

**USA Team Handball
GAMES STAFF SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 Pan American Games
July 30, 2022**

These procedures provide for selection of USA Team Handball **Men's and Women's Games Staff** [see following table for a list of positions] for the 2023 Pan American Games. However, accreditation allocation is not guaranteed and will be based on final USOPC credential allocation and overall team size. Responsibility of payment for allocated accreditations will be determined by the USOPC and the NGB/PSO.

1. List of specific Games Staff position(s) that the NGB/PSO is requesting:

Games Staff Role	Responsibility
Team Manager(s)	Serve as primary point of contact and liaison between the USOPC and NGB/PSO before, during and after the Games. Also serves as the Sports physiologist/Strength and Conditioning Coach for Men's and Women's National Teams.
Head Women's Coach	Prepare athletes/teams for success on the field of play.
Head Men's Coach	Prepare athletes/teams for success on the field of play.

2. NGB's/PSO's criteria for the above-listed Games Staff position(s) (attach a job description, if any):

All Games Staff must:

- 2.1. Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Games Background Check Policy & Procedures](#) prior to nomination.
 - 2.1.1. Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Games that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform the NGB/PSO and/or the USOPC.
- 2.2. Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.3. Have the ability to work effectively with the USOPC.
- 2.4. Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills as applicable for the Games Staff role.
- 2.5. Be responsible for Team's adherence to all rules regarding personal conduct at the Games.
- 2.6. Fulfill all duties and requirements of the USOPC including attendance at USOPC Games related meetings, as applicable.
- 2.7. Be available for entire duration of the Games, if requested.
- 2.8. Have NGB/PSO's approval prior to making any financial decisions regarding the Team.
- 2.9. Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport as needed for the Games Staff role.

- 2.10. Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the International Handball Federation rules and regulations governing the sport as needed for the specific role.
- 2.11. Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- 2.12. Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- 2.13. Be a currently employed staff member or contractor of the NGB/PSO.
- 2.14. Be listed on NGB's/PSO's Provisional Roster.
- 2.15. Successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadlines.
- 2.16. Participate in the appropriate anti-doping training as required for the Games Staff role by stated deadline.
- 2.17. Successfully complete the appropriate U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training module(s) by stated deadline.

Team Manager must:

- 2.18. Have experience managing handball teams in international competition.

Sport Specific Personnel must:

- 2.19. Sport Physiologists must possess an advanced degree (Ph.D. or M.S.) in the exercise and sport sciences and 10+ years of experience in working with elite athletes. In addition, the personnel must maintain certification as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the a National Strength and Conditioning Association and a First Aid CPR/AED certification which will not expire during the Pan American Games. In addition, personnel must have experience in all areas of sport science including strength and conditioning, sport nutrition, biomechanics, performance analysis and medical physiology.
- 2.20. Personnel must have worked with the NGB during the 2022/2023 competition calendar year.

In addition, Coaches Must:

- 2.21 Possess a high level of specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport.
- 2.22 Be familiar with International Handball Federation rules.
- 2.23 Be a USA Team Handball member in good standing, have passed a current USA Team Handball Background Screen, and have a current SafeSport training certificate.
- 2.24 Have extensive training working with elite level athletes.
- 2.25 Fulfill all duties assigned by USA Team Handball

- 3. Intended method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for the Games Staff position(s):

NGB/PSO will not solicit applications for the Games Staff position(s) listed above as they will be filled by current NGB/PSO employees and/or contractors.

4. Removal of Games Staff:

An individual who is nominated to the above-listed Games Staff position(s) by NGB/PSO may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by NGB/PSO.

- 4.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Games Staff nominee must submit a written letter to the NGB/PSO Executive Director/CEO/President.
- 4.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/PSO. If the individual refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/PSO, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 4.3. Inability to perform the duties required.
- 4.4. Violation of the NGB's/PSO's Code of Conduct [Corporate Documents \(teamusa.org\)](http://www.teamusa.org/Corporate-Documents)
- 4.5. No longer able to meet the required criteria in Section 2 at the time of the Games.

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Games Forms apply. The USOPC's Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

5. Replacement of Games Staff:

In the event that the Nominated Games Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed in Section 2 above.

6. Group/committee that will make the final approval of the Games Staff position(s):

The USA Team Handball CEO will make the final approval.

7. Conflict of Interest:

All individuals involved in the selection process (see Section 6) must comply with the NGB/PSO's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to beginning the selection process.

An individual involved in the selection process who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process. The NGB/PSO's Ethics Committee shall review the disclosure and determine the individual's level of involvement (e.g., whether he/she must recuse him or herself from the review process and/or voting).

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the NGB/PSO committee appointment process.

8. Date of Nomination:


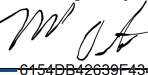
Nominations of Games Staff, including the names of any replacements, will be submitted to the USOPC on or before: January 30th , 2023

9. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures:

The USOPC approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NGB/PSO in the following location(s):

9.1. Web site: : <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Team-Handball>.

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Ryan Johnson	DocuSigned by: 	9/2/2022
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Mark Ortega	DocuSigned by: 	9/2/2022

* If the USOPC 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 Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, 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 USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/PSO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.