

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://fina.org)
  - Athlete's times from the FINA approved competition list will be will be ranked according to the FINA .org world ranking list as of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_.**