



**USA SURFING YOUTH OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA
JULY 2023**

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 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, 2024.
 - U18 Boys: 12 athletes
 - U18 Girls: 12 athletes
 - U16 Boys: 12 athletes
 - U16 Girls: 12 athletes
- Age/divisions are in alignment with ISA international competition divisions.
- Surfers with birth years 2006 and 2007 will compete in the U18 divisions. Surfers with birth years 2008 and 2009 will compete in the U16 divisions.
- A 2010 birth year surfer (13-year-olds) may be invited to join the team at the mid-season assessment in January if he/she turns 14 within the year.
- Up to four (4) additional surfers may be added at the mid-season assessment.
- Teams will be named after the June 2023 USA Surfing Championships.
- Age is determined as of January 1, 2024.
- Additional athlete/s of each gender and age may be added following the midseason reassessment/call-up, January 1, 2024, 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 the sum of the lowest number of minimum required events between East and West Prime regular seasons. For example, if Prime 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 will be the sum of each athlete's top 3 events, regardless of whether they surf in the East or West. The number of minimum required events is subject to change due to unforeseen cancellations or other adjustments to regular season Prime schedules. Therefore, the number of regular season events used for this calculation is subject to change.

- Surfers will be chosen for each age division with the intention of choosing an even, or as near 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. However, there will be no regional quotas, to ensure choices are made based on demonstrated merit.
- 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 2023 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship will be made from the 2022/2023 team roster.
- Surfers chosen for the 2023/2024 team will be eligible for spots on the ISA travel team for the 2024 ISA World Junior Surfing Championship.

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

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, at minimum, include:
 - CEO
 - COO
 - High Performance Director
 - Coach
 - Assistant Coach
 - Athlete Board Member
- 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 confirmation decision.

OBJECTIVE SELECTION CRITERIA BASICS

- Surfers must turn at least 14 the year of selection, except for surfers chosen at the mid-season assessment in January 2024. Surfers who are 13 may be selected at the mid-season if he/she turns 14 within the year.
- Eligible surfers are evaluated based their three (3) best previous season Prime results point totals added to their USA Surfing Championship results points. Championship point values are double the regular event point values.

(See full objective criteria in Addendum A and subjective criteria in Addendum B below.)

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA BASICS

- The criteria listed herein 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 mid-season call-up, etc.), a combination of mid-season event points and coaches' discretion will be applied.

(See full subjective criteria in Addendum B below.)

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 and Head Coach, 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

ADDENDUM A – OBJECTIVE SELECTION CRITERIA

<p>1. ISA World Junior Surfing Championships results</p>	<p>A surfer automatically retains a spot on the team upon earning a top 25 finish at ISA World Juniors.</p>
<p>2. First place finish at USA Champs U18 and U16</p>	<p>Winning U18 or U16 at USA Champs earns automatic placement on the team.</p>
<p>3. USA Champs final results points</p>	<p>USA Champs points are double the regular season point totals. For example, the winner of a regular season Prime event earns 3000 points; the winner of USA Champs receives 6000 points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eligible surfers are evaluated based their three (3) best previous season Prime results point totals added to their USA Surfing Championship results points. Championship point values are double the regular event point values.
<p>4. Prime ranking points from previous 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 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>Points for a surfer competing in a younger age group but aging up and vying for a spot in the next older age group will be reduced by 20% before being compared to surfers who surfed the previous season in the older age group. This is done to equalize the performances of the two age groups. For example; a U16 surfer’s points are reduced by 20% before being compared to the U18 surfers because the U16 surfer’s points were earned surfing against 14 and 15-year-olds and therefore do not carry as much weight</p>

	<p>as those earned by a U18 surfer who earned points surfing against 16 and 17-year-olds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible surfers are evaluated based their three (3) best previous season Prime results point totals added to their USA Surfing Championship results points. Championship point values are double the regular event point values.
5. Discretionary criteria	Should application of discretionary criteria be necessary (due to ties, margins of 100 points or less, midseason call-ups, etc.), the criteria in Addendum B will be applied.
6. Midseason reassessment/call-up	<p>On January 1 of the current season, a midseason call-up may be held to fill openings in the roster.</p> <p>Surfers vying for a midseason call-up will be assessed according to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemplary results in new season Prime events • Evaluation of results in WSL events (QS, Challenger, Pro Junior()) • Training session heat results <p>Discretionary criteria (Addendum B) will also be utilized.</p>
7. Other methods for tie-breaking	<p>For the purpose of breaking points ties, the following may also be used in this order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
8. Next season credit for WSL events	For next season's team selection, surfers

placings	<p>may replace one of their required Prime regular season event results with one result from a WSL event (QS, Challenger, Pro Junior).</p> <p>For example, if the required number of Prime events to be applied to Prime ranking is 3 events, one of the required 3 events may be replaced with a WSL event result. If the surfer does another WSL event , they may replace their first WSL result, if the second (or third, etc.) WSL result is higher than the first.</p> <p>A result for a WSL event that replaces one of the top required Prime results will be added into the surfer’s points as one of the required results (see item No. 4 above).</p> <p>Surfers are responsible for reporting their own WSL event results to the USA Surfing Head Coach within one week of the WSL event finish.</p>
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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

ADDENDUM B - DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA

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