



US SAILING
ATHLETE SELECTION SYSTEM AND REQUIREMENTS
2014 ISAF YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
TAVIRA, PORTUGAL
July 12-19, 2014

Definition of a Prospective Athlete

A person meeting all the Athlete Eligibility requirements specified herein who wishes to compete in the 2014 ISAF Youth World Championships (ISAFYWC)

Athlete Eligibility

Age

All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2014 (born after 31 December 1995).

Citizenship

All prospective athletes must be a citizen of the United States of America (USA) however exceptions may be made in accordance with ISAF Regulation, Appendix 3 - Eligibility Code, Regulation 19.12.

Passport

All prospective athletes shall hold a valid USA passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the ISAFYWC. Proof of passport ownership shall be presented at the second event upon qualification of the team.

ISAF Sailor

All prospective athletes shall be registered as an 'ISAF Sailor' on the ISAF website.

US Sailing Membership

All prospective athletes must be a member of US Sailing.

Gender

Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirement of the respective event.

Equipment

The USA qualification events to the ISAFYWC will be conducted with the equipment (sailboat classes) listed below. This list is subject to change if and only if ISAF announces a different list of equipment for the ISAFYWC.

Boy's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
Girls's One Person Dinghy – Laser Radial
Boy's Two Person Dinghy – I 420
Girls's Two Person Dinghy – I 420
Boy's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m² sail & 60cm fin
Girl's Windsurfer – RS:X with 8.5m² sail & 60cm fin
Open Skiff – 29er
Open Multihull – Formula 16

USA Qualification Events to the ISAFYWC

For each class there are two qualification events scheduled. To qualify for the 2014 ISAFYWC, athletes must compete and be scored in both qualification events.



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First Event

All classes

U.S. Youth Sailing Championship, Corpus Christi Yacht Club, TX, August 12-16, 2013

Second Event, by Equipment Class

29er

29er US National Championship, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL – December 31, 2013 – January 3, 2014

F16

I 420, Boy's and Girl's

RS:X, Boy's and Girl's

North American Championships, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL – January 18-20, 2014

Laser Radial, Boy's and Girl's

Laser Midwinters East, Clearwater Yacht Club, Clearwater FL – February 20-23, 2014

If any of the above second events are “non-events” as defined in the Notice of Race for that event, the U.S. Youth Sailing Championship will be the sole qualifier for that class.

Qualification Scoring System

US Sailing will select the following to represent USA at ISAFYWC:

- For each of the singlehanded classes, one athlete
- For each of the doublehanded classes, a team of two athletes who have sailed the qualification events together

The selection of athletes shall be made solely by the scores of the qualifying events per the following:

- A low-point scoring system consisting of a two-regatta series
- Final finishing position (not net points) determines an athlete's/team's points from an event and counts toward series standing. Ie, 10th place = 10 points.
- Scores from each event are added together for a total combined score. Ie, 10th and 3rd place finishes add up to 13 points in the Qualification System.
- The scores of ineligible teams who compete in these events and finish ahead of eligible teams will still count in this scoring system, when factoring an eligible team's score. Ie, a 10th place finish is 10 points regardless of an athlete's/team's eligibility.
- Competitors must compete in both the first event and the second event to be eligible
- Competitors must sail the same class in both the first event and the second event to be eligible
- If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of the better score at the second event
- Competitors may only qualify for the ISAFYWC in one equipment class



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Substitution - For double-handed equipment classes only:

- In the case that one of the athletes is unable to compete in the second event due to injury or illness, a substitute athlete may be approved by the Olympic Sailing Committee (OSC). This applies for both the skipper and crew. Athletes shall submit requests for team composition changes in writing to the OSC.
- In the case that one of the athletes is unable to compete for reasons other than injury or illness, that team will not qualify to compete at the ISAF Youth Worlds. The next highest ranking team will be selected.
- Any substitution for double-handed equipment classes after the second event will require the evaluation and approval of the OSC.
- In the case that the qualified singlehanded athletes are unable to compete for any reason including injury or illness, that athlete will not qualify to compete at the ISAF Youth Worlds. The next highest ranking athlete will be selected.

The highest ranking U.S. boat which meets all the eligibility and qualification requirements, will be entitled to represent their country at the 44th ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship 2014 to be held in Tavira, Portugal.