

USA Boxing
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2014 Youth Olympic Games
Nanjing, China
Men's and Women's Boxing
December 18, 2013

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.1. Citizenship:

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):

- An athlete must be born between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997.
- Competed at the 2014 AIBA Youth World Championships or in the 2014 AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event
- Must satisfy the nationality and medical requirements according to the AIBA Technical and Competition Rules (<http://www.aiba.org/default.aspx?pId=183#>)

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- 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 be a member in good standing with USA Boxing
- Athlete must attend 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.

A. Candidates for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games must participate in the following:

- i. Men and Women: Colorado Springs OTC Selection Event, March 23, 2014
 - a. Age-eligible athletes will be provided the opportunity to attend the selection event by meeting one of the following criteria:
 - 1) Number 1 ranked athlete (according to the USA Boxing Ranking System as of noon MST on February 28, 2014) in each Youth Olympic Games weight category
 - 2) Number 2 ranked athlete (according to the USA Boxing Ranking System as of noon MST on February 28, 2014) in each Youth Olympic Games weight category
 - 3) Wild-Card Selection (see 1.2.2. below)
- ii. Men and Women: 2014 Youth World Championships Prep Camp, March 24-April 4, 2014, CSOTC
 - a. Following evaluations at the Selection Event (i. above), athletes selected to compete at the AIBA Qualification Tournament will be required to remain in Colorado Springs for this Prep Camp at the OTC.
 - b. Athletes' performance at this Prep Camp will be important as it may be used to break a tie in determining who is named to the YOG Team (refer to 2.2.)

NOTE: USA Boxing will fund one athlete per weight category to attend the Selection Event and the Prep Camp. For the Selection Event, the athlete who will be funded will be the athlete who meets the criteria in the order as listed above (i.e., if the athlete who meets criteria #1 will not attend, then #2 will be funded, and so on).

B. Based on participation and performance at the above selection event, a U.S. team will be sent to the following AIBA Qualification Tournaments:

- i. Men: AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships – April 10-25, 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria
- ii. Women: AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event – April, 10-25, 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria

- 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).

Athletes enter the pool of candidates for consideration to the 2014 Youth Olympic Games by attending the Colorado Springs OTC Selection Camp. Invitations are determined through the USA Boxing Ranking System which can be found online at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rankings/USA-Boxing-Rankings-by-Division>. In addition, Wild-Card Selections may be granted.

Wild-Card Selection

There may be a maximum of 1 boxer per YOG weight category invited to the Selection Event through the Wild-Card Selection process. The International Teaching Coach will take petitions for Wild-Cards up until 5pm (mst) March 4, 2014. The International Teaching Coach will recommend individuals to the Nomination Committee (refer to Section 2.3) based on competitive readiness, recent transitions from the Junior Division into the Youth Division, injury or illness, and the ability to be competitive at the AIBA Qualifying Tournament. The committee will then either approve or deny each Wild-Card petitioner individually, and inform the individual of the decision by 5 pm (mst) March 5, 2014.

Therefore, the pool of athletes to be considered for each YOG weight category may consist of up to three (3) boxers. If, for any reason, the pool size for a weight category is only one (1) boxer, that boxer will be selected to the AIBA Qualification Tournament team. If, for any reason, there are no athletes in a particular weight category to be considered, that weight category will go unfilled.

For the Selection Event listed in 1.2.1.A.i., the athletes will undergo a formal evaluation. The evaluation criteria are available on the USA Boxing website at <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/5-Forms-and-Documents>.

The International Teaching Coach will use the evaluation criteria mentioned above to recommend the roster for the team to compete at the AIBA Qualification Tournaments listed in 1.2.1.B. The Nomination Committee (see 2.3.) will review the recommendations for approval and the team roster will be announced by midnight on the day of the evaluation.

- 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 3 athletes. A maximum of one (1) boxer per NOC is allowed in each weight category. The weight categories that will be contested at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) are: Men's (49kg, 52kg, 56kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg, 91+kg); Women's (51kg, 60kg, 75 kg).

Men:

The top-five (5) place finishers (all must be from different NOCs) in each weight category at the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships will qualify themselves by name for the Youth Olympic Games.

Women:

The top-four (4) place finishers (all must be from different NOCs) in each weight category at the 2014 AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event will qualify themselves by name for the Youth Olympic Games.

Confirmation Process for Qualification Places:

AIBA shall confirm qualified athletes to NOCs immediately following each AIBA Qualification Tournament. NOCs will then have up to two (2) weeks from the day of the email/letter to confirm in writing (via official letter including names and weight categories of each boxer) to AIBA and the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee that they will use the obtained places.

In the event that more than three (3) U.S. athletes qualify for the YOG through the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and the AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event, USA Boxing will have up to two (2) weeks from the day of the email/letter to confirm the athletes selected to the YOG Team in writing (via official letter including names and weight categories of each boxer) to AIBA and the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee that they will use the obtained places (see below for how athletes will be selected).

The following criteria will be used to determine which athlete(s) will be nominated to the YOG team:

1. The athlete(s) who has/have the highest placing at the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and/or AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event in his or her respective weight category

will be awarded the qualification place (e.g., a 60kg athlete who won a gold medal would receive the slot over a 52kg athlete who won silver).

2. If slots remain and two or more athletes have the same placing at the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships and/or AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event the following criteria will apply to fill the remaining slots:
 - a) The athlete with the highest number of ranking points on USA Boxing's Rankings list as of April 26th, 2014. USA Boxing's Rankings list can be found on USA Boxing's website at:
 - i. Youth Men's rankings:
<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rankings/USA-Boxing-Rankings-by-Division/Youth-Men>
 - ii. Youth Women's rankings:
<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rankings/USA-Boxing-Rankings-by-Division/Youth-Women>
 - b) If the above criterion fails to break a tie, the Nomination Committee shall be responsible for selection of athletes, male and female, based on the criteria listed in Section 2.

NOTE: Determining the YOG Team (maximum team size for USA Boxing is 3 athletes) must be in accordance with the AIBA Qualification System for the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, which states that National Olympic Committees (NOCs) may only qualify a maximum of two (2) female boxers and up to three (3) male boxers. Therefore, the make-up of the YOG Team for the U.S. may consist of either 3 male boxers, 2 males/1 female, or 1 male/2 females based on qualification and after applying the procedures herein.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

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

If all the tiebreakers outlined in section 1.3 above have been exhausted, the Nomination Committee will rank the eligible Youth Olympic Games athletes based on the criteria below.

- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):
 - a) Performance in training, as described below:

- 1) At the 2014 Youth World Championships Prep Camp (1.2.1.A.ii):
 - (i) Weight management
 - (ii) Sparring
 - (iii) Training sessions, including (without limitation) tactical and technical development and offense and defense development
 - (iv) Conditioning, including (without limitation) physical, mental and aerobic
 - (v) Behavior in and out of the ring during World Championships Prep Camp and Competition.
 - (vi) Leadership in and out of the ring during World Championships Prep Camp and Competition.
 - 2) Home training reporting, which includes (without limitation) the following:
 - (i) Daily weight management log
 - (ii) Daily training log
 - (iii) Coach's report
 - (iv) Evaluation of video sparring sessions if available
- b) Compliance with the annual Code of Conduct

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

The Nomination Committee below will be responsible for making discretionary selections:

- USA Boxing International Teaching Coach
- USA Boxing Executive Director
- USA Boxing Director of Sport
- One individual, personal coach who has coached on the national team in the last 12 months and is not presently coaching an athlete who is eligible and in contention to be selected in this process.
- One elite athlete, as defined in the USA Boxing bylaws, who is either not eligible or not in contention to be selected.

2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with

respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

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

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Boxing's Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Boxing physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Boxing physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Boxing's Code of Conduct (<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/5-Forms-and-Documents>).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Boxing's Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in USA Boxing's Bylaws, Article 16, 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 USA Boxing's 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://www2.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:

If AIBA's procedures allow for USA Boxing to replace an athlete, then USA Boxing will use the tie breaking process outlined in Sections 1.3. and 2. to determine a replacement athlete.

If USA Boxing is unable to name a replacement athlete, the place will be reallocated by AIBA to the next best ranked boxer(s) in the respective weight category at the 2014 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships or the AIBA Women's Youth Olympic Qualifying Event.

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

Refer to 4.1.1.

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 conclusion of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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 (<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing/Rulebook/5-Forms-and-Documents>)

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. NGB's Website: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing.aspx>

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: N/A

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: June 19, 2014

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Men and Women: 2014 Youth World Championships Prep Camp, March 24-April 4, 2014, CSOTC

The selected athletes will be notified of any additional mandatory training camps and/or competition at least 30 days in advance. Specific dates and locations of any scheduled training camps and/or competitions will be posted on <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Boxing.aspx> as soon as possible and at least 30 days in advance.

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:

- John Dussliere, USA Boxing Director of Sport
- Pedro Roque, USA Boxing International Teaching Coach
- Anthony Bartkowski, USA Boxing Executive Director
- Alex Love, AAC Representative

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Boxing Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.usaboxing.org (Rulebook tab #1 labeled USA Boxing Bylaws. Article 16, Page 41. Judicial Review Policy is also posted on the website.)

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and AIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and 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, John W. Ruger, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- <http://www2.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 President or CEO/Executive Director	Anthony Bartkowski		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	John Dussliere		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Alex Love		

* 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.

Signed version of this final document will be uploaded as soon as it is received from the USOC. This is the final selection document.