

**USA Boxing**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2018 Youth Olympic Games**  
**Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
**Men's & Women's Boxing**  
**April 27, 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. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

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

- Athletes must have been born between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2001. The age of the Athlete will be determined based on the year of birth.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must satisfy the nationality and medical requirements according to Rule 2: Membership and Eligibility of the AIBA Technical Rules (<http://www.aiba.org/aiba-technical-competition-rules/>).
- Must compete at the 2018 Youth Continental Championships

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member in good standing of USA Boxing
- Athlete must attend for the entire duration of the Games
- Athlete must participate in the cultural and education program and mixed team events as requested
- Athlete must attend all training camps and preparation events as assigned by USA Boxing

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.

The following table summarizes the various methods of qualifying boxers to be nominated to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (i.e., “AIBA Qualification Pathways”) and the method(s) that will be used by USA Boxing (where possible/applicable) (i.e., “USA Boxing Selection Events”) to identify the boxers who will attempt qualification by name.

	<b>Method of Selecting U.S. Boxers (USA Boxing Selection Events)</b>	<b>AIBA Qualification Pathway</b>
2017	Winner of the 2016 USA Boxing Women’s Youth National Championships (December 4-10, 2016 – Kansas City, MO)	2017 AIBA Women’s Youth World Championships (TBD – November, 2017)
2018	Winner of 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships (Dates & Location TBD – December, 2017)	2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships (TBD – February 1-June 15, 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).

See 1.3. below.

- 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 Youth Olympic Games’ team size for USA Boxing is four (4) athletes. According to AIBA’s Qualification System for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, an NOC may qualify a maximum of one boxer per weight category for a maximum men’s team size of three (3) and maximum women’s team size of two (2). Athletes qualify themselves by name through the Qualification Pathways defined by AIBA.

The weight categories that will be contested at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games are as follows:

<b>Men’s Events (9)</b>	<b>Women’s Events (4)</b>
Fly (52kg)	Fly (48-51kg)
Bantam (56kg)	Feather 54-57kg)
Light (60kg)	Light (57-60kg)
Light Welter (64kg)	Middle (69-75kg)
Welter (69kg)	
Middle (75kg)	

Light Heavy (81kg) Heavy (91kg) Super Heavy (+91kg)	
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**USA Boxing Selection Event  
2016 USA Boxing Youth National Championships  
(Kansas City, Missouri – December 4-10, 2016)**

Weight Categories:

The following four (4) female weight categories were contested at the 2016 USA Boxing Youth National Championships.

<b>Women's Events (4)</b>
Fly (48-51kg)
Feather 54-57kg)
Light (57-60kg)
Middle (69-75kg)

**AIBA Qualification Pathway  
2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships  
(TBD – November, 2017)**

The winner in each Youth Olympic Games contested weight category from the 2016 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will compete in the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships.

The top ranked athlete (see table below) in each weight category from the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships may be nominated by name to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games as shown in the table below.

Women's Weight Category	World Championships
48-51kg	1
54-57kg	1
57-60kg	1
69-75kg	1

In the event that more than two (2) athletes qualify for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games through the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships, the NOC will have up to two (2) weeks to confirm the athletes they have selected in writing to AIBA and the BAYOGOC.

The following criteria will be used to determine which athlete(s) will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Games team if more than four (4) athletes finish as the top ranked athlete from the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships:

1. The athlete(s) who competed in the most bouts during the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships competition will be awarded

the qualification place (e.g. a 60kg athlete who won four (4) bouts would receive the slot over a 51kg athlete who won three (3) bouts.

2. If slots remain and two or more athletes competed in the same number of bouts at the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships, the athlete with the highest achievement at the international level will be awarded the qualification place (e.g. an athlete who has won a medal at a previous AIBA Junior or Youth World Championships).

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**USA Boxing Selection Event  
2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships  
(Date & Location TBD – December, 2017)**

**Weight Categories:**

There will be nine (9) male weight categories and four (4) female weight categories contested at the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships.

<b>Men's Events (9)</b>	<b>Women's Events (4)</b>
Fly (52kg)	Fly (48-51kg)
Bantam (56kg)	Feather 54-57kg)
Light (60kg)	Light (57-60kg)
Light Welter (64kg)	Middle (69-75kg)
Welter (69kg)	
Middle (75kg)	
Light Heavy (81kg)	
Heavy (91kg)	
Super Heavy (+91kg)	

**Competition Format – Single Elimination:**

The 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will be single elimination format. In single elimination format, the loser of each match is immediately eliminated from the competition bracket.

**Seeding Criteria:**

Seeding for each weight category will be administered by the prioritized list below:

1. 2016 USA Boxing Youth National Champion competing in the same weight category.
2. 2017 Youth Open Champion competing in the same weight category.

3. 2017 Western Regional Open Youth Champion competing in the same weight category.
4. 2017 Eastern Regional Open Youth Champion competing in the same weight category.
5. 2016 USA Boxing Youth National Championships runner-up competing in the same weight category.
6. 2017 Youth Open runner-up competing in the same weight category.
7. 2017 Western Regional Youth runner-up competing in the same weight category.
8. 2017 Western Regional Open Youth runner-up competing in the same weight category.

This is followed by a random draw of all remaining athletes.

**AIBA Qualification Pathway**  
**2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships for the Americas**  
**(Date & Location TBD – February 1-June 15, 2018)**

The winner in each Youth Olympic Games contested weight category from the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will compete in the AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships for the Americas.

The top ranked athlete (see table below) in each weight category from the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships may be nominated by name to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games as shown in the table below.

Men's Weight Category	America	Women's Weight Category	America
49-52kg	1	48-51kg	1
56kg	1	54-57kg	1
60kg	1	57-60kg	1
64kg	1	69-75kg	1
69kg	1		
75kg	1		
81kg	1		
91kg	1		
91+kg	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>		

In the event that more than four (4) athletes qualify for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games through the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships, the NOC will have up to two (2) weeks to confirm the athletes they have selected in writing to AIBA and the BAYOGOC.

The following criteria will be used to determine which athlete(s) will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Games team if more than four (4) athletes

finish as the top ranked athlete from the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships:

3. The athlete(s) who competed in the most bouts during the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships competition will be awarded the qualification place (e.g. a 60kg athlete who won four (4) bouts would receive the slot over a 64kg athlete who won three (3) bouts.
4. If slots remain and two or more athletes competed in the same number of bouts at the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships, the athlete with the highest achievement at the international level will be awarded the qualification place (e.g. an athlete who has won a medal at a previous AIBA Junior or Youth World Championships).

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

Not applicable.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

Not applicable.

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:

Not applicable.

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

Not applicable.

## **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

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

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Boxing's Judiciary Policy, Article 5 (<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/usa-boxing-bylaws>) 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 any applicable NGB 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/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>
- 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:

##### **AIBA Qualification Events**

- If the winner of the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships is unable to attend the 2017 AIBA Women's Youth World Championships, the runner up from the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete, where possible and in accordance with AIBA rules, for the qualification tournament that the winner of the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships is not able to attend. If the runner up is not able to attend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place

finisher from the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher is not able to attend, the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete. This continues until there are no available athletes. In the 2016 USA Boxing Women's Youth National Championships, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the winner. The 4<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered who lost to the runner-up. The 5<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the winner. The 6<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the runner-up. The 7<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher. The 8<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher.

- If the winner of the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships is unable to attend the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships, the runner up from the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete, where possible and in accordance with AIBA rules, for the qualification tournament that the winner of the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships is not able to attend. If the runner up is not able to attend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher from the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete. If the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher is not able to attend, the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher from the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships will serve as the replacement athlete. This continues until there are no available athletes. In the 2017 USA Boxing Youth National Championships, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the winner. The 4<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered who lost to the runner-up. The 5<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the winner. The 6<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the runner-up. The 7<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher. The 8<sup>th</sup> place athlete will be considered the athlete who lost to the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher.

#### **Nominations**

- If a nomination earned at the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships is not confirmed or is declined by the NOC within the deadline, the unused nomination place will



be reallocated to the next best ranked boxer, regardless of country, not yet qualified in the same weight category from the 2018 AIBA Youth Continental Boxing Championships.

**5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Boxing 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 the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

**6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOC Code of Conduct, 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 Boxing Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

**7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

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

7.1. USA Boxing's Web site: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing>

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: Not applicable

**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:

July 1, 2018

**9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

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

## 1. Training Camps and Competitions – Performance Enhancement Preparation

Once an athlete is nominated to compete in a Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event, he/she shall actively participate in a training and competition plan established by USA Boxing. This plan will be determined over the course of the months leading up to the Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event, as well as the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. Notification of the dates and locations of camps and competitions will be provided no less than 30 days from the start of each event. Waivers from these events are not permitted, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. At that point, it is reviewed and either accepted or rejected by the USA Boxing High Performance Director. Any unexcused absence will serve as cause for removal from participation the Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event and the 2018 Youth Olympic Games with the right to a hearing.

## 2. Weight Management

Once an athlete is nominated to compete in any of the AIBA Qualification Pathways, he or she must agree to, and abide by, weight management protocol adopted by USA Boxing. In addition, any competitions at which the athlete represents USA Boxing, the athlete shall meet the weight category in which he is scheduled to compete. In the event he or she fails to abide by weight management protocol or to make weight at a competition, whether held in the United States or a foreign country, the athlete shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. Dismissal from trip and liability for reimbursement of all travel expenses for said competition paid on the athlete's behalf by USA Boxing, including transportation, per diem and housing;
- b. Removal from participation in AIBA Qualification Pathways and the 2018 Youth Olympic Games with the right to a hearing.

## 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:

Mike McAtee, USA Boxing, Interim Executive Director  
Matt Johnson, USA Boxing, Director of High Performance  
Billy Walsh, USA Boxing, Head Coach  
Franchon Crews, USA Boxing, USOC AAC Representative

## 12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Boxing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-boxing/rulebook/usa-boxing-bylaws>

## 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or AIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or AIBA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Boxing. 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.

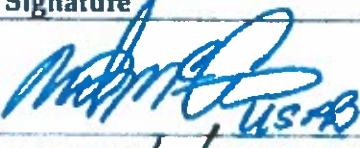

## 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Boxing may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org](mailto:athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

**15. NGB 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 USA Boxing.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB Executive Director	Mike McAtee		4/29/17
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Matt Johnson		4/27/17
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Franchon Crews	Franchon Crews	5/1/17

\* 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 Boxing Code of Conduct

#### USOC ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Boxing Code of Conduct (the "Code"), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of the USA Boxing National Team (the "Team"). I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete 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 Boxing;
- 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 competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will submit to a physical examination by an approved USA Boxing medical personnel if my ability to compete 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 an anti-doping rule violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) 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 compete under the rules of the International Boxing Association;
- 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 follow the USA Boxing National Team Policies & Procedures, as provided by USA Boxing;
- will abide by the rules of the International Boxing Association concerning allowable trademark identification on clothing and equipment worn or used in competition or on visible body tattoos.
- understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of criminal misconduct or an anti-doping rule violation, 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 Boxing and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

<p><b>USOC ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN</b></p>
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I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman Office at 719-866-5000,  
or [Kacie.Wallace@usoc.org](mailto:Kacie.Wallace@usoc.org) and/or [Sara.Clark@usoc.org](mailto:Sara.Clark@usoc.org)  
for further information regarding my rights under this Code that are not answered by USA  
Boxing.

**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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION  
(For Participants under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Print Name and Relationship (Parent or Guardian)

