

SURFING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2022 WORLD SURFING GAMES
MENS' & WOMENS' SHORT BOARD
12 July 2022

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

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

To be eligible to participate in the 2022 World Surfing Games, all athletes must:

- Be in good standing with his/her National Federation (“NF”) and the ISA in accordance with the ISA Rule Book in force at the time of the 2022 ISA WSG.
- Meet any additional ISA standards as may be required by the ISA.

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a participant in good standing of the USOPC Internally Managed Sport (IMS) at the time of the 2022 World Surfing Games.
- Athlete must sign the USOPC Athlete Agreement and any additional forms that may be required, such as a Waiver & Release, medical consent forms, etc.
- 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 scheduled end of the event 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 World Surf League (WSL) Championship Tour (CT)
 - Dates and locations - <https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2022/ct?all=1>
- 2022 WSL Challenger Series (CS)
 - Dates and locations - <https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2022/cs?all=1>
<https://www.worldsurfleague.com/events?all=1&year=2022>
- 2022 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship
 - USA Team Dates and locations
 - Events determined and managed by USA Surfing
 - <http://www.usasurfing.org>/Hawaii Team Dates and locations
 - Events determined and managed by the Hawaii Surfing Association

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1:

- 2022 WSL Championship Tour and Challenger Series
 - Qualification procedures for the 2022 WSL Championship Tour and Challenger Series are detailed in the WSL Rule Book – May 15, 2022, Chapters 1 & 2 and online at: <https://www.worldsurfleague.com/asset/34047/2022WSLRuleBook05152022.pdf>
- 2022 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship
 - USA entries were determined based on results of the 2021-2022 USA Surfing Prime Series
 - Hawaii entries were determined based on results of 2021-2022 Hawaii Surfing Association Events

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The 2022 ISA WSG Team will be chosen in rank order out of all athletes eligible to compete for the USA at the 2022 ISA World Surfing Games until the team is filled, three (3) athletes per gender, as follows:

1. In rank order from the 2022 WSL Championship Tour (CT) rankings as of July 22, 2022
2. In rank order from the 2022 WSL Challenger Series (CS) ranking as of August 8, 2022
3. In rank order of the final results from the 2022 WSL CS event 04, the US Open of Surfing, Huntington Beach, CA, August 8, 2022
4. In rank order, the results of the ISA's 2022 World Junior Surfing Championships, starting with U18 final results and then moving to U16 final results if all slots are not filled using the U18 results.
5. If there are still unfilled team spots after applying the above criteria, the spots will remain unfilled.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

N/A

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

N/A

2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

N/A

2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse him/herself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or

business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the NGB/PSO's Ethics 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). For example, if it is determined that a committee member must recuse him/herself from voting, the Ethics Committee may still determine that a committee member who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the committee member with the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision. The committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to and after entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC or USA Surfing, the USOPC Internally Managed Sport (IMS) has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USOPC IMS Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USOPC IMS. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USOPC IMS, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USOPC IMS Code of Conduct ([2022 Athlete Agreement](#)).
- 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 IMS Grievance Procedure and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. 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, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and NGB/PSO's SafeSport policies, 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:

Replacement athletes will be chosen with next available athlete from the rank order in paragraph 1.3.

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

Replacement athletes will be chosen with next available athlete from the rank order in paragraph 1.3. pending that time allows and that the replacement is allowed per the rules of the event and the International Surfing Association (ISA).

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

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2022 ISA World Surf Games (include as attachments or provide links):

Athlete must sign the USOPC Athlete Agreement and any additional forms that may be required, such as a Waiver & Release, medical consent forms, etc.

The most recent USOPC Surfing Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct are available at <https://www.teamusa.org/surfing/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 Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/surfing>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the ISA on or before:

The registration deadline for the 2022 ISA World Surfing Games.

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 (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

USOPC IMS	Meredith Miller
USOPC IMS	John Ruger
USOPC Foundation	Thomas Mistele
High Performance	Tracy Axel
USOPC AAC Representative	Kevin Shultz
USOPC AAC Alternate	Kaleigh Gilchrist
Athlete AAG co-vice chair	Candice Appleby
Athlete AAG co-vice chair	Zoe McDougal
Athlete	Rachael Tilly

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOPC IMS Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/surfing/athlete-resources>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and/or the International Surfing Association (ISA) rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, as applicable, and/or ISA 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 selections 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:

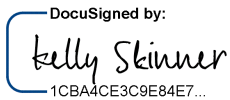

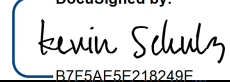
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF 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 Director	Kelly Skinner	 <small>DocuSigned by: Kelly Skinner 1CBA4CE3C9E84E7...</small>	July 20, 2022 12:51:58 PM
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Meredith Miller	 <small>DocuSigned by: Meredith Miller B85039F4F8C1495</small>	July 20, 2022 11:37:10 AM
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Kevin Schulz	 <small>DocuSigned by: Kevin Schulz B7E5AE5E218249E</small>	August 12, 2022 10:45:37 AM

* 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 the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, 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, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.