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PARA Non-Paralympic
NATIONAL TEAM
SELECTION PROCEDURES

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Eligibility Requirements

The USRowing National Team selection process is open to all athletes who meet all the following criteria. Athletes must comply with these criteria through the date of the completion of the World Championships:

a) In conjunction with new USRowing Membership tiers, participants must be either Championship Members of USRowing or Basic Members + “Regatta Package” added on. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Member Services at 800-314-4ROW (4769).

b) All athletes must abide by the Athlete Selection Procedures and the USRowing Rules of Rowing requirements and regulations.

c) All athletes must hold United States citizenship and a current and valid United States passport by the date of selection to the team. FISA requires the passport as proof of citizenship. *Please note: Many countries require a passport valid for 6 months past the date of return to the US.*

d) All athletes must have read and signed a copy of the 2020 USRowing Athlete Agreement and Consent. ([Appendix G](#))

e) All athletes participating in selection for the National Team must be in compliance with United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), IOC, IPC, USOC, WADA, FISA and USRowing rules, decisions, policies, and procedures relating to banned substances, including but not limited to obtaining and maintaining current therapeutic use exemptions (TUE) as needed. A complete guide to banned substances is available on USADA’s website at [http://www.usantidoping.org/](http://www.usantidoping.org/). USRowing may implement additional eligibility requirements related to banned substances as necessary in order to maintain compliance with USADA, IOC, IPC, USOC, WADA, and FISA rules, policies, and procedures; any such additional requirements will be incorporated herein and published as soon as practicable.

f) All athletes must meet eligibility rules to compete for the United States under IOC, IPC, USOC and IF governance.

h) For Para rowers, a USA or FISA Classification and sport class status is needed prior to trials. To determine if you already have an official sport class, you can go to [www.usrowing.org](http://www.usrowing.org) or [www.worldrowing.com/para-rowing](http://www.worldrowing.com/para-rowing) to find the
Master Classification List for each. If an athlete has not been classified prior to trials, they must have the FISA Medical Diagnostics Form completed by an MD or DO (PA and CRNP cannot sign the form). Athletes must also ensure that the doctor includes all additional required medical documentation as listed in the third column of page 2 on the form, with an asterisk (*). If an athlete has been classified by a USA classification panel, but has not provided their medical documentation, they must also do so prior to trials. This form must be completed at least 45 days prior to trials (by May 29th, 2020) and must be sent to Wendy Wilbur at Wendy.Wilbur@usrowing.org. If this is not completed, athletes will not be allowed to participate in either trials.
Anti-Doping

All athletes participating in selection for the United States National Rowing Team are subject to the USADA, IOC, IPC, USOC, WADA, FISA, and USRowing rules, decisions, policies, and procedures relating to banned substances, including drug testing administered by representatives of the USADA or FISA and obtaining and maintaining current therapeutic use exemptions. Athletes who violate USADA, IOC, IPC, USOC, WADA, FISA, or USRowing rules, decisions, policies, or procedures relating to banned substances will be subject to penalties as established by the respective organization. Athletes are responsible for calling the USADA drug hotline (800.233.0393) prior to taking any medications and making sure the medication they are taking is not on the banned list. A complete guide to banned substances is available by contacting USADA Drug Control and Education Program (800.233.0393) or USRowing (609.751.0714).
Important Dates

SENIOR, PARA, & U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS at US Nationals
July 14-19, 2020 (Note: actual trial competition days are 17-19)
Bethel, OH
Selection Process - Trials

Trials Boats:

PR2 M1x, PR2 W1x, PR3 M2-, PR3 W2-, PR3 Mix2x

Trials Location:

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Para Non-Olympic Trials

The trials format will be a 6-lane progression as outlined by the 2020 USRowing Nationals Progression system. Aside from the progression, the trials events will follow the trials rules as outlined under Appendix A: General Trials Rules.

The winning boat at the World Championship Trials in each event will be eligible to represent the United States at the 2020 Rowing World Championships.

The athletes in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth and declare their intent to compete in the 2020 Rowing World Championships in writing to the USRowing Para High Performance Director, or their designee, no later than two hours after their final race at Trials has been declared official.

Should the winning boats athletes decline, fail to declare their intent or fail to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the second-place finisher will be given the option to take the spot as outlined under Appendix A: General Trials Rules - “Declaration of Intent to Compete”. If second place also declines or fails to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the Nominating Committee reserves the right to decline to send a boat to the Senior World Championships for the boat class in question.

Upon winning, each winning boat is required to nominate a coach who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2020 World Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the High Performance Director. Nominated Coaches must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

Each boat that wins at Trials, and their respective named coach, are required to pay, at the trials site, the 2020 Fees covering local travel, support, and room and board expenses.
1. The 2020 Fees exclude athlete(s) and named coach airfare, boat and oar rental, and boat transportation costs; these costs and associated logistics are the responsibility of the athlete(s) and coach.

2. The 2020 Fee will be announced and posted by April 1, 2020.
National Team Coaches and Staff

SELECTION OF COACHES

Trials Boats must propose one coach for their boat to attend the 2020 Rowing World Championships subject to meeting the criteria outlined in Appendix D – Coaches. The Nomination Committee will select coaches to the 2020 Team based on the following criteria no later than 3 days after the last day of Trials as applicable. All proposed candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria (listed in order of priority):

- Choice of and compatibility with the selected crews
- The number of available coaching positions on the team
- Demonstrated commitment to the crew throughout the year
- Demonstrated commitment to the National Team throughout the year
- Number of athletes on the team trained by a particular coach
- International coaching experience
- Domestic coaching experience

SELECTION OF OTHER STAFF

USRowing programs staff will select the team manager, doctors, trainers, and other staff. Some Para athletes may qualify to bring one Personal Care Assistant/Service Dog to the World Championships. This will be a need-based determination at the discretion of the Para Rowing Director with input from the team physician. Please see Appendix H for more information.
COMPOSITION AND ROLE OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee shall be comprised of USRowing High Performance Director or Para-Rowing High Performance Director; Adaptive Committee Chair, and a USRowing Para Athlete Representative.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Nomination of National Team coaches as outlined in National Team Coaches and Staff/Selection of Coaches
- Other duties related to athlete or coach selection or eligibility to compete, as necessary

REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE

In the event of a vacancy in one or more boats on the 2020 Team, that vacancy will be filled according to Appendix I—Removal and Replacement of an Athlete, Coach, or Staff Member.
Additional Information

PROCESS FOR ISSUES AND CONFLICTS

An athlete or coach who has issues related to selection and logistics is strongly encouraged to discuss his/her concern or issue first with:

a) The appropriate National Team Coach directly or through a USRowing athlete representative.
b) The USRowing Para High Performance Director
c) An Adaptive Committee member

For issues occurring during selection events the USRowing National Team Selection Event Due Process Procedure will be followed.

USOC ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by your USRowing staff, you may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: Kacie Wallace by telephone at (888) ATH-LETE, or by e-mail at Kacie.Wallace@usoc.org.

INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These Selection Procedures are based on FISA and/or USRowing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in FISA and/or USRowing rules and regulations will be incorporated herein and distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USRowing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.

PRIORITY OF WRITTEN PROCEDURES

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete or coach relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to USRowing Para High Performance Director, Ellen Minzner in writing (Ellen.Minzner@usrowing.org), and the response to such request by USRowing must be provided in writing and must be published promptly on the USRowing website.
ANTI-DOPING AND SAFE SPORT VIOLATIONS
If an athlete is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that athlete shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be nominated to the Team) until: a) the athlete is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FISA; b) the athlete voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or c) the athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be nominated to the Team.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
USRowing will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the 2019 Rowing World Championships. Records pertaining to a specific selection process under these Selection Procedures will be made available for review to an athlete involved in such selection, upon written request to the Para High Performance Director.

QUESTIONS
If you have any questions regarding these procedures, you may contact the USRowing Para High Performance Director, Ellen Minzner at Ellen.Minzner@usrowing.org or the USRowing Para National Team Manager, Wendy Wilbur at Wendy.Wilbur@usrowing.org.