2024 Olympic Games Selection Standard Operating Procedure

USA Triathlon (USAT) High Performance Team aims to establish a clear, transparent, and predictable timeline for the entire process related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Selection of athletes and staff. This process will be vetted by the USOPC and the USAT Athletes’ Advisory Council (AAC).

I. Definitions

- **2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures**: the procedures by which athletes will qualify for the 2024 Olympic Team
- **2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Guiding Principles**: overarching concepts that will guide the structure and definition of the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures
- **2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force**: this group of individuals will be responsible for developing the Olympic Games Selection Procedures
- **2024 Olympic Games Selection Panel**: this group of individuals will be responsible for confirming Olympic Games Athlete selection by following the guidance provided in the published Olympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures
- **2024 Olympic Games Long List**: a list of eligible athletes for selection to the USAT Olympic Team, generally due to the USOPC approximately 9 months and finalized 6 months prior to the Opening Ceremony

II. Process & Proposed Timeline for Olympic Games Selection

**February 2022** – The HP staff solicits initial feedback on this 2024 Olympic Games Selection SOP from the AAC.

**Early March 2022** – The High Performance (HP) staff will research best practices for selection procedures by gathering information from other NGBs and the USOPC.

**Early March 2022** – The HP staff, in consultation with USOPC, will identify and propose the preferred structure and number of members for the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force. The Task Force candidates list will be compiled and proposed to the AAC, including alternates. Once the AAC has confirmed the makeup of the Task Force, the list of members will be posted along with the expected timeline for the entire process.

**Late March 2022** – The Task Force is convened to begin its work, establish goals, timeline, and plans for communication with stakeholders for feedback. The Task Force begins drafting **Guiding Principles**, building out the makeup of the selection panel, defining a timeline for the selection process, and setting criteria for determining long list (i.e., eligibility criteria).
May 2022 – The Guiding Principles are circulated for input. The Task Force will identify and confirm a timeline for the Olympic Games selection process, ensuring there is sufficient time for the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force members to actively request, consider and incorporate feedback from athletes.

June 2022 – USAT Senior Counsel drafts initial 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures based on Task Force meetings, Guiding Principles and feedback from AAC and other elite athletes.

July 2022* – The HP staff and Senior Counsel circulate draft of initial Games Selection Procedures and solicit feedback from the AAC and other elite athletes
*Contingent upon World Triathlon Olympic Games Qualification System being finalized.

August 2022 – USAT Senior Counsel incorporates revisions to the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures as necessary.

September 2022 – USAT publishes the final version of the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures.

December 2022 – The HP staff and Task Force to solicit feedback from the AAC, elite athletes, and coaches regarding the 2024 Olympic Games Long List criteria and 2024 Olympic Games Staff Selection Procedures.

January 2023 – The Task Force will finalize the criteria for the 2024 Olympic Games Long List and the 2024 Olympic Games Staff Selection Procedures and the staff will publish the criteria on the USAT website.

December 2023 – The 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force will identify qualified candidates to serve on the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Panel; this step will include collecting names of designated athlete representative(s) from the AAC to serve on the panel. The HP staff and the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force will actively solicit feedback from the AAC and other elite athletes. All AAC and elite athlete feedback will be considered and addressed before USAT finalizes the 2024 Olympic Games Selection Panel.

January 2024 – All athletes on the 2024 Olympic Games Long List will be notified via email of their inclusion within two weeks of the list being published on the website.

May 2024 – World Triathlon will inform USAT of its slot allocation (maximum 3 per gender).

June 2024 – 2024 Olympic Games athlete selection to be completed.