

USA SWIMMING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 IOC Youth Olympic Games October 1-12
Swimming
March 1, 2017

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. 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 IOC Charter (Rule 42).

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

- To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003
- For teams that finish in the Top 16 by total FINA points at the 14th FINA World Championship in Budapest, Hungary (HUN): those teams will be allowed to enter eight (8) athletes maximum (4 boys and 4 girls) if achieving the FINA qualifying standard times.
- In order to qualify for selection to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team an athlete must meet a Youth Olympic Games "A" or "B" Time Standard (Attachment A) during the time period 1 April 2017 - 23 July 2018.
- The time standards must be met at a FINA approved competition. The list of FINA approved competitions can be found at fina.org

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athlete must be a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
- Due to high performance priority and the proximity to higher priority events on the competition calendar, if an athlete decides to participate in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games they are not eligible to participate in the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships or 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.
- Athletes must be eligible to compete under all applicable rules of FINA, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the USOC and USA Swimming;
- Athletes must sign and abide by the USA Swimming competition forms (to be posted May 1, 2017 at usaswimming.org);
- Athletes must conform to all USA Swimming policies and protocol regarding team preparation and participation;
- Athletes must sign and abide by all the USOC code of conduct, general release forms, and any other applicable provisions.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

Time standards must be met at approved competitions by FINA.

Athletes with the highest world rankings will be named to the team.

Domestic Opportunities Include:

2017 USA Swimming U.S. Open (August 2-6, East Meadow, NY)

2017 Speedo Junior National Championships (August 8-12, East Meadow, NY)

2018 Austin Arena Pro Series (January 11-13, Austin, TX,)

2018 Georgia Tech Pro Series (March 1-3, Atlanta, GA)

2018 Mesa Arena Pro Series (April 12-14, Mesa, AZ April)

2018 Indianapolis Arena Pro Series (May 17-20, Indianapolis, IN)

2018 Santa Clara Arena Pro Series (June 14-17, Santa Clara, CA)

2018 Ohio State Arena Pro Series (July 6-8, Columbus, OH)

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

To qualify for the tryout events athletes must meet the qualifying time standards which are posted on usaswimming.org

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

- Up to a maximum of four (4) men and four (4) women will be selected to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team (“Team”). For purposes of this Procedure, the men's and women's components of the Team shall be considered separately. FINA will notify USA Swimming by July 24, 2018 regarding final number of entries allowed.
- USA Swimming will enter the maximum entries per FINA guidelines provided, athletes have meet the FINA “A” or “B” Time standard (Attachment A) at one of the competitions on the FINA approved competition list which can be found at fina.org
- Athlete’s times from the FINA approved competition list will be ranked according to the FINA .org world ranking list as of July 30th, 2018 at 8 am Mountain Daylight Time.
- Athletes with the highest world ranking in an Olympic Event who meet the criteria above will be selected to the Team.
- If a tie occurs the athletes with the next highest world ranking in another Olympic Event will be selected to the team. This process will continue until an athlete is selected.
- For the individual Olympic events, the athlete will swim the Event based on the selection. Any additional events offered at the competition will be selected from those already on the team.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

n/a

- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

n/a

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

n/a

- 2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but 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 the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Swimming has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Swimming may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Swimming:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Swimming's Chief Executive Officer.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Swimming physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Swimming physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 3.1.4. The National Junior Team Program Director, in consultation with the Youth Olympic Games Team Head Coach, the USA Swimming Steering Committee Chair and the USA Swimming Athletes Vice Chair, determines that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to

maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. (Attachment C)

- 3.1.5. 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.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Swimming's Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in Part five of the USA Swimming Rulebook and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to USA Swimming's Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct>

<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, 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:

Should a vacancy occur prior to the Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee selection will be in accordance with Section 1.3

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

No new members will be added to the team

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Swimming 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 conclusion of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Youth Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- USOC Code of Conduct (B)
- USA Swimming Competition forms (will be posted on or before May 1, 2017 at usaswimming.org)
- Participation and commitment agreement (Attachment C)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following locations:

- 7.1. Website: usaswimming.org

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

- 7.2. Other: n/a

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

August 23rd, 2018

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, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Mitch Dalton, USA Swimming National Junior Team Program Director
Lindsay Mintenko, USA Swimming National Team Managing Director
Natalie Coughlin, USA Swimming AAC Rep

12. USA SWIMMING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Swimming's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1994&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and FINA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and FINA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming. 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 will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Swimming may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. USA SWIMMING 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 USA Swimming.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director			
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director			
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*			

* If the USOC 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 USA SWIMMING, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the USA SWIMMING must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

ATTACHMENT A
Qualification Standards

Men's Standards			Women's Standards	
A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
0.23,56	0.24,38	50m Freestyle	0.26,46	0.27,39
0.51,40	0.53,20	100m Freestyle	0.57,30	0.59,31
1.52,42	1.56,35	200m Freestyle	2.03,35	2.07,67
3.56,89	4.05,16	400m Freestyle	4.18,93	4.27,67
8.16,91	8.34,30	800m Freestyle	9.00,16	9.19,07
0.26,73	0.27,67	50m Backstroke	0.29,84	0.30,88
0.56,96	0.58,95	100m Backstroke	1.03,43	1.05,65
2.05,50	2.09,89	200m Backstroke	2.17,83	2.22,65
0.29,03	0.30,05	50m Breaststroke	0.32,69	0.33,83
1.03,70	1.05,93	100m Breaststroke	1.11,98	1.14,50
2.18,10	2.22,93	200m Breaststroke	2.35,43	2.40,87
0.25,07	0.25,95	50m Butterfly	0.28,09	0.29,07
0.55,59	0.57,54	100m Butterfly	1.02,04	1.04,21
2.05,73	2.10,13	200m Butterfly	2.16,34	2.21,11
2.07,68	2.12,15	200m Ind. Medley	2.20,41	2.25,32



ATTACHMENT B

2018 Youth Olympic Games
USA Swimming National Team
PARTICIPATION and COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

I have read the participation and selection requirements for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games and I agree to abide by these as outlined. I agree to abide by the team selection criteria, camp and competition requirements, competition protocols, and the National Team honor code.

If selected to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, I agree to fully commit to a comprehensive training program designed for peak performance for this international competition. If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Junior Team Program Director.

If selected, I accept a position on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina (travel September 29-October 13; swimming competition October 1-12): yes _____ no _____.

If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Junior Team Program Director.

I accept a position on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team: yes _____ no _____.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for trip staff use and internal USA Swimming Staff use (i.e. Media, Foundation, etc.): yes _____ no _____.

Your name as it appears on your government-issued ID (please print):

First Middle Last
Passport #: Passport Expiration Date:

Signature: Date:

Best # to reach me: / - (cell) Can you receive text? Yes No

Your e-mail address: Your date of birth: / /

Your Mother's Maiden Name: Last 4 digits of your Social Security #

Your Coach's Name: Your Coach's cell #: / -

Your Coach's e-mail address:

TEAM DECLINE FORM

If selected, I decline a position on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Team: yes _____ no _____.

Name: (please print)

Signature: Date:

Coach Name (please print):

Coach Signature: Date:

Please return to Mitch Dalton (cell # 719/330/4007) or fax to 719/866-4877 by _____.

USA SWIMMING

AUTHORIZATIONS, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

This Authorization, Release and Waiver applies to official team members of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina of which I am a member, and which will require my participation between September 29 and October 13 (collectively, the "Event").

General Acknowledgement & Acceptance

I hereby acknowledge that all information and signatures on this form are applicable to my participation in the Event.

Oath of Eligibility

I declare that I am eligible and in good standing with regulations set by USA Swimming, the International Federation for Amateur Swimming ("FINA"), the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") and the International Olympic Committee ("IOC"). I also declare I am not under suspension or disciplinary action imposed for use of illegal drugs or other athlete regulation infractions. I agree to sign additional documents, subject to my prior review and approval, to this effect when required to do so by USA Swimming, the USOC, Organizing Committee for the Event.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in good physical condition and have no disease or injury that would impair my performance in this activity and agree that while a participant in this activity, I will keep myself in top physical condition and retain my eligibility status.

I agree to notify USA Swimming immediately upon any change to my eligibility, any disciplinary action, or any change in my physical condition that would result in the declarations and certifications becoming untrue with respect to the Event.

Doping

I understand that it is the policy of USA Swimming to discourage and prevent the use of prohibited doping substances and prohibited doping methods. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that no prohibited substance enters my system. The FINA Anti-Doping Rules are available online and from USA Swimming. I know that I can call the US Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") Drug Reference Line (1-800-233-0393 or 719/785-2000) or check at the Drug Reference Online (www.usantidoping.org/dro) to check the status of all medications and substances I am currently using, and to satisfy any questions or concerns that I may have about medications and prohibited substances and methods.

I do not currently engage in, nor do I intend to use any prohibited substances and methods. I acknowledge that the use of prohibited substances or prohibited methods may subject me to disqualification and other sanctions imposed by USADA, the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), FINA or IOC.

Drug Testing

I understand that testing organizations (USADA, FINA, WADA, etc.) will conduct drug testing on athletes during and outside of competition. By participating in the Event, I hereby consent to and authorize the testing organizations (USADA, FINA, WADA, etc.) to test me for prohibited substances and prohibited methods at any time. I further acknowledge and agree that my refusal to participate in a drug test may subject me to disqualification and sanctions, the same as if I had tested positive for a prohibited substance.

I hereby authorize USA Swimming to include the results of any drug testing of me in the published statistics for drug testing and to include my name in the list of athletes who have been drug tested, which USA Swimming publishes on their website. In the event I refuse to submit to a drug test or a drug test has a positive result, or commit any other anti-doping rule violation, I recognize that I am subject to the adjudication processes established by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), WADA, and FINA, because of an anti-doping violation.

Initials _____

Authorization and Event Promotion

I agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming.

I hereby authorize the non-commercial use of my name, picture, likeness, voice, and biographical information as filmed, videotaped and photographed at the Event ("My Likeness") by USA Swimming, in any and all non-commercial media, related to (owned by) USA Swimming. The foregoing authorization specifically includes the use of My Likeness for the non-commercial purpose of advertising and promoting the Event prior to and during, the Event, but specifically excludes the use of My Likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor (including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor. In no event may USA Swimming use or authorize any commercial use of My Likeness. Any proposed use of My Likeness shall be submitted to me for my review and approval prior to any such use.

I understand and agree not to use or authorize use of pictures of myself in the uniforms and equipment provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of trade, without the consent of USA Swimming. I agree not to use medals or photos, portraits or film of myself with the medals, which I receive for my performance, for the purpose of trade.

Risk of Serious Injury

I understand and appreciate that my participation in the Event and in the sport of swimming carries a risk of serious injury, including permanent paralysis or death, and a risk of serious illness, which could be caused by water, food or other things in which I might come in contact or ingest. I voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept and assume this risk.

WAIVER & RELEASE

In consideration of allowing me to participate in this activity and the Event, I hereby release and hold harmless USA Swimming, members of its board of directors, and its officers, employees, members, volunteers, other participants, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties"), of and from, and do discharge and waive, any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that I may have or sustain with respect to any and all damage and/or injury, of any type, arising out of my participation in the Event.

This release of liability shall include, without limitation, any claims for negligence, gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of warranty that I may have against the Released Parties. This release of liability is also intended to cover all claims that members of my family or estate, heirs, representatives, or assigns may have against the Released Parties.

_____ **Signature**

_____ **Printed Name**

_____ **Date**

_____ **Signature of Parent/Guardian (if minor)**

_____ **Printed Name of Parent or Guardian**

_____ **Date**