



**USA SURFING YOUTH OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
JUNIOR & DEVELOPMENTAL TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA
JUNE 2021**

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Athlete must be member in good standing with USA Surfing (USAS)
- Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection
- Athlete must sign the USA Surfing Code of Conduct
- 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, 2022
 - 18 & Under Boys Junior Team: 8 athletes (up to 9 max)
 - 18 & Under Girls Junior Team: 8 athletes (up to 9 max)
 - 16 & Under Boys Junior Team: 8 athletes (up to 9 max)
 - 16 & Under Girls Junior Team: 8 athletes (up to 9 max)
 - Boys Developmental Team (Under 14): 10 athletes (up to 12 max)
 - Girls Developmental Team (Under 14): 10 athletes (up to 12 max)

2021-2022 USA SURFING JUNIOR TEAM

- Teams will be named after the June 2021 USA Surfing Championships.
- Teams will be named based on the attached criteria (Addendum A and Addendum B).
- The top eight (8) athletes per age & gender will be named after USA Champs.
- An additional athlete of each gender and age may be added following the midyear reassessment, or any other time, at coaches' discretion.
- For the USA Surfing Championships results criteria, points earned include Hawai'i results in the calculations.
- For Prime West and Prime East, points are for the athlete's entire season placing, not individual events.
- 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.

2021-2022 USA SURFING DEVELOPMENTAL TEAM

- A team of 10 boys and 10 girls will be selected after the June 2021 USA Championships.

- Up to two (2) additional boys and two (2) additional girls (for a maximum total of 12 of each gender) may be added following the midyear reassessment, or any other time, at coaches' discretion..
- 14 and under.
- Age is determined as of January 1, 2022.

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 COMMITTEE

- The five (5) member committee (to become six (6) in 2021 with updated Bylaw changes regarding committee size)
 - CEO
 - COO
 - Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - Elite Athlete
- 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 selection 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.

DISCRETIONARY SELECTIONS

- The criteria listed here-in is intended to be objective. Should the criteria specifically call for a discretionary selection, the following criteria, in no particular order, will be used by the Junior National Team Selection Committee to execute the discretionary selection:
 - Has shown outstanding results in the junior ranks
 - Exhibits long term medal potential
 - Would benefit most from possible international exposure and experience
 - Provides a positive contribution to the Team

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 (Article 13) can be found at:

https://www.usasurfing.org/uploads/1/1/3/5/113568407/usasurfingolympicbylaws_rev_82020_clear.pdf

INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on International Surfing Association (ISA) rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in ISA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Surfing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Surfing may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman. These services are free to qualified athletes.

- Telephone at 719 866 5000
- Email at ombudsman@usathlete.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

ADDENDUM A

ISA World Jr Champs 2019	
Division	Points
Boys U18	3000
Girls U18	3000
Boys U16	3000
Girls U16	3000
Boys U16 if aging up	2400
Girls U16 if aging up	2400

Prime West	
Placing	Points
1	1250
2	925
3	775
4	625
5	488
6	350
8	100

Prime East	
Placing	Points
1	1250
2	925
3	775
4	625
5	488
6	350
7	225
8	100

USA Championships			
Placing	Points (32 draw)	Placing	Points (48 draw)
1	2500	1	2500
2	2150	2	2150
3	1825	3	1825
4	1675	4	1675
5	1525	Semi 3rd	1525
7	1388	Quarter 3rd	1388
9	1250	Quarter 4th	1220
13	1125	Round 2 3rd	1125
17	1000	Round 1 3rd	975
25	900	Round 1 4th	900

ADDENDUM B

NUMERIC SCORING GUIDE
1- Developing
2- Developing/Competent
3- Competent
4- Advanced Competency
5- Elite Competency
ATTRIBUTES
Talent
Potential
Mental Toughness
Tactical/Heat Strategy
Technique
Sportsmanship
Desire
Physical Capabilities