rule 24) between and inclusive of the IWWF Rankings Lists (filtered to include only athletes from IWWF’s Panam Region) published from June 1, 2026 through May 30, 2027 (Qualifying Rankings).
 - iii. All athletes who timely complete all USOPC Games Registration and other requirements.
- The IWWF Ranking List can be found at: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/RankingList/RankingListWaterski?disciplineId=7>

6.3 NOMINATION TO THE TEAM:

All eligible gold medalists from the 2025 Junior Pan American Games who meet the eligibility criteria in these procedures will be automatically nominated to the Team, unless the athlete declines to participate.

Additionally, the American Water Ski Association’s International Activities Committee (AWSA IAC) will nominate four (4) athletes to the 2027 Pan Am Games USA Water Ski Team from the Preliminary Pool based on each athlete’s medal potential in their respective events (slalom, tricks, jump, and overall).

- An athlete’s medal potential will be determined based on the athlete’s ranking in the IWWF Ranking List (see above), published on May 31, 2027.
- For instance, an athlete ranked first in an event will have a “gold medal potential” in that event, ranked second in an event will have a “silver medal potential” in that event, and ranked third in her/his event will have a “bronze medal potential” in that event.

Please note that athlete nominations must also abide by the IWWF Pan American Waterski and Wakeboard Confederation rules including Team USA’s gender allocation and all competition specific rules for the 2027 Pan American Games. These competition specific rules may restrict the number of one event (specialist) athletes, requiring a minimum number of athletes to compete in all three of the slalom, tricks, and jump events, and/or impose a maximum number of athletes who may compete in the finals for each event.

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The AWSA IAC will nominate the USA Water Ski Team from athletes in the Preliminary Pool, based on the anticipated medal count that would result from different combinations of eligible athletes based on their respective medal potentials, and in compliance with applicable CF rules (as referred to in the preceding paragraph), with the goal being to pick a Team to win the greatest number of total medals.

If there is substantial equivalence between two (2) or more athletes for a Team position (e.g., two athletes whose medal potential is equivalent) and the AWSA IAC is unable to nominate all athletes due to CF restrictions, the tiebreaker criteria outlined in Section 7 will be used to nominate athlete(s) for the remaining Team position(s).

SECTION 7: TIEBREAKER CRITERIA TO NOMINATE ATHLETES

7.1 TIEBREAKER CRITERIA:

If necessary, the following tiebreaker criteria (based on results between June 1, 2026 and May 30, 2027) will be used by the AWSA IAC to nominate athlete(s) for the remaining Team position(s).

1) First Priority – Highest Medal Potential

The athlete(s) with the higher placement (medal) potential will be given priority over other athletes.

- For example, an athlete with greater gold medal potential will be nominated over an athlete with silver medal potential. Similarly, an athlete with silver medal potential will be nominated over an athlete with bronze medal potential.

2) Second Priority – Consistency and Win Differential

If quota spots remain, the AWSA IAC will consider the two (2) factors below (which are not listed in order of priority) to determine which athlete(s) will be nominated to the Team:

- Each athlete's consistency in achieving high scores (as demonstrated through each athlete's scores achieved in IWWF Class L and Class R events from June 1, 2026 through May 30, 2027); and
- Each athlete's win differential as compared to the next highest ranked athlete
 - For example, if both athletes have silver medal potential, the AWSA IAC will calculate each athlete's score differential from the gold medal winning score (predicted based on the IWWF Rankings as of May 31, 2027) in their event.

7.2 SELECTION COMMITTEE

The AWSA is the NGB sport discipline for three-event water skiing. The AWSA IAC will be responsible for nominating the U.S. Water Ski Team, including making discretionary selections or other decisions and recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process. The members of the AWSA IAC can be found [here](#).

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Please note that AWSA IAC members may change following the 2026 AWSA Board of Directors meeting. For updates, see <https://www.usawaterski.org/3-event-governance>

SECTION 8: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

USA Water Ski Team athletes who are nominated to the Team are expected to continue training and competing to prepare for the Games. However, the NGB does not anticipate hosting any mandatory training or competition activities or requirements in advance of the Games.

SECTION 9: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION

The nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before June 10, 2027.

SECTION 10: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM

10.1 NGB JURISDICTION

NGB 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 NGB may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by NGB:
 - Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the NGB Executive Director and AWSA IAC Chairperson requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.
 - Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by NGB 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.
 - Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the [NGB Code of Conduct](#)
 - Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed NGB Athlete Agreement.
 - Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 3 and Section 4 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 Organization, CF, USADA, WADA, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and NGB SafeSport policies, as applicable.

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10.2 USOPC JURISDICTION

Once Athlete entries have been submitted by the USOPC to the LOC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team.

- 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.
- 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.

SECTION 11: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

11.1 Should a vacancy occur prior to submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the LOC, the athlete from the Preliminary Pool with the best medal potential shall be nominated as the replacement athlete. An athlete's medal potential shall be determined following the procedure outlined in Sections 6-7.

11.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 3-4.

SECTION 12: SELECTION PROCESS IF ATHLETE VACANCY OCCURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES BY NAME TO THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

12.1 Should a vacancy occur after submission of Entries by Name by the USOPC to the LOC, if allowed, the vacancy shall be filled using the same procedures as set forth in Section 11.

12.2 Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures in addition to Panam Sports Organization, USOPC, and CF regulations including applicable Late Athlete Replacement (LAR) policies.

12.3 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Sections 3-4.

SECTION 13: RIGHT TO A HEARING

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per the [NGB complaint procedures](https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution) (see Appendix I of the Policies and Procedures) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9 (<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>).

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SECTION 14: 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 Games:

- [NGB Code of Conduct](#)
- NGB Athlete Agreement

SECTION 15: DISCLAIMERS

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

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, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

SECTION 16: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Selection Committee (Section 7.2) and all individuals who developed these selection procedures (Section 21) must comply with the [NGB Conflict of Interest Policy](#), to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the NGB 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 may be 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 to the NGB Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and may be required to recuse themselves from the Selection Committee discussions and/or voting.

If a conflict exists, the NGB Ethics Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that committee member must recuse themselves from participating in discussions and/or voting).

During its review, the NGB Ethics Committee may ask a Selection Committee member or an affected person for more information at its discretion. For example, if a Selection Committee member is required to recuse themselves from voting, the NGB Ethics Committee may still determine that a Selection Committee member who has relevant and necessary information related to athlete performance, such as a national team coach or

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high performance director, may, if requested by the Selection Committee, provide that information to the Selection Committee if the information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and if the Selection Committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

Additionally, any person with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the NGB Ethics Committee. Reports may also be made anonymously through the [USOPC's Integrity Portal](#). 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.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB Selection Committee appointment process.

SECTION 17: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Name: Jeffrey Smith
Position: AWSA IAC Chair
Email: jsmith@honigman.com

Name: Kerri Lee
Position: AWSA IAC Regional Representative
Email: kleski@hotmail.com

Name: Andrew Adkison
Position: Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative
Email: andrewadkison@gmail.com

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PHONE: (719) 866-5000
EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org
WEBSITE: usathlete.org

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SECTION 18: GRIEVANCES

The NGB Grievance Procedures can be found [here](#) (see ARTICLE IX of the Bylaws).

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an NGB alleging that they have been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here: <https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>

SECTION 19: NON-RETALIATION

The USOPC and NGB 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 NGB 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 NGB by following the [NGB Whistleblower Policy](#) (see Section XI of the Policies and Procedures).
- Individuals may report concerns to the USOPC confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935.
- Additional information can be found in the USOPC [Speak Up Policy](#).

SECTION 20: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NGB 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 NGB Records Retention Policy or for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the 2027 Pan American Games, whichever is longer.

SECTION 21: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The AWSA IAC developed these selection procedures.

NAME	ROLE
Jeffrey Smith	President (non-voting)
Mariana Abelson	East Regional Representative
Connie Bergmark	West Regional Representative
Rhoni Bischoff	NGB 10 Year+ Athlete Representative

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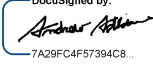
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Larry Downes	Midwest Regional Representative
Scot Ellis	NGB 10 Year Athlete Representative
April Coble Eller	South Regional Representative
Hutch Haines	East Regional Representative
Lyman Hardy	South Regional Representative
Erin Kalkbrenner	Midwest Regional Representative
Lori Krueger	South Central Regional Representative
Freddy Krueger	NGB 10 Year Athlete Representative
Kerri Lee	South Central Regional Representative
Lauren Morgan	NGB 10 Year Athlete Representative
Brandy Nagle	West Regional Representative
Brittany Wharton	NGB 10 Year Athlete Representative

The following individual approved these selection procedures and through their signature, certifies that the procedures comply with the standards and criteria set by the CF. The following individual further certifies that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Water Ski & Wake Sports and that these selection procedures will be posted on the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Executive Director	Kevin Michael	 DocuSigned by: Kevin Michael 44B8FE4129274CE...	July 20, 2026 2:31:35 PM PDT

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

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Team USA Athletes' Commission Representative	Andrew Adkison	 DocuSigned by: Andrew Adkison 7A29FC4F57394C8...	July 22, 2026 8:52:04 AM PDT

* If the Team USA Athletes' Commission Representatives have delegated authority to another 10 Year Athlete Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the Team USA AC Representative indicating the reason they have delegated authority.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected Team USA AC Representative, the NGB must designate a 10 Year Athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

AAC – Athletes' Advisory Council

AC – Athletes' Commission

Act or TSOASA – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

AWSA – American Water Ski Association

CAS – Court of Arbitration for Sport

Center – U.S. Center for SafeSport

CF – Continental Federation

IAC – International Activities Committee

IOC – International Olympic Committee

IF – International Federation

LOC – Local Organizing Committee

NGB – National Governing Body

NOC – National Olympic Committee

PAG – Pan American Games

Panam Sports or PASO – Pan American Sports 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 Paralympic 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:

- i. **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 LOC at the final submission date, as determined by the LOC.

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PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: usathlete.org

ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING

Allegations of Sexual Misconduct and Child Abuse must be reported to the [U.S. Center for SafeSport](#). Allegations of Child Abuse must also be reported to [Law Enforcement](#).

Allegations of emotional abuse, physical abuse, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), or a violation of the Athlete Safety components (Section 4) of the Supporting Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment Policy can be reported online to the USOPC through the Athlete Safety Reporting Portal found on the USOPC [Athlete Safety Page](#). Individuals may also report to the USOPC by phone at 877-404-9935. Allegations that an Athlete with an Intellectual Impairment is or has been subjected to any criminal act, including abuse and/or neglect, must also be reported to Law Enforcement.

Additional information, to include links for reporting, can be found on the USOPC [Athlete Safety Page](#).

RAINN HOTLINE

RAINN, the National Sexual Assault Hotline, 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 Hotline at 1-800-656-4673 or visit <https://rainn.org/>.

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

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TEAM USA ATHLETE LEGAL AID PROGRAM

The purpose of the Athlete Legal Aid Program is to assist eligible Team USA Athletes without sufficient financial means to seek aid for fees and costs associated with legal representation or the proceeding itself with respect to claims before an anti-doping organization, NGB, IF, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, USOPC, IOC/IPC, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), or other sport-related tribunal within the Olympic and Paralympic Movement.

WEBSITE: [Athlete Resources & Tools](#)

TEAM USA ATHLETE SERVICES

The USOPC helps support Team USA athletes from the start of their career to their retirement and beyond through direct funds, programs and services that help athletes excel in their day-to-day lives, on and off the field of play.

WEBSITE: www.usopc.org/athlete-benefits-and-resources

TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at psychservices@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 www.usopc.org/mental-health for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at: go.teamusa.org/referrals to get connected.

USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)

For Protected Competitions, 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 Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.