

USA HOCKEY
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
MEN'S ICE HOCKEY
June 10, 2023

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.0. Nationality/Passport requirements:

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

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

1.1.1. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) 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), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

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

Per the IIHF regulations for this event, all athletes must have been born between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009.

All athletes participating in the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 must fulfil the requirements of Bylaw 4 (Player Eligibility Rules for Participation in IIHF Championships and Olympic Competitions) of the IIHF Statutes and Bylaws. The IIHF Statutes and Bylaws can be accessed through [2021-2024-statutes-and-bylaws-\(effective-september-2021\).pdf \(iihf.com\)](#).

1.1.3. Other requirements:

- Athletes must be a member of USA Hockey in good standing at the time of nomination.
- Athletes must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

- Athletes must participate in cultural and education programs as requested by the IOC, USOPC, and USA Hockey.
- Athletes must be available for the entire duration of the Games.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

USA Hockey BioSteel Boys 15 Goalie Camp
 July 12-15, 2023
 The Northtown Center & Daemen University, Amherst, N.Y.

USA Hockey BioSteel Boys 15 Camp
 July 15-20, 2023
 The Northtown Center & Daemen University, Amherst, N.Y.

216 athletes will attend USA Hockey's BioSteel Boys 15 Goalie Camp and 24 athletes will attend USA Hockey's BioSteel Boys 15 Camp. Athletes will be invited to attend the camp based upon performances at past District and Affiliate Camps. In addition, some at large athletes will be invited to attend camp based upon past performance or unavailability to attend District and Affiliate Camps.

Athletes will also be evaluated during the fall of 2023, prior to official nomination to the team.

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1:

All registered members of USA Hockey are eligible for participation in the District and Affiliate Camps, which lead to the selection of attendees to the USA Hockey's BioSteel Boys 15 Goalie Camp and USA Hockey's BioSteel Boys 15 Camp. District and Affiliate camps vary in length and process and these camps occur between April 1, 2023 – June 1, 2023.

The player recommendations from District and Affiliate Camps will be included in the overall Winter Youth Olympic Games evaluation process by the Player Evaluation Committee.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

Per the International Ice Hockey Federation regulations, the final team will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) skaters and three (3) goaltenders for a total of eighteen (18) athletes.

As a team sport, a variety of criteria, both objective and subjective, must be utilized in the selection process. USA Hockey's Individual Player Report (See Attachment A) is a tool to facilitate this process.

Team chemistry is vital in determining the difference between success and failure and will be an important element in players' selection.

The evaluation of players for nomination to the 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games will include the use of USA Hockey's scouting tools (See Attachment A) as well as the following criteria:

- Willingness to participate
- Availability to participate
- Playing ability/proficiency
- Playing position
- Coachability
- Attitude
- Contribution to team chemistry

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

The sport of ice hockey is not a measured or timed event. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a team, it is difficult to make selections based solely upon objective criteria. It is the belief of USA Hockey that considering the mix of selection criteria set forth in Section 1, which includes subjective components as well as objective statistical measures in evaluation of performance ability, will result in selection of the best athletes who will work together as an effective team and contribute to team success.

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

See section 1.3.

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

See section 1.3.

2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

Director of Player Personnel, NTDP
Assistant Executive Director, Hockey Development
Player Personnel
Head Coach
Athlete Representative
Athlete Representative

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

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 selection 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 submitting athlete entries by name to the USOPC, USA Hockey has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Hockey's Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Hockey. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Hockey, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating 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 USA Hockey's Code of Conduct (<https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015129-codes-of-conduct>).
- 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures the athlete is deemed Not Eligible (NE) by the IIHF.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Hockey's Bylaws, as mentioned in the USA Hockey Annual Guide.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Hockey Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Hockey's SafeSport policies, 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:

The players will be selected based on positional need and by the criteria set forth in Section 1.3. The selection will be made by the Player Evaluation Committee.

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

The players will be selected based on positional need and by the criteria set forth in Section 1.3. The selection will be made by the Player Evaluation Committee.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Hockey 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 USOPC Delegation Conduct Requirements, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Winter Youth Olympic Games

USA Hockey Code of Conduct

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Hockey in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. USA Hockey's Web site: www.usahockey.com

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: December 11, 2023.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Mandatory training will be conducted just prior to the start of the Winter Youth Olympic Games and will be based on venue and ice time availability.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Dwayne Dillinger: USA Hockey, Vice President, International

Pat Kelleher: USA Hockey, Executive Director

John Vanbiesbrouck: USA Hockey, Assistant Executive Director, Hockey Operations

Kelley Olsen: USA Hockey, Manager, International Hockey

Brian Gionta: USA Hockey, Athlete Representative

Taylor Lipsett: USA Hockey, Athlete Representative

12. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Hockey Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, which is available to all at <https://www.usahockey.com/annualguide>.

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IIHF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or IIHF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Hockey. However, the selection criteria 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 may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/PSO 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 Hockey.

| Position | Print Name | Signature | Date |
|---|----------------|---|-----------|
| USA Hockey President or CEO/Executive Director | Pat Kelleher |  | 7/14/2023 |
| Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director | Joe Bonnett |  | 7/14/2023 |
| USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative* | Taylor Lipsett |  | 7/14/2023 |

* 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 Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC 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.

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Player Type

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Position Projection

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Projection Rating

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Hockey Sense

Competitiveness

Skating

Speed

Quickness

Puck Skills

Shot

Scoring Touch

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My Notes

NTDP Player
Profile Form

Follow-Up Requests

General Comments



Y-T-D Stats

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