

USA FENCING
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURE
OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024
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TO: Members of USA Fencing
United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC)

FROM: USA Fencing

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedure for the Olympic Games Paris 2024

The full Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games will be published in the coming weeks. This notice is to provide preliminary notice regarding selection for the Replacement Athlete (internally known as “the 4th) for the **Paris Olympic Games**. The Procedures are still in draft form and will need to be formally approved by the USOPC and USA Fencing.

This notice is being provided after consultation with the National Coaches, the USA Fencing Athlete Council and USA Fencing staff members.

Starting in 2024 for the Paris Olympic Games, the Replacement Athlete will not be selected only based on the National Team Point Standings (NTPS) on the selection date. Instead, a process will be in place to potentially select a fencer ranked lower than fourth on the NTPS in place of the fourth ranked fencer.



The process will be similar to the process outlined currently in the [2023 Senior World Team Selection Criteria](#).

Selection of the fencers for the individual event (top 3 ranked fencers) will be based only on the NTPS.

USA Fencing recognizes this is a departure from usual selection procedures. The change is being made to provide the best opportunity for Team USA to win medals at the Olympic Games.

Should athletes wish to provide feedback on this notice, they may do so by contacting USA Fencing at international@usafencing.org.

USA Fencing acknowledges this preliminary notice is not a substitute for the complete Athlete Selection Procedure for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and understands and agrees to finalize the complete Athlete Selection Procedures for review and approval once the reason for the delay is resolved.

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