

USA PENTATHLON
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 Youth Olympic Games
JUNE 2, 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 nomination 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 Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

- Athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.

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 member in good standing of USA Pentathlon.

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.

- 2017 NORCECA Youth Olympic Games (Continental) Qualification event, Merida, Mexico, Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2017
- 2018 World Youth A Championships, Guatemala City, Guatemala, May, 2018
- Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking list as of July 1, 2018

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).

- The top 4 highest placed athletes per gender from the 2017 Youth A National Championships June 22-25, 2017, in Colorado Springs, CO will receive an invitation to compete at the Youth Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking competitions during the period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.
(<http://www.uipmworld.org/youth-olympic-games>)
- If an athlete declines the invitation to compete at the events listed in 1.2.1., the next highest placing athlete from the 2017 Youth A National Championships will be invited to compete.

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).

- The maximum team size for Team USA at the Youth Olympic Games is two (2) athletes – one (1) male and one (1) female.
- Athletes can qualify for the Team USA YOG team via one of the following three (3) pathways:
 - First Pathway:

The 4 highest ranked athletes per gender from the 2017 Youth National Championships, and who are YOG eligible, will qualify to

compete at the 2017 NORCECA Youth Olympic Games (Continental) Qualification event.

Per the UIPM 2018 YOG Qualification System, the highest ranked athlete at the 2017 NORCECA Youth Olympic Games (Continental) Qualification event will qualify for selection to the Team USA YOG Team.

- Second Pathway:

The 4 highest ranked athletes per gender from the 2017 Youth National Championships, and who are YOG eligible, will qualify to compete at the 2018 World Youth A Championships.

Per the UIPM 2018 YOG Qualification System, the six highest ranked athletes at the 2018 World Youth A Championships, who have not yet qualified for the YOG, will qualify for selection to the Team USA YOG Team, up to the maximum team size.

- Third Pathway:

The 6 highest ranked athletes per gender, 1 per NOC, on the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking List as of July 1, 2018, who have not yet qualified for the YOG, will qualify for selection to the Team USA YOG Team, up to the maximum team size.

- If two or more athletes per gender qualify for the 2018 YOG then the following criteria will be used to determine which athlete(s) will be selected to the team (in priority order):
 1. Highest placed US athlete who qualifies a slot at the 2018 World Youth A Championships.
 2. The highest ranked US athlete from the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking list of July 1, 2018 (<http://www.pentathlon.org/the-uipm/rules-regulations>)
 3. Highest placed US athlete at the 2017 NORCECA Youth Olympic Games Qualification event.

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, USAP has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USAP may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAP:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USAP's Managing Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USAP physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USAP physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USAP's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USAP's Bylaws as mentioned in the Article 14 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 USAP'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:

A replacement would be selected from the next highest placing athlete of the same gender from the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking List as of July 1, 2018 meeting the criteria from Section 1.1 above.

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

A replacement would be selected from the next highest placing athlete of the same gender order from the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking List as of July 1, 2018 meeting the criteria from Section 1.1 above.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USAP 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:

USA Pentathlon Code of Conduct (See Attachment A)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USAP in the following locations:

7.1. USAP's Website: www.usapentathlon.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:

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 10, 2018

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

- Athletes will be required to attend a camp prior to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. This camp will be held 30 days prior to the departure for Buenos Aires, Argentina and will be conducted at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

- Athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to the start of the camp and information will be posted on www.usapentathlon.org at least 30 days in advance of the camp as well.

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:

Rob Stull – Managing Director
Monica Rowland - AAC Rep
Genadijus Sokolovas – High Performance Director

12. USAP BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USAP's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
www.usapentathlon.org Bylaws Article 14.

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and UIPM rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and UIPM rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USAP. 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.


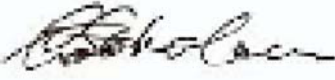

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USAP/HPMO may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at Kacie.wallace@usoc.org
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

15. USAP 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 USAP.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USAP President or CEO/Executive Director	Rob Stull		06/07/ 2017
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Genadijus Sokolovas		06/07/ 2017
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Monica Rowland		06/07/ 2017

* 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 the NGB, 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 NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

ATTACHMENT A

USA Pentathlon Code of Conduct

ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Pentathlon Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA National Team (the “Team”). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to participate is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the Team.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- will abide by all published rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Pentathlon;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination by USA Pentathlon medical personnel if my ability to participate is compromised due to physical injury and I understand that such injury may be cause for my not being selected to the Team, being removed from the Team, or not being allowed to participate if I remain on the Team.
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- will not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation;

- am eligible to participate under the rules of Union International de Pentathlon Moderne;
- am in possession of a valid USA passport, that will not expire prior to six months following the conclusion of the international competition, should I be chosen for an international team that requires a passport;
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Will do my best to create and adhere to a “safe sport” environment, and will in no way engage in or permit any activity to occur which may compromise a safe-sport environment for USA Pentathlon athletes.
- will follow my Team’s written rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew, required attendance at team meetings and practices, consumption of alcoholic beverages and prohibitions on the release of confidential team information;
- am aware that USA Pentathlon sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Pentathlon apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Pentathlon sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Pentathlon apparel;
- will abide by the rules of the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Pentathlon under conditions authorized by USA Pentathlon and give event organizers and USA Pentathlon the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Pentathlon or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Pentathlon apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Pentathlon logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Pentathlon;
- will attempt to participate in media activities if compatible with my schedule when requested by USA Pentathlon;

- understand that if I require legal representation because of I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any other reasons I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Pentathlon and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,
 at 719-866-5000 or Kacie.wallace@usoc.org or <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>
 for further information regarding my rights under this Code
 that are not answered by USA Pentathlon.

PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

 Signature Date

 Print Name

PARENTS' AFFIRMATION

 Signature Date

 Print Name



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UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PENTATHLON MODERNE
Modern Pentathlon
A. EVENTS (3)

Men's Events (1)	Women's Events (1)	Mixed Events (1)
Individual competition	Individual competition	International team relay

B. ATHLETES QUOTA
1. Total Quota for Modern Pentathlon:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	21	1	2	24
Women	21	1	2	24
Total	42	2	4	48

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	1
Women	1
Total	2

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name. NOCs with more than one (1) qualified athlete have the authority to decide which one (1) qualified athlete they will enter.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

For the relay competition, teams will be composed of one (1) male athlete and one (1) female athlete from the Individual competitions. The team members will be decided by a draw following completion of the Individual competitions.

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1 9 Men 9 Women	<p>D.1. 2017 UIPM Continental Qualification Events</p> <p>Nine (9) quota places will be allocated to athletes achieving the following places at the respective Continental Qualifier (or Qualification event) to be held during the period 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa – one (1) highest ranked athlete • Americas – one (1) highest ranked athlete from NORCECA (North and Central America) and one (1) highest ranked athlete from South America • Asia – two (2) highest ranked athletes from different NOCs • Europe – three (3) highest ranked athletes from different NOCs • Oceania – one (1) highest ranked athlete <p>To be eligible to participate in the “2017 UIPM Continental Qualification Events”, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003</p>
D.2 6 Men 6 Women	<p>D.2. 2018 World Youth A Championships (TBC)</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated to the six (6) best-ranked athletes not yet qualified from D.1 from different NOCs irrespective of continent at the 2018 UIPM World Youth A Championships.</p>
D.3 6 Men 6 Women	<p>D.3. Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking of 1 July 2018</p> <p>The Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking is developed according to UIPM Competition Rule 1.19 (http://www.pentathlon.org/the-uipm/rules-regulations)</p> <p>Six (6) quota places, one (1) per NOC, will be allocated via the Youth Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking List as of 1 July 2018 to the six (6) best-ranked athletes not yet qualified from D.1 or D.2. whilst respecting the maximum athletes quotas per NOC as described under Section B of this document.</p> <p>Should any of the athletes on the ranking list be from an NOC that already obtained a quota place via a different athlete it remains the right of the NOC to select its preferred athlete as indicated in section B of this document.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES



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The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female on the condition that both athletes reach a minimum level of performance according to the UIPM Competition Rule 1.19 and the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Two (2) male Universality Places and two (2) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes reaching a minimum level of performance according to UIPM Competition Rule 1.19 and that the athletes meet the criteria under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places by 15 January 2017. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with UIPM, as of 13 March 2017. The NOCs will have until 31 March 2017 to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

UIPM will publish the results on its website www.pentathlon.org following each qualification event.

On 1 July 2018, the UIPM will inform the respective NOCs of their allocated quota places. The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks, until 15 July 2018, to confirm in writing to the UIPM and BAYOGOC if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to UIPM and BAYOGOC by 1 July 2018 the participation of its athletes.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through D.1., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC, at the respective Continental Qualification Events.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2. or D.3., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC, on the UIPM Youth Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking List as of 1 July 2018.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES



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Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified of the respective gender from the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking as of 1 July 2018.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified of the respective gender from the Olympic Youth Pentathlon World Ranking as of 1 July 2018.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	31 March 2017	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	1 April 2017 – 23 July 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period
	2017 (Date TBC)	African Qualification Event – African Qualifying Competition (Location TBC)
	10 – 13 August 2017	European Qualification Event – European Qualifying Competition, Portugal
	31 August - 3 September 2017	NORCECA and South American Qualification Event – Pan Am Youth Games or NORCECA America Qualifying Competition, Merida (Mexico)
	14 October 2017	Asia and Oceania Qualification Event – Asian/Oceania Qualifying Competition, Gotenba city (JPN)
	2018 (TBC)	2018 UIPM World Youth A Championships (TBC)
	1 July 2018	Youth Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking List published
Accreditation Deadline	<date>*	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and Confirm	1 July 2018	UIPM to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
	1 July 2018	Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
	15 July 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to UIPM and BAYOGOC
Reallocation	16 July 2018	UIPM to reallocate all unused quota places and NOC to confirm
	30 July 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	23 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	<date>*	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	1 - 12 October 2018	3 rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

*To be defined