



**2018**  
**SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM**  
**SELECTION PROCEDURES**

*2018 World Rowing Championships*  
*September 9- September 16, 2018*  
*Plovdiv, Bulgaria*



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## Eligibility Requirements

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The USRowing National Team selection process is open to all athletes who meet all the following criteria. Athletes must comply with these criteria through the date of the completion of the World Championships:

- a) All athletes must be championship members of, and be in good financial and other standing with, USRowing.
- b) All athletes must abide by the Athlete Selection Procedures and the USRowing Bylaws, Rules of Rowing, and other USRowing rules, requirements and regulations.
- c) All athletes must hold United States citizenship and a current and valid United States passport by the date of selection to the team. FISA requires the passport as proof of citizenship. *Please note: Many countries require a passport valid for 6 months past the date of return to the US.*
- d) All athletes must have read and signed a copy of the 2018 USRowing Athlete & Coaches Agreement. ([Appendix G](#))
- e) All athletes participating in selection for the National Team must be in compliance with United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), IOC, USOC, WADA, FISA and USRowing rules, decisions, policies, and procedures relating to banned substances, including but not limited to obtaining and maintaining current therapeutic use exemptions as needed. A complete guide to banned substances is available on USADA's website at <http://www.usantidoping.org/>. USRowing may implement additional eligibility requirements related to banned substances as necessary in order to maintain compliance with USADA, IOC, USOC, WADA, and FISA rules, policies, and procedures; any such additional requirements will be incorporated herein and published as soon as practicable.
- f) All candidates must adhere to the [USRowing ECG & Pre-Competition Health Screening Policy](#).
- g) All athletes must meet eligibility rules to compete for the United States under IOC, USOC and IF governance.

## Anti-Doping

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All athletes participating in selection for the United States National Rowing Team are subject to the USADA, IOC, USOC, WADA, FISA, and USRowing rules, decisions, policies, and procedures relating to banned substances, including drug testing administered by representatives of the USADA or FISA and obtaining and maintaining current therapeutic use exemptions. Athletes who violate USADA, IOC, USOC, WADA, FISA, or USRowing rules, decisions, policies, or procedures relating to banned substances will be subject to penalties as established by the respective organization. Athletes are responsible for calling the USADA drug hotline (800.233.0393) prior to taking any medications and making sure the medication they are taking is not on the banned list. A complete guide to banned substances is available by contacting USADA Drug Control and Education Program (800-233-0393) or USRowing (609-751-0714).

## Important Dates

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### **NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA I / SPEED ORDER I**

*NSR I (M1x, W1x)*

*Speed Order I (LM1x, LW1x, M2-, W2-)*

*(Order of finish in LM1x, LW1x will be used in World Cup Petition Process)\**

April 17-20, 2018

West Windsor, NJ

### **NATIONAL SELECTION REGATTA II / SPRING SPEED ORDER II**

*NSR II (M2-, W2-, LM2x, LW2x)*

*Speed Order II (M2x, W2x)*

*(Order of finish in M2x, W2x will be used in World Cup Petition Process)\**

May 17-20, 2018

West Windsor, NJ

### **WORLD ROWING CUP #1**

June 1-3, 2018

Belgrade, Serbia

### **WORLD ROWING CUP #2**

June 22-24, 2018

Linz, Austria

### **SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIALS I**

*(LM1x, LW1x, M2x, W2x)*

July 5-8, 2018

West Windsor, NJ

### **WORLD ROWING CUP #3**

July 13-15, 2018

Lucerne, Switzerland

### **SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CAMP NOMINATION DATE**

*(M4-, W4-, W4x, M8+, W8+)*

July 27, 2018

### **SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TRIALS II**

*All remaining boat classes with the exception of Selection Camp boat classes, LM1x, LW1x, M2x, W2x, and potentially M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LM2x, and LW2x depending on World Cup Qualification*

August 5-8, 2018

West Windsor, NJ

### **WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

September 9-16, 2018 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

\*Refer to information on Funded Boat Classes on page 12

## Selection Procedures

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As outlined below, selection to the 2018 Senior World Championships Team (2018 Team) will be made in one of two methods:

### I) TRIALS BOATS

- M1x, W1x, LM1x, LW1x, M2-, W2-, LM2-, LW2-, M2x, W2x, LM2x, LW2x, M4x, LM4x, LW4x
- Related Events
  - NSR/World Cup: M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LM2x, LW2x
    - NSR I events: M1x, W1x (World Cup Qualification)
    - Speed Order I events: LM1x, LW1x, M2-, W2-
    - NSR II events: M2-, W2-, LM2x, LW2x (World Cup Qualification)
    - Speed Order II events: M2x, W2x
  - Senior Trials I: LM1x, LW1x, M2x, W2x
  - Senior Trials II: LM2-, LW2-, LM4x, LW4x, M4x and those NSR/World Cup qualification boats not already qualified for the 2018 Team (M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LW2x, LM2x)

### II) SELECTION CAMP BOATS

- M4-, W4-, W4x, M8+, W8+

## **Trials Boats Selection Process**

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### **A. TRIALS PROCESS: LM1x, LW1x, LM2-, LW2-, M2x, W2x, M4x, LM4x, LW4x,**

#### **1. Selection Through Trials**

- a. The winning boat at the Senior World Championship Trials in each event will represent the United States at the 2018 Senior World Championships.
- b. The athletes in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and declare their intent to compete in the 2018 Senior World Championships in writing to the USRowing High Performance Director, or their designee, no later than two hours after their final race at Senior Trials has been declared official.
- c. Should the winning boats athletes decline, fail to declare their intent or fail to meet the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3, the second-place finisher will be given the option to take the spot. If second place also declines or fails to meet the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 the Nominating Committee reserves the right to decline to send a boat to the Senior World Championships for the boat class in question.
- d. Each winning boat at Senior Trials I and II is required to nominate a coach after the trials, who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2018 Senior World Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the High Performance Director. Nominated coaches must meet the requirements in [Appendix D – Coaches](#).

### **B. NSR/WORLD CUP PROCESS: M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LM2x, LW2x**

#### **1. Selection Through NSR & World Cup**

- a. M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LM2x, LW2x: The winners of any of these events at their respective National Selection Regatta (NSR) **may attend any 2018 FISA World Cup I, II, or III**. Declaration of intent to compete at a World Cup must be submitted, in writing, to the USRowing High Performance Director, or their designee. Petition deadlines are as follows:
  - i. Petition Deadline for World Cup I is May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - ii. Petition Deadline for World Cup II is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
  - iii. Petition Deadline for World Cup III is June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

- b. M2-, W2-: In order to be named to the 2018 Team in these events, the boat must place in the top 4 at either 2018 FISA **World Cup I, II, or III** unless there are fewer than 8 entries in the event, in which case a finish in the top 50% of the field is required.
- c. M1x, W1x, LM2x, LW2x: In order to be named to the 2018 Team in these events, the boat must place in the top 6 at either 2018 FISA World Cup I, II, or III, unless there are fewer than 12 entries in the event, in which case a finish in the top 50% of the field is required.
- d. Each athlete qualifying through a top 4 or top 6 finish (or top 50%, as applicable), as described above, must declare his/her intent to compete in the 2018 Senior World Championships, in writing, to the USRowing High Performance Director by on 5pm EDT on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Failure to declare intent by this deadline shall result in forfeiture of the nomination based on their respective NSR win. The athlete(s) will be named to the 2018 Team upon timely submission of their declaration of intent to compete, provided they meet the minimum athlete eligibility criteria set forth on page 3.
- e. Each boat that qualifies through the World Cups is required to nominate a coach with their declaration of intent to compete, who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2018 Senior World Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the High Performance Director. Nominated coaches must meet the requirements in [Appendix D – Coaches](#).
- f. Should the qualified NSR winner fail to declare his/her intent to compete at the 2018 Senior World Championships, or if the NSR winner does not qualify through the requisite placing at the FISA World Cup, a trial for that event will be held at the Senior World Championships Trials II. USRowing will publish all submitted declarations to compete at the 2018 Senior World Championships and an updated list of Senior Trials II events by 5pm EST on Thursday, July 19, 2018.



## Selection Camp Boats Process

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### A. INVITATIONS TO SELECTION CAMPS: M4-, W4-, W4x, M8+, W8+

1. Invitations to 2018 Selection Camps will be sent out by National Team Coaches based on the following criteria (listed in no particular order):

- Performance in 2017-2018 Identification Camps
- Coach's Recommendation
- 2018 Speed Order I & II and NSR results
- Past performance in international and domestic competition
- Competitive performance during training sessions
- Athlete's ability to match the style and technique of the crew as determined by the designated coach
- Video and audiotapes of performance in the case of coxswains
- Meets minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3

*In addition, athletes currently competing in a collegiate program in 2018 may be invited to a Selection Camp upon completion of their competitive season in the spring/summer of 2018. The criteria listed above may pertain to their invitation.*

2. In addition to invitations sent out by National Team Coaches under the criteria listed above, automatic qualification will be awarded to any athlete that meets the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and one of the following criteria for the corresponding Selection Camp(s):

- M8+/M4-: finish in the top 4 at NSR II in M2-
- W8+/W4x/W4-: finish in the top 2 in the W1x at NSR I, top 3 in the W2- at NSR II, or top 1 in the W2x at Spring Speed Order II

### B. DATES AND LOCATIONS OF SELECTION CAMPS

The default location of the Selection Camps shall be Princeton, NJ unless otherwise decided by the High Performance Director. If this occurs, affected athletes will be notified as soon as possible. This may also be changed based on agreement of two-thirds of the invitees, the relevant coach(es) and the High Performance Director. The dates of the 2018 Selection Camps are as follows.

- M8+/M4-: June 5 to July 27, 2018
- W8+/W4x/W4-: May 23 to July 27, 2018

The Selection Camps may conclude earlier than the dates listed above.

### C. SELECTION PROCESS AT SELECTION CAMPS

8 February 2018

1. Each National Team Head Coach will recommend crews for the boat(s) he/she will coach based on the following factors (listed in no particular order):
  - Athlete's compatibility with the rest of the crew
  - Competitive performance during training sessions
  - Overall performance at Selection Camp
  - In the case of coxed events, the cox's weight
  - 2k and 6k erg performance
  - 2018 NSR/Spring Speed Order I & II results
  - 2018 FISA World Cup Results
  - Recommendations of other relevant coaches
  - Meets minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3
  
2. The criteria outlined above and the Selection Camp process are subject to discretionary selection. This means that Selection Camp is used to determine the fastest combination of top athletes, allowing the fastest individual athletes to come together in one location to assemble the best combination of talent in the team boats. In order to do so, at Selection Camp, individual athletes will be selected to form the best combination of talent for each boat. The Selection Camp process ensures that every athlete in attendance has an opportunity to be selected for the team boat. However, the Selection Camp process, while based on objective racing and performance markers during the camp, also must include subjective team-related performance assessment. The dynamic of teamwork, leadership, and movement in a team boat requires development and assessment over time.
  
3. Results of measurable competitive processes at the Selection Camps, including, but not limited to time trials and seat racing, will be posted in a public location for athletes participating in the respective Selection Camp to review within 24 hours of the end of practice. USRowing will keep written records of the underlying data used to evaluate athletes in the Selection Camp process for a period of six months after the 2018 Senior World Championships.

#### **D. SELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The National Team Head Coach shall make all recommendations to the High Performance Director (HPD) for the Selection Camp boats by 5pm EST on Friday, July 27, 2018.
  
2. The HPD will present the recommendations to the Nomination Committee



for review and recommendations and must be approved by the Nomination Committee to be effective.

3. The athletes in the recommended boats must declare their intent to compete in the 2018 Senior World Championships in writing to the USRowing High Performance Director, or their designee, no later than three days after approval by the Nomination Committee.
4. Each Selection Camp boat recommended by the HPD and approved by the Nomination Committee will be named to the 2018 Team, provided the athletes in each such boat submit their declaration of intent to compete on time and satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3.
5. USRowing will announce the 2018 National Team no later than 5pm Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

## Funding For 2018 Senior World Championships

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### A. FUNDED BOAT CLASSES

The funded Boat Classes for the 2018 Senior World Championships are: W1x, W2-, LW2x, W2x, M4-, W4-, W4x, M8+, W8+ (Funded Boat Classes).

#### 2. Senior World Championships

USRowing will fully fund Funded Boat Class expenses for the 2018 Senior World Championships.

#### 3. World Cup

Funded Boat Classes will be funded for a minimum of one World Cup competition in 2018; the maximum funding amount is not to exceed \$4,000 per person for NSR or Spring Speed Order winners.

- If the winning M2- from the NSR chooses to attend a World Cup, it will be funded for that event.

#### 4. Reevaluation

Funded Boat Classes for 2019 will be reevaluated after the 2018 Senior World Championships. It is possible that boat classes may be added or removed based on performance.

### B. OTHER BOAT CLASSES

The Non-funded Olympic Boat Classes for the 2018 Senior World Championships are: M1x, M2-, LM2x, M2x, M4x (Non-Funded Olympic Boat Classes).

The Non-Olympic Boat Classes for the Senior World Championships are: LM1x, LW1x, LM2-, LW2-, LM4x, LW4x (Non-Olympic Boat Classes).

#### 1. Senior World Championships

Subject to the exceptions below in Section II(B)(2), the Non-funded Olympic Boat Classes and Non-Olympic Boat Classes are responsible for paying fees and expenses associated with athlete and coach travel to and participation in the 2018 Senior World Championships, covering local travel, support, and room and board expenses (2018 Fees).

- a. The 2018 Fees exclude athlete(s) and named coach airfare, boat rental, and boat transportation costs; these costs and associated logistics are the responsibility of the athlete(s) and coach.
- b. The cost per athlete and per coach for the 2018 Senior World Championships will be posted by June 15, 2018 or sooner.
- c. Each boat that wins an event at Senior Trials I or II and their respective named coach are required to pay, at the trials site, the 2018 Fees.

## **2. Exceptions for Non-funded Olympic Boat Classes**

- a. The athlete(s) and named coach of any Non-funded Olympic Boat Class that places in the top 3 at FISA World Cup I or II or top 4 at FISA World Cup III and subsequently makes the 2018 Senior World Championships Team, in the same event, will be fully funded by USRowing to attend the 2018 World Championships; and
- b. The athlete(s) and named coach of any Non-Funded Olympic Boat Class that places in the top 6 at the 2018 Senior World Championships will be reimbursed 2018 Fees paid for the athletes and their named coach.

## National Team Coaches and Staff

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### **NATIONAL TEAM HEAD COACHES**

The Senior National Team Head Coaches shall be comprised of the Senior National Women's Head Coach and the Senior National Men's Head Coach, or their delegate(s) (Senior National Team Head Coach(es)). Each Senior National Team Head Coach shall be responsible for making recommendations relating to the boat that he/she will coach. In making recommendations called for under these Selection Procedures, each National Team Head Coach may seek input and information from other coaches as he/she deems appropriate. Once the Team is selected all coaches must abide by [Appendix D- Coaches](#).

### **SELECTION OF COACHES**

Trials Boats must propose one coach (National Team Coach) for their boat to the 2018 Senior World Championships subject to meeting the criteria outlined in [Appendix D – Coaches](#). The Nominating Committee will select coaches to the Senior National Team based on the following criteria no later than three days after the day of nomination of Trials as applicable. All proposed coach candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria (listed in order of priority):

- a) Choice of and compatibility with the selected crews
- b) The number of available coaching positions on the team
- c) Demonstrated commitment to the crew throughout the year
- d) Demonstrated commitment to the National Team throughout the year
- e) Number of athletes on the team trained by a particular coach
- f) International coaching experience
- g) Domestic coaching experience

### **SELECTION OF OTHER STAFF**

USRowing programs staff will select the team manager, doctors, trainers, and other related staff.

## Nomination Committee

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### 2018 TEAM NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee shall be comprised of each of USRowing's National Team Head Coaches or their delegate; USRowing High Performance Director; High Performance Committee Chair, and a USRowing HPC Athlete Representative.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recommendations of the National Team Head Coaches for invitations to Selection Camps shall be subject to review and approval of the Nomination Committee
- Nomination of Selection Camp boats as outlined in Selection Camp Boats Process, Section II
- Nomination of National Team coaches as outlined in National Team Coaches and Staff/Selection of Coaches
- Other duties related to athlete or coach selection or eligibility to compete, as necessary

In the event of a vacancy in one or more boats on the 2018 Team, that vacancy will be filled according to [Appendix I – Removal and Replacement of an Athlete, Coach, or Staff Member](#).

## **Additional Information**

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### **PROCESS FOR ISSUES AND CONFLICTS**

An athlete or coach who has issues related to selection, funding, or logistics is strongly encouraged to discuss his/her concern or issue first with:

- a) The appropriate National Team Coach directly or through a USRowing athlete representative
- b) The USRowing High Performance Director
- c) Chair of the High Performance Committee

For issues occurring during selection events the [USRowing National Team Selection Event Due Process Procedure](#) will be followed.

### **USOC ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by your USRowing staff, you may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: Sara Clark by telephone at (888) ATH-LETE, or by e-mail at [sara.clark@usoc.org](mailto:sara.clark@usoc.org).

### **INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These Selection Procedures are based on FISA and/or USRowing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in FISA and/or USRowing rules and regulations will be incorporated herein and distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USRowing. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.

### **PRIORITY OF WRITTEN PROCEDURES**

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete or coach relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to Matt Imes at USRowing in writing, and the response to such request by USRowing must be provided in writing and must be published promptly on the USRowing website.



## **ANTI-DOPING AND SAFE SPORT VIOLATIONS**

If an athlete is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that athlete shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be nominated to the Team) until: a) the athlete is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FISA; b) the athlete voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or c) the athlete voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be nominated to the Team.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USRowing will retain all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the 2018 Senior World Championships. Records pertaining to a specific selection process under these procedures will be made available for review to an athlete involved in such selection, upon written request to the High Performance Director.

## **QUESTIONS**

For questions regarding these procedures, you may contact the USRowing High Performance Director, Matt Imes, [matt@usrowing.org](mailto:matt@usrowing.org)