



ISA WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TRAVEL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA MARCH 2024

MINIMUM 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 and ISA Codes of Conduct
<https://www.usasurfing.org/codes-of-conduct--ethics.html>
- 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
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Support Personnel must sign all applicable permission forms and waivers related to minor athlete competition travel and lodging, including all forms required by the U.S. Government, airlines and government of the destination country.
- Athlete and Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must take SafeSport training

TEAMS

- The following teams will be named with ages determined on January 1, 2024.
 - U18 Boys: 3 athletes
 - U18 Girls: 3 athletes
 - U16 Boys: 3 athletes
 - U16 Girls: 3 athletes
- Age/divisions are in alignment with ISA international competition divisions.
- Travel Team selections will be made with priority given to surfers with birthdays in the actual U16 and U18 age groups.
- Teams will be named at the point in the East and West Coast USA Surfing Prime Series event season when the minimum number of required events have been completed.
- 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.
- ISA travel team selections for the 2024 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship will be made from the current team roster.
- Surfers chosen for the 2024 team will be eligible for spots on the ISA travel team for the 2024 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship in May 2024.

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 and may be chosen for onsite testing at the ISA World Jr. Surfing Championship event.

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

- A committee will convene to confirm the selection criteria has been applied to the selection process fairly and accurately. The Committee should include:
 - Head coach (Ryan Simmons)
 - High Performance Panel (coaches Asher Nolan, Matt Myers, Brett Simpson)
 - Board member (Christine Benedetto)
 - Competition director (Andrea Swayne)
- Any member of the Committee who 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 criteria confirmation decision.

CRITERIA

The timing of this ISA World Junior Surfing Championship event in May 2024 is unique in that it so closely follows the December 2023 ISA World Junior Championship event.

The following criteria aims to capture surfers' improvements made since the 2023 season. As such, the 2024 team criteria will draw upon the most recent performance indicators.

- Surfers' will be evaluated for selection based on the combination of points earned in each of the following criteria. See Addendum A below for additional information
 - Prime season points total from the current season (three events held on each coast)
 - To account for smaller field sizes in Prime East as opposed to Prime West; East Coast points will be adjusted down to reflect smaller field sizes in the East. Competing among a smaller field brings a greater probability of East Coast surfers' ability to earn multiple high placings/points than West surfers who must beat more opponents to make finals. The points reduction will be calculated by percentage, not to exceed 20%.
 - A surfer may substitute their second best WQS or Pro Junior event result for one of the three prime series results. A WSL World Junior Championship result may also be substituted for one of the three Prime series events.
 - Best WQS or Pro Junior event result in the current season

- A finals placing from an ISA World Junior Surfing Championship will count as additional points. For example, a silver medal/second place = 2,580 pts, following the Prime events placing points scale.
- 2023 USA Championship points will not be included in this selection. The 2023 Champs points were applied to the selection of the 2023 ISA World Junior team for Brazil and will not be applied to the selection of the 2024 ISA World Junior team for El Salvador.

REPLACEMENTS

- Replacing an athlete on the Team or for 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 USA Surfing Executive Director, Head Coach and Competition Director, 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
- The replacement/alternate athlete is the next highest ranked athlete per these trials criteria.

QUESTIONS INVOLVING SELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITION & REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM ROSTER

- An athlete who is recommended for removal from the Team(s) may challenge their removal in writing to judicial@usasurfing.org. Questions may be directed to the Head Coach, Executive Director, or Competition Director.
- Questions related to Team selection procedures/criteria may be directed to the Head Coach, Executive Director, or Competition Director. Challenges may be directed to judicial@usasurfing.org.

ADDENDUM A – OBJECTIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

1. 2023/2024 Prime season points	<p>Prime season points total from the minimum number of required events for the current season.</p> <p>For Prime West and Prime East, points are the sum of the lowest number of minimum required events between East and West Prime regular seasons. For example, if Prime</p>
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	<p>East regular season rankings are based on the top 3 of 4 events and Prime West is based on the top 4 of 6 events, then Prime points for both East and West surfers will be the sum of each athlete's top 3 events.</p> <p>East Coast points will be adjusted by a maximum of 20% to compensate for smaller field sizes in Prime East compared to Prime West. Smaller field sizes in East result in a greater probability of surfers earning multiple high placings/points than West surfers who must beat more opponents to make finals.</p> <p>Examples from 2023/2024 season:</p> <p>The Boys U18 field in the East is 24. In the West it's 36. The actual field size difference is 33%. A maximum of a 20% reduction will be applied.</p> <p>The Girls U18 actual field size difference is 12%. A 12% reduction will be applied.</p>
<p>2. ISA World Junior Surfing Championship points</p>	<p>A finals placing from an ISA World Junior Surfing Championship will count as additional points. For example, a silver medal/second place = 2,580 pts, following the Prime events placing points scale.</p>
<p>3. Top WQS or Pro Junior event points, second best WQS or Pro Junior event points, and WSL World Junior Championship points</p>	<p>A surfer may add their best WSL WQS or Pro Junior event result.</p> <p>A surfer may substitute their second best WQS or Pro Junior event result for one of the three Prime series events.</p> <p>A surfer may substitute a WSL World Junior Championship result for one of the three Prime series events.</p>
<p>4. Tie-breaking</p>	<p>For the purpose of breaking points ties, the following may also be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surf off

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The average of the surfer's top three heat scores at USA Champs • Age
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PRIME AND USA CHAMPIONSHIPS POINTS

Placing	Prime	Placing	USA Champs
1	3000	1	6000
2	2580	2	5160
3	2190	3	4380
4	2010	4	4020
5	1830	5	3660
7	1665	7	3330
9	1500	9	3000
10	1464	10	2928
13	1350	13	2700
17	1200	17	2400
18	1185	18	2370
19	1170	19	2340
25	1080	25	2160
33	960	33	1920
34	945	34	1890
35	930	35	1860