



USA SURFING JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA JULY 2024

FOUNDATIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Athlete must be member in good standing with USA Surfing (USAS)
- Athlete must be a national of the United States
- Athlete must sign the USA Surfing Code of Conduct
- Athlete must sign the USA Surfing Team Commitment Agreement
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Support Personnel must sign the USA Surfing Parent, Guardian and Athlete Support Personnel Code of Conduct
- Athlete and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must take SafeSport training

TEAMS

- The following teams will be named with ages determined on January 1, 2025
 - U18 Boys: 12 athletes (up to 12 max)
 - U18 Girls: 10 athletes (up to 12 max)
 - U16 Boys: 10 athletes (up to 12 max)
 - U16 Girls: 11 athletes (up to 12 max)
 - U14 Boys: 8 athletes (up to 10 max)
 - U14 Girls: 8 athletes (up to 10 max)

2024-2025 USA SURFING JUNIOR TEAM

- Teams will be named after the June 2024 USA Surfing Championships.
- Age is determined as of January 1, 2025.
- Teams will be named based on the sum of the below criteria:
 - The sum of each athlete's top 3 Prime Series events.
 - 2024 Championship results x 2
 - High-performing surfers injured during season can be considered based on their ISA World Junior Championship team performance, his or her available season points total plus a last place Championship result.
*see addendum for tie breakers and discretionary criteria.
- Additional athlete/s of each gender and age may be added following the midseason reassessment/call-up, January 1, 2025, at coaches' discretion.
- For the USA Surfing Championships results criteria, points earned include Hawai'i results in the calculations.
- Surfers will be chosen for each age division with the intention of choosing numbers as even as possible, distribution of the two birth years represented in each division. A disproportionate

number of eligible surfers among the two birth years may result in an uneven distribution in some age divisions. However, every effort will be made to distribute this as evenly as possible.

- Surfers will be chosen for each age division with the intention of ensuring representation from across the mainland U.S. At least 25 percent of teams will be comprised of East Coast surfers.
- In International Surfing Association (ISA) World Jr. Championship competition, Hawai'i currently competes as a sovereign nation apart from the USA team, therefore Hawaiians are ineligible for membership on the USA Surfing Junior National Team at this time.

ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

- Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, ISA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping rules, protocols, policies and procedures as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, PASO, WADA, ISA, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable

JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA VERIFICATION

- The following people will review and confirm the selection criteria has been applied to the selection process fairly and accurately.
 - Head Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - USA Surfing Board member(s) with competition experience
 - Executive director
- Any member of the Committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict is deemed problematic, the 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 verification process. However, a Committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example team medical personnel or trainer, 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 confirmation decision.

DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS

- The criteria listed herein and below in Addendum A, is intended to be objective. Should the criteria specifically call for a discretionary selection (due to ties or margins of less than 100 points, or for a midseason call-up, etc.)

REPLACEMENTS

- Replacing an athlete on the Team or for a particular competition
An athlete who has qualified for a Team(s) may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Surfing:
 - Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USAS CEO signed by the athlete and a parent/guardian
 - Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Surfing. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Surfing, his/her injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed from the Team.
 - Violation of the USA Surfing Athlete Agreement / Code of Conduct: <https://www.usasurfing.org/uploads/1/1/3/5/113568407/athletes-codeofconduct09.22.11.pdf>
- An athlete who is recommended to be removed from the Team(s) pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Surfing Bylaws, Section 13. They may also have further rights under the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee Bylaws, Section 9
- The replacement athlete is the next highest ranked athlete per these trials criteria.

USAS BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Surfing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

https://www.usasurfing.org/uploads/1/1/3/5/113568407/_usas_complaint_resolution___timeline_final_nodates.pdf

ADDENDUM - TIE BREAKERS & DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA

- High-performing surfers injured during season can be considered based on their ISA World Junior Championship team performance, partial season points total plus a last place Championship result.
- For the purpose of breaking ties, the following may be used in this order:
 - Winning a Prime age division season title (despite all scores summed, including top Prime scores and Champs score) may be used to break a tie.
 - The average of the surfer's top three heat scores at USA Champs
 - The average of the surfer's top three wave scores at USA Champs

DISCRETIONARY CRITERIA NUMERIC SCORING GUIDE

10- Developing
20- Developing/Competent
30- Competent
40- Advanced Competency
50- Elite Competency
Award a score of 10-50 to each of the following attributes.
ATTRIBUTES
Talent
Potential
Mental toughness
Tactical/heat strategy
Technique
Sportsmanship
Teamwork/cohesion with peers
Willingness to learn
Desire
Physical capabilities

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA – RANK SURFERS UNDER CONSIDERATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SURFERS BEING CONSIDERED. EXAMPLE: IF TWO SURFERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, GIVE ONE OF THEM A “1” AND THE OTHER A “2”. IF THREE SURFERS, RANK THEM 1, 2 AND 3, ETC.
Has recently shown outstanding results in the junior ranks
Has the advantage of age and experience over a younger candidate
Has the one of two birth years most needed to even out the age division roster
Has international exposure and experience
Would benefit most from possible international exposure and experience
Provides a positive contribution to the team