

**USA TEAM HANDBALL**

**Women's Team**

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

**2028 Olympic Games**

March 9, 2026

To provide information in a timely manner, USA Team Handball is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2028 Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Team Handball once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

**A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:**

- Athletes must comply with all International Handball Federation (IHF) eligibility requirements which will be posted here once available.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Team Handball, USADA, USOPC, WADA, IHF and IOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the USOPC Background Check Policy and USOPC Athlete Safety Policy.

**B. International Handball Federation Qualification System Overview:**

- The anticipated maximum Team size will be fourteen (14) athletes.
- The Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games Qualification Systems Manual for Handball has not been published by the IHF. It is anticipated that it will be posted here once available:  
<https://www.olympics.com/ioc/documents/olympic-games/los-angeles-2028-olympic-games>

**C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:**

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events. Please note that additional Evaluation Events will be added as dates and locations are confirmed. However, additional events are not expected to be added in advance of the August 2026 Pan American Games Qualifier.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Competition</b>
April 2026	USA Team Handball international games against European national teams
August 2026	Team Handball Pan American Games Qualifier (USA v Canada)
2026 – 2028	EHF Continental Area Leagues season & playoff/cup matches (Club)
2026 – 2028	CAHB Continental Area Leagues season & playoff/cup matches (Club)
2026 – 2028	AHF Continental Area Leagues season & playoff/cup matches (Club)

2026 – 2028	SCAC Continental Area Leagues season & playoff/cup matches (Club)
2026 – 2028	NACHC Continental Competitions (Club)
2026 – 2028	USATH Sanctioned Competitions (Club)
2026 – 2028	US Women’s National Team Training Camps and Friendly Matches
2026 – 2028	US Women’s National Team Domestic Training Site Activities (Fort Pierce, FL)
Spring 2027	NACHC Senior Women’s Championship
July – August 2027	2027 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru)
December 2027	IHF Senior Women’s Handball World Championship (Hungary)

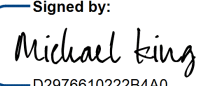
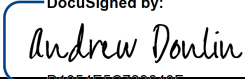
Athletes will be selected for the USA Team Handball events above following the selection procedures posted here: <https://www.usateamhandball.org/team-usa/selection-procedures>

The athlete selection procedures for the 2027 Pan American Games will be posted here once they are approved by the USOPC.

**D. Disclaimer:**

This preliminary notice is based on the IHF rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2028 Olympic Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.usateamhandball.org/team-usa/selection-procedures>.

For questions about the 2028 Olympic Games selection process, please contact Michael King, CEO, [office@handballusa.org](mailto:office@handballusa.org).

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