

**US SPEEDSKATING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2020 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
January 11, 2019**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States by the registration deadline for the Selection event.

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 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):

To be eligible to participate athletes must have been born between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2004

All athletes must have achieved the qualifying times standards, as set by the ISU on July 1, 2018, during the period between July 1, 2018 and December 8, 2019 as described in the ISU SOQC qualification timeline.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Be available for entire duration of the Games.
- Participate in the cultural and education program, as requested.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing of US Speedskating.

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 2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials - Long Track Speedskating are scheduled to be held in conjunction with the American Cup in Roseville, MN on December 6-8, 2019.

- 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.

To compete in the 2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials – Long Track Speedskating skaters must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined above in 1.1.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

The maximum team size as defined in the ISU Qualification System for the 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games is 3 total per gender and up to 2 per gender for each event; Entry quotas are earned as per the SOQC with spots being awarded at the 2019 ISU World Junior Championships and the ISU Junior World Cup Speedskating during the 2019-2020 season. The number of quota spots will be provisionally allocated to USS on December 3, 2019.

The ISU Qualification System for the 2020 Youth Olympic Winter Games can be found as attachment A.

The U.S. Team for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games will be selected via the 2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials – Long Track Speedskating (see format and comprehensive description below).

For the purposes of these procedures, the men's and women's teams will be selected separately. The following procedures will be used in the selection process.

2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials - Long Track Speedskating

Competition Format: The 2020 U.S. Youth Olympic Team Trials - Long Track Speedskating will utilize the 2019 American Cup Racing Series in Roseville, MN event and competition format to select the athletes to fill the earned quota spots.

Day 1	500 m	
Day 2	1500m	
Day 3	Mass Start	

Figure 1 – Competition Format

Ranking Procedure: Following the completion of the Trials, athletes will be ranked according to an Overall Classification.

Overall Classification: An athlete's Overall Classification will be based on the combined point total of the 500m and 1500m events. The points are calculated as follows: For a 500m race the number of seconds counts as the number of points, for 1500m one third of the number of seconds. The number of points must be calculated to three decimals, omitting the fourth decimal. (ISU Rule 264 section 3) Athletes with the lowest point totals will be ranked the highest.

The top-ranked skaters from the overall Classification will be nominated to the Youth Olympic Winter Games Team per gender, based on quota spots earned. Athletes will be seeded/entered according to their individual distance results (This may limit the team size if the same two skaters place in the top 2 at the selection competition in each individual distance).

The mass start position will be selected from the athletes who have earned a spot on the YOG team, based on their point totals, and will be seeded according to their results in the mass start at the selection competition.

Should a tie exist based on the combined point total for the Overall Classification, the tie will be broken based on the following in descending order:

- i. Highest placement amongst Youth Olympic Games eligible athletes in either of the two qualifying events, 500m or 1500m.
- ii. Lowest percentage off the current Jr. World Record in either the 500m or 1500m.

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 entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, USS has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USS CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USS. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USS, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USS's Code of Conduct (<https://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/members-and-clubs/membership/membership-registration>)

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USS Constitution and Bylaws <https://www.teamusa.org/us-speedskating/governance/governance-and-bylaws> and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any

applicable USS 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:

In the event any qualifying skater declines his/her position on the Youth Olympic Games team, the next highest ranked skater from the overall classification at the qualifying event (as described in 1.3) will be the replacement athlete.

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

If time allows and if in accordance with ISU and Youth Olympic Games regulations, the process identified in 4.1.1. above will apply.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

US Speedskating 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:

Attachment A – Declaration of Intent Form

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

- 7.1. USS Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Athletes/Rules-and-Regulations/Long-Track>

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:

Announcements will be made in USS membership email communications such as the USS Member News.

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:

December 10, 2019

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition (if any):

At the time of development of these procedures, no mandatory training camps or competitions have been determined for the 2020 Youth Olympic Games Team. In the event that such mandatory training or competition is required for the Team, USS will immediately notify each Team member and that athlete's coach at least 30 days in advance and will post the information on the USS website.

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:

USS Long Track Task Force:

USS Member Chair– Nick Pearson

USS Head Coaches – Ryan Shimabukuro & Tom Cushman

USS Member – Dan Immerfall

USS Member – Tom Miller

USS Member – Eric Cepuran

USS Staff Member – Matt Kooreman

USS Staff Liaison – Bryce Holbech

Athlete Representative – Mitch Whitmore

Athlete Representative – Chris Needham

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

US Speedskating Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/US-Speedskating/Governance/Governance-and-Bylaws>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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



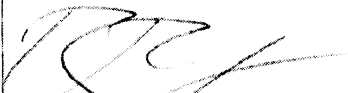
14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by US Speedskating 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. NGB SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) 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 US Speedskating.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USS Executive Director	Ted Morris		1-14-18
Nat. Program Director	Matt Kooreman		1/14/18
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Ryan Bedford		1-12-19

* 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.



INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION SPEED SKATING

A. EVENTS (7)

Men's Events (3)	Women's Events (3)	Mixed Gender Events (1)
500 m	500 m	
1500 m	1500 m	Mixed NOC Team Sprint
Mass Start	Mass Start	

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

B.1. TOTAL QUOTA FOR SPORT / DISCIPLINE:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	31	1	32
Women	31	1	32
Total	62	2	64

B.2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ATHLETES PER NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	3	2
Women	3	2
Total	6	

B.3. TYPE OF ALLOCATION OF QUOTA PLACES:

The quota place(s) is/are allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors), and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

C.1. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2004.



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C.2. ADDITIONAL IF REQUIREMENTS :

To be eligible to participate in the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have achieved the qualifying time standards, as established by the ISU on 1 July 2018, during the period between **1 July 2018 and 8 December 2019** as described in **G. Qualification Timeline**.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Quotas are allocated and distributed according to the following principles:

- Entry quotas are allotted based on results from the 2019 ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships and designated ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions during the 2019/2020 season.
- An allotted quota place applies for one athlete. This athlete will be eligible to compete in all individual distances, as long as the NOC maximum quota for the event will not be exceeded.

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
<p><u>D.1, D.2, D.3:</u> Men: 32 Women: 32</p>	<p>D.1 2019 ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships</p> <p>D.1.1 NOCs represented among the top six (6) athletes, per gender, in the single distances, 500 meters and/or 1500 meters, in the final results of the 2019 ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships are entitled to one (1) quota place.</p> <p>D.1.2 If more than one (1) skater from the same NOC in D.1 is represented in the top six (6) in 500 meters and/or 1500 meters, an additional quota place, up to the maximum of two (2) skaters per gender, will be allocated.</p> <p>D.2 ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Ranking</p> <p>D.2.1 Any remaining quota places thereafter, will be allocated based on the results from two (2) designated ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions to be held during the Lausanne 2020 Youth Olympic Games season in accordance with the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective distances.</p> <p>D.2.2 For the NOCs which qualified two (2) quota places for a gender in accordance with D.1.1, the two (2) highest ranked NOC skaters in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating ranking will be disregarded in the allocation of additional quota places in accordance with D.2.1.</p> <p>D.2.3 For the NOCs which qualified one (1) quota place for a gender in accordance with D.1, the highest ranked NOC skater in the ISU Junior World Cup ranking will be disregarded in the allocation of additional quota places.</p> <p>D.2.4 The remaining quota places will be allocated based on the following sequence, with the additional condition that if the same athlete is represented in the Junior World Cup Speed Skating rankings in more than one of the distances considered, only the highest distance rank of this skater will be considered for the allocation of quota place to the respective NOC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First place rank in 500m allocated first 2. First place rank in 1500m 3. Second place rank in 500m 4. Second place rank in 1500m 5. etc...



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
	<p>D.2.5 The distribution of the quota places for each gender according to D.2 will continue until the total quota of 32 men and 32 women has been filled. However, for each gender the following conditions apply: Before allocation of a third (3rd) quota place to some NOC, priority will be given to allocating further quota places to other NOCs in the next quota allocation positions (according to the quota allocation procedure defined in D.2.4 above) in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating ranking.</p> <p>D.3 Quota places achieved, by way of D.1 or D.2, can be used for all the individual distances (i.e. 500 meters, 1500 meters and Mass start events). However, the maximum of two (2) entries per individual event will apply for all NOCs.</p>
	<p>D.4 Composition of Mixed NOC Team Sprint teams</p> <p>D.4.1 The composition of the Mixed NOC Team Sprint teams will be conducted after the completion of the individual Speed Skating events. All entered skaters may compete in the Mixed NOC Team Sprint event.</p> <p>A maximum of sixteen (16) mixed NOC Team Sprint teams consisting of two (2) male and two (2) female skaters from different NOCs will be formed. No substitutes are allowed.</p> <p>D.4.2 The composition of teams will be constructed by the ISU via a predetermined methodology to distribute the 64 Skaters among the 16 teams as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The female Skaters will be placed by means of the Skaters' ranking in the overall result of the 500m event, to teams in numerical order (team 1 – team 16), then by reverse numerical order (team 16 – team 1).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The first (1st) ranked female Skater will be placed on team number one (1), the female Skater ranked second (2nd) will be placed on team number two (2), etc., thereby distributing the top 16 female Skaters in numerical order amongst 16 numbered teams from team number 1 to team number 16.○ The female Skaters ranked 17th – 32nd will be placed on teams in reverse numerical order, with the 17th ranked Skater on team 16, the 18th ranked Skater on team 15, etc.• The male Skaters will be placed by means of the Skaters' ranking in the overall result of the 1500m event, to teams in reverse numerical order (team 16 – team 1), then in numerical order (team 1 – team 16).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The first (1st) ranked male Skater will be placed on team number 16, the male Skater ranked second (2nd) will be placed on team number 15, etc., thereby distributing the top 16 male Skaters in reverse numerical order amongst the 16 numbered teams from team number 16 to team number 1.○ The male Skaters ranked 17th – 32nd will be placed on teams, in numerical order, with the 17th Skater on team 1, the 18th ranked Skater on team 2, etc.• If some Skaters had not achieved a result (final rank) in the 500 meter event for female skaters or 1500 meter event for male skaters, then these Skaters will be assigned a 500m rank, respectively 1500m rank, behind the Skaters with a valid result in the respective event. These ranks will be assigned by lot among the Skaters concerned, and are created for the sole purpose of composing the teams.• <u>Example:</u>



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Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event								
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7	Team 8	
	1W	2W	3W	4W	5W	6W	7W	8W	
	32W	31W	30W	29W	28W	27W	26W	25W	
	16M	15M	14M	13M	12M	11M	10M	9M	
	17M	18M	19M	20M	21M	22M	23M	24M	
	Team 9	Team 10	Team 11	Team 12	Team 13	Team 14	Team 15	Team 16	
	9W	10W	11W	12W	13W	14W	15W	16W	
	24W	23W	22W	21W	20W	19W	18W	17W	
	8M	7M	6M	5M	4M	3M	2M	1M	
	25M	26M	27M	28M	29M	30M	31M	32M	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case that less than 64 skaters will be available for the Team Sprint event, the composition of teams will be made according to an adjusted table based on the methodology described by the example above. 								
	<p>D.4.3 If one (1) team member is unable to start due to illness or injury the whole team has to be withdrawn from the Mixed NOC Team Sprint event.</p>								

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country will be allocated a quota of one (1) man and one (1) woman, if the Host Country has not qualified a quota place for the respective gender through the Qualification pathway. In such a case, the Host Country quota place will replace the 32nd quota place that would otherwise be allocated through the Qualification pathway. The selection of athletes for the Host Country quota places will be at the discretion of the Host Country while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

After the conclusion of the qualifying process, as described above in D. Qualification pathway, the ISU will announce allocated quota places and NOCs will then have three (3) days to confirm and /or reject their use of these quota places to the ISU Secretariat as detailed in **G. Qualification Timeline**.

Upon confirmation by the ISU of the quota places earned by the ISU Members/NOCs, the subsequent "entries by name" to be made within the applicable deadlines are at the discretion of the respective ISU Members/NOCs subject to achieved qualifying times.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

Any allocated quota places that are returned/not confirmed by the respective NOC will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to **D.2**.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country declines any of its quota places, then the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC according to **D.2**.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 July 2018 to 8 December 2019	ISU Lausanne 2020 qualification period



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Period	Date	Milestone
	1 July 2018	ISU to issue Racing Rules Requirements and Safety Measures for the YOG2020
	1 July 2018	ISU to announce qualifying times
	1 July 2018 to 8 December 2019	Period to achieve qualifying times
	15 - 17 February 2019	ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships, Baselga di Piné, Italy
	23 - 24 November 2019	ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating, TBD*
	30 November - 1 December 2019	ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating, TBD*
Accreditation deadline	TBD*	Lausanne 2020 Accreditation deadline
Inform and confirm	By 3 December 2019	ISU to inform NOCs/ISU members of their allocated quota places
	By 8 December 2019	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of allocated quota places to ISU and Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries department
Reallocation	By 12 December 2019	ISU to reallocate unused quota places
	Within 24 hours of quota notification	NOCs/ISU Members to confirm use of reallocated quota places to ISU
	15 December 2019	ISU to have reallocated all unused quota places
Sport Entries deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Sport Entries deadline
Finalisation of DRP deadline	16 December 2019	Lausanne 2020 Finalisation of Delegation Registration Process (DRP) deadline
YOG	10 – 19 January 2020	Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games

*To Be Determined