

**USA SWIMMING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2009 YOUTH TEAM WORLD CUP COMPETITION**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

The 2009 Youth Team World Cup Competitions (the "World Cups") will be conducted in Stockholm, Sweden November 10-11, 2009 and Berlin, Germany November 14-15, 2009.

The following common definitions shall apply to this Team Selection Procedure.

- a. Available Swimmer. "Available Swimmer" shall mean a swimmer who, at the time of selection and through the Championships: (i) is a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing, (ii) is a citizen of the United States who is eligible to represent the United States at the Championships, (iii) qualifies for the Team in an Event according to this Procedure, (iv) satisfies all the FINA, World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and USA Swimming applicable eligibility requirements, (v) has not been a member of a higher level USA Swimming National Team (Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships, World University Games, Short Course World Championships, the Japan Grand Prix), (vi) must be 18 and under on the start dated of the competition, November 10, 2009 and not attending University in the fall of 2009, (vii) accepts the invitation to become a member of the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming, (viii) agrees to swim in the Event for which he/she qualifies, and (ix) continues to train for peak swimming performance. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.
- b. Doubles. "Doubles" shall refer to the instance when one individual swimmer qualifies to compete in two or more different swimming Events at the Invite.
- c. Event. "Event" shall refer to competitions held in long course meters only at the Championships and Qualifying Competitions.
- d. Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, "Head Coach" shall refer to the head coach of the Team for each gender.
- e. World Ranking. "World Ranking" shall mean the ranking of the time swum by a swimmer in the Qualifying Competitions integrated into the combined Swimnews.com world ranking lists from January 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
- f. National Youth Team Head Coach. "National Team Head Coach" shall refer to the USA Swimming National Team Head Coach, or his designee.
- g. Qualifying Competitions. "Qualifying Competition" shall mean the 2009 USA Swimming World Championship Trials in Indianapolis, IN, 2009 U.S. Open, and the 2009 Speedo Junior Championships in Federal Way, WA. Times will be considered from swims in the Prelims, and all Finals (A, B, C). Relay lead-offs and time trials shall NOT be considered for selection.

- h. Swim Offs. "Swim Offs" may be held at the Qualifying Competitions for the sole purpose of determining priority selection order. They are put in place to determine ties between athletes in the same qualifying event and are a one time opportunity to resolve the tie for placement on the team. The time from the swim off will NOT count towards selection to the Initial Team.
- i. Team. "Team" shall mean the 2009 Youth Team selected to participate in the FINA World Cup competitions November 10-11 and 14-15 will be announced September 7, 2009, 10:00am MT

A. **Selection Eligibility**. To be eligible for selection to the Team, the swimmer must be an Available Swimmer at the time of selection.

B. **Additional Requirements for Selection**.

All swimmers selected to the Team will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, and USA Swimming. Specifically, and without limitation, each swimmer selected to the Team shall:

1. Sign and abide by the USA Swimming Honor Code, Waiver and Release, and Commitment Declaration (See Attachments A, B and C) and conform to all USA Swimming policies and protocol regarding Team preparation and participation;
2. Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming and give USA Swimming the right to use his or her name, picture, likeness, and biographical information to promote the sport of swimming.

C. **Team Selection—Making and Filling the Team**.

1. Team Size. The maximum allowable Team size is up to twenty-three (23) men and twenty-three (23) women. The actual Team size will be determined once the selection criteria have been implemented. For purposes of this Procedure, the men's and women's components of the Team shall be considered separately.

2. Performance Criteria for Team Selection. Performances in the individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Competitions will be prioritized for each gender as follows to fill the Team up to a maximum of twenty-three (23) men and twenty-three (23) women. Only swimmers who qualify via one of the three-priorities set forth below are eligible for selection to the Team. Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be selected to the Team, unless they are subsequently selected to fill a vacant position according to Section I.4.

The Team for each gender shall be selected based on the following priorities:

- a. Priority #1. The first priority shall include the fastest time swum at the Qualifying Competitions in each of the individual Olympic Events.

- b. Priority #2. The second priority shall be the second fastest time swum in each of the individual Olympic Events.
- c. Priority #3. The third priority shall be the third fastest time swum in each of the individual Olympic Events. This process will continue until there are twenty-three (23) members of each gender on the Team.
- d. Under no circumstance will swimmers finishing below the sixth fastest time at the Qualifying Competitions, who meet the above criteria, be considered for selection to the Team. (example: if an athlete has the 7th fastest time in an Olympic Event and they meet the above criteria, they will not be considered an Available Swimmer)

3. Decreasing Team Size. If the prioritization procedures described above result in a list of either more than twenty-three (23) male or more than twenty-three (23) female swimmers, then the swimmers of each gender shall be ranked and selected to the Team according to the following system:

- a. All swimmers from priority #1 shall be selected to the Team.
- b. If selecting persons from Priority #1 and priority #2 would result in more than twenty-three (23) swimmers per gender on the Team, then the swimmers within priority #2 shall be invited to fill the Team based on the highest World Ranking until a maximum of twenty-three (23) swimmers are selected.
- c. If all Priority #2 swimmers are named to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-three (23) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then the same procedure of using the highest World Rankings will be used to rank the swimmers in Priority #3 until the Team has been filled, or until the list of Available Swimmers from Priority #1 through Priority #3 has been exhausted.

3. Breaking a Tie.

- a. Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is tie between two or more swimmers in the same Event based on the times from the Qualifying Competitions, the following will take place:
 - 1. If both swimmers are present at one of the three Qualifying Competitions then a swim off will be conducted in that Event on the day the tie occurred at a time determined by the National Youth Team Head Coach.
 - 2. Athletes final 2008 World Ranking provided by Swimnews.com will be used to break the tie.

3. If this fails to break the tie, the tie will be broken by random draw.

b. Tie in Different Events. In the instance where there is a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team pursuant to the World Ranking the tie will be broken as follows:

- (i) Each Swimmer's performance swum at the in their Event during the period from January 1, 2009 through and including August 31, 2009 will be ranked according to the combined Swimnews.com 2009 World Ranking lists as of August 31, 2009, and the swimmer with the highest ranking will be added to the Team.
- (ii) If this does not break the tie, then each swimmer's performance swum in their Event in the Finals of the Qualifying Competitions will be rated according to the swimnews.com 2009 Long Course Performance Ratings and the swimmer(s) with the highest rating shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Team. Performance Ratings can be found at swimnews.com.
- (iii) If this does not break the tie, each swimmer's performance swum in their Event at the Finals at the Qualifying Competitions will be converted into a ratio, using the Qualifying Competition time as the denominator, and the World Record for that Event as of August 31, 2009 as the numerator, and the swimmer(s) with the highest percentage shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Initial Team.
- (iv) If this fails to break the tie, the tie will be broken by random draw.

D. **Adjustments to the Team between Naming to the Team and Entry Submission.**

1. Filling Vacant Team Position. If, for any reason, a position on the Team shall become vacant after the selection to the team (September 7, 2009 10:00am MT) and the date USA Swimming submits its entries for the World Cup competitions (October 9, 2009 10 AM MT) such vacancy shall be filled as follows, provided, however, that nothing in this Section I.4 shall have the effect of bumping off the Team a swimmer who has already been selected to the Team:

a. Filling Vacant Event Position With No Team Vacancy.

A Team member who for any reason determines, in consultation with the Head Coach and National Youth Team Head Coach, that it is in his/her best interest, either due to injury, the timing of Events at the Invite, or otherwise, not to compete in all of the individual Events for which he/she has qualified, but to remain on the Team and compete in some of the Events for which he/she qualified. In this case, he/she may decline the opportunity to compete in any individual Event, provided, however, that he/she is encouraged to notify the National Youth Team Head Coach of his/her decision as soon as possible.

If the Team is full (twenty-three (23) per gender) at the time of his/her decision, the vacancy in any Event(s) shall be filled by the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest time in that Event during the period beginning January 1, 2008 and continuing through and including August 14, 2009; provided, however, that the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach and National Youth Team Head Coach, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then the replacement swimmer shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event. This process shall repeat until the Event is filled.

b. Filling Vacant Event Positions with Team Vacancy.

If the Team is not full (less than twenty-three (23) per gender) after a swimmer declines the position on the Team due to any reason, or Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in any such Event(s) shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer based the fastest time swum at the Qualifying Competitions for each Event left vacant. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, and he/she agrees after consulting with the Head Coach and National Youth Team Head Coach to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall serve as the replacement in that Event, and no swimmer from that Event at the Qualifying Competitions will be added to the Team. If he/she declines to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event, and the next fastest Available Swimmer will be considered. If the next Available Swimmer is not already on the Team then the team will be selected according to section I.C.2. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number (twenty-three (23) per gender) then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section I(C)(3) and I(C)(4), and those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team until the Team reaches its maximum number of twenty-three (23) per gender.

II. ENTRY ADJUSTMENTS

Adjustments to the Team after October 9, 2009. If, for any reason, an Event position shall become vacant after October 9, 2009, 10:00 am MT, no additional members shall be added to the Team. In the event that USA Swimming is permitted to fill a vacant

Event position, such vacant Event position shall be filled with the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest long course time in such vacant Event during the period beginning January 1, 2008 through August 14, 2009, provided, however, that the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach and National Youth Team Head Coach, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then the replacement swimmer shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event. This process shall repeat until the Event is filled.

III. DISMISSAL FROM TEAM

Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time following an appropriate hearing if (i) the swimmer violates any of the applicable FINA, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct; or (ii) the National Youth Team Head Coach, in consultation with the Head Coach, the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Committee (OIOC) Chairman and the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Vice President, determines that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships.

If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be named to the Team) until: 1) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; 2) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or 3) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be named to the Team.

Confidentiality regarding alleged anti-doping rule violations shall be maintained as provided in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing.

IV. WITHDRAWAL FROM TEAM

Any swimmer may withdraw from the Team at any time due to injury or illness, as certified by a USA Swimming Medical Staff member in consultation with USA Swimming (National Youth Team Head Coach, Head Coach and Athlete Advisory Representative), which prevents the swimmer from full participation in and/or preparation for the Championships.

V. CHALLENGE

Any challenge to these Procedures or any decision made pursuant to or in connection with these Procedures shall be handled as follows: 1) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of a technical rule, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Part One of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations (can be found at www.usaswimming.org); 2) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Section 8 of the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Procedures Manual ("OIO Procedures Manual," can be obtained from the National Team Division); and 3) if such challenge does not relate to an alleged violation of a technical rule or an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to USA Swimming's Hearing Procedure set forth in Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules and

Regulations. Any hearing required in order to resolve a challenge shall take place on an expedited basis if necessary in order to resolve the challenge in sufficient time for Team selection to be finalized by a relevant deadline.

VI. TRYOUT SITES AND EVENTS FOR NAMING OF TEAM

The Qualifying Competitions for the Team for the World Cup Competitions:

2009 USA Swimming World Championship Trials July 7-11, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN
2009 USA Swimming U.S. Open August 4-8, 2009 in Federal Way, WA
2009 USA Swimming Speedo Junior National Championships August 10-14, Federal Way, WA

VII. DATE OF ENTRY SUBMISSION

USA Swimming will submit all entries for the Championships on October 9, 2009 10:00am MT.

VIII. ASSEMBLY, TRAINING AND COMPETITION

Athletes nominated to the Team will be required to participate in assembly, training and competition, and remain with the Team throughout the Invite. Assembly, Training and Competition will be determined. Specific dates/locations of mandatory training and competition are:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Chicago	November 8	Assembly
Stockholm	November 10-11	Competition
Berlin	November 14-15	Competition
Return to U.S.	November 16	

IX. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

These Procedures, when approved, will be published on the USA Swimming Web site, usaswimming.org. Additionally, the Procedures will be distributed at the 2009 USA Swimming World Championships Trials, 2009 U.S. Open and 2009 Junior National Championships general meetings.

X. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming and are based on FINA and USA Swimming rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FINA or USA Swimming rules and regulations or other unforeseen circumstances will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately.