



**USA Track & Field**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**Athletics**  
**March 30, 2010 (amended)**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1. **Citizenship:**

- Athletes must be eligible to represent the U.S. in International competition based on the competition rules of USA Track & Field (<http://www.usatf.org/about/rules/2009/>) and the IAAF ([http://www.iaaf.org/mm/Document/Competitions/TechnicalArea/04/95/59/20090303014358\\_httppostedfile\\_CompetitionRules2009\\_printed\\_8986.pdf](http://www.iaaf.org/mm/Document/Competitions/TechnicalArea/04/95/59/20090303014358_httppostedfile_CompetitionRules2009_printed_8986.pdf)).
- Athletes must be a citizen or must provide assurance to USATF's reasonable satisfaction that the athlete will obtain citizenship on or before June 1, 2010. In any event, in order to compete in the Youth Olympic Games, an athlete must have obtained American citizenship on or before June 1, 2010.
- Athletes must hold a valid U.S. Passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games and present a copy to the USATF National Office. Copies must be received by May 15, 2010.

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

- No international qualifying standards are established for the Youth Olympics.
- U.S. athletes will be nominated by USA Track & Field for consideration by the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee as a member of the Youth Olympic Team based on their first place finish at the U.S. Area Trials. Selection to the Youth Olympic Team will be based on the highest



ranked place finishers on the applicable Americas ranking list for each individual event. The number of athletes selected in each event will be limited to the “Number of qualified athletes by Continent and Event.” (See Attachment A).

- Athletes must be age 16 or 17 (born 1993 or 1994) on December 31, 2010 to be eligible for nomination.
- Only one (1) athlete per country may be selected in an individual event and an athlete may only compete in one (1) individual event plus the medley relay.
- The medley relay will be composed of athletes entered by the Americas in individual events.

3. Other requirements (if any):

For U.S. Area Trials:

- Athletes must be a USA Track & Field (USATF) member in good standing at the time of the U.S. Area Trials to be eligible to compete.
- Nominated athletes are required to sign a USA Track & Field Statement of Conditions for participation. (USATF reserves the right to amend the Statement of Conditions subject to USOC approval. (See Attachment B).
- In order to qualify for nomination to the Youth Olympic Team, athletes must compete in the 2010 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials and place first in his or her individual event.
- Athletes nominated by USA Track & Field for consideration by the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee as a member of the Youth Olympic Team must be available for the entire two (2) week duration of the Youth Olympic Games (August 14 - 26, 2010) and attend all cultural and educational programs as requested.

B. Provide a description explaining how athletes are selected to the Team (include tryout events and date of selection).

- For the purpose of this process the “Americas” is defined as the



NACAC Area Association (North America, Central America, and Caribbean Athletic Association ), of which USA Track & Field is a member, and Consudatle (the South American Athletics Confederation).

- **Tryout Event:** 2010 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials - Track & Field - University of Texas at Arlington- April 3, 2010.

Athletes are eligible to compete in the 2010 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials - Track & Field if the following criteria are met:

1. He or she has met the qualifying standard and entry guidelines set by USATF for the 2010 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials - Track & Field. All qualifying standards must be met during the period between January 1, 2009 and March 21, 2010 and will be posted on the USATF website at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/Youth/>.
  2. He or she is eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition based on the Competition Rules of USATF and the IAAF. See section I.A.1.
  3. He or she was born in 1993 or 1994 (age 16 or 17 on December 31, 2010). Date of birth verification (birth certificate, driver's license, or passport) must be presented during the entry process.
- U.S. athletes who place first in their event at the 2010 U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials - Track & Field and meet the above criteria will be nominated to the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee by USA Track & Field for consideration as a member of the 2010 Youth Olympic Team. If a U.S. athlete declines his or her nomination at the U.S. Area Trials, the next athlete in rank order of finish at the U.S. Area Trials in that individual event will be nominated to the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee. **USA Track & Field will nominate only one athlete per event with no athlete being nominated in more than one event.** All nominations will be submitted to the NACAC - Consudatle Selection Committee who will make the final selection of the Team.
  - The NACAC - Consudatle Selection Committee will select the Youth Olympic Team based on all nominations from the Americas Trials competitions. At present time, the USOC has awarded



USATF 24 slots for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games and there is potential USATF may receive additional allocations from the USOC. USATF will field a team based on the process outlined in this document up to the maximum number of slots awarded by the USOC and selected by the NACAC - Consudatle Selection Committee for the YOG.

- If more U.S. athletes are selected by the NACAC - Consudatle Selection Committee than are slots allocated by the USOC, then USATF will determine which athletes will be selected to the team. Athletes will be selected based on Discretionary Selection as outlined in Section II.
- Athletes selected to the team will be notified by May 15, 2010 and need to declare their intent to participate in the 2010 Youth Olympic Games held August 14, 2010 - August 26, 2010 by May 18, 2010.

- C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.

The USATF National Office Management and the International Team Selection Committee of the USATF Youth Division will oversee the selection Process.

USATF National Office Management

Doug Logan, Chief Executive Officer

Benita Fitzgerald-Mosley, Chief of Sport Performance

Sandy Snow, Associate Director International Teams

Tricia Floyd, Associate Director of Youth Programs

Andy Martin, Director of Grassroots Programs

Aron McGuire, Acting Director Elite Athlete Department

International Team Selection Committee of the USATF Youth Division

Lionel Leach, Youth Division Chairman

Harold "Lefty" Martin, Youth Division member

John Wissler, Youth Division member

**II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

- A. Explain the discretionary criteria and how it will be used (if any):

Discretionary selection will be used if there are more U.S. athletes selected to the Americas Team than the number of team positions that will be made



available by the USOC for the sport of Athletics (Track & Field). If discretionary selection becomes necessary, athletes determined by USATF to be most likely to medal at the Youth Olympic Games based on a comparison of the athlete's best legal time/mark achieved during the qualifying period for the U.S. Area Trials with the average legal times/marks achieved by the medal winners in the applicable event from the 2005, 2007, 2009 World Youth Championships results, will be given first priority.

#### B. Discretionary Selection Committee

The International Team Selection Committee of the USATF Youth Division, a TBD representative from the National Office, a USATF statistician, a representative from the Athlete Advisory Committee, and an additional athlete representative will compose the Discretionary Selection Committee that determines which athletes will be named to the team if it becomes necessary to use the Discretionary Selection procedures.

##### International Team Selection Committee of the USATF Youth Division

Lionel Leach, Youth Division Chairman

Harold "Lefty" Martin, Youth Division member

John Wissler, Youth Division member

National Office Representative-TBD

USATF Statistician- Glen McMicken

AAC Representative-Joanna Hayes

Athlete Rep-Allen Johnson

### III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. Prior to acceptance of the selections by the USOC, USATF has jurisdiction over selected athletes.

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

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USATF's CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USATF physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USATF physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of USA Track & Field's Statement of Conditions (Attachment B).



- An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Track & Field's Bylaws Article 16 and Regulation 21 ([www.usatf.org/about/governance/](http://www.usatf.org/about/governance/)) or USOC Bylaws, Article 9 and Grievance Procedures. ([http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/4076/USOC\\_Bylaws\\_07.01.08\\_executed.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08_executed.pdf)).

B. After acceptance of athlete selections by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

C. An athlete may be removed from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

#### IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

An athlete who withdraws or is removed **before** USATF submits its nominees to the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee will be replaced by the next highest placed finisher at the U.S. Area Youth Olympic Selection Trials.

An athlete who withdraws or is removed **after** USATF submits its nominees to the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee will be replaced by the next eligible athlete per the applicable Americas ranking list.

Replacement of athletes after final entry is not under the control of the USOC or USA Track & Field and will be determined by the NACAC-Consudatle Selection Committee.

#### V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Track & Field 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 Ceremonies of the Games.



## **VI. 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 Track & Field's Statement of Conditions (See Attachment B).

## **VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Track & Field in the following locations:

A. USA Track & Field website: [www.usatf.org/youth](http://www.usatf.org/youth)

The website information will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. Other (if applicable):

- Email to athletes within the USA Track & Field membership database meeting the age requirements.
- Email to USATF Association Offices for distribution to their constituencies.
- Email to the National High School Federation for distribution to all high school athletes that meet the age qualification.

## **VIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA, and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by IOC, WADA, IF, USADA, and USOC Rules as applicable.

With regards to medical documentation for use of otherwise prohibited substances, athletes must complete or have on file a Therapeutic Use Exemption Form (TUE) in accordance with applicable WADA/USADA rules and regulations.



## **IX. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

### USATF National Office Management

Doug Logan, Chief Executive Officer  
Benita Fitzgerald-Mosley, Chief of Sport Performance  
Sandy Snow, Associate Director International Teams  
Tricia Floyd, Associate Director of Youth Programs  
Andy Martin, Director of Grassroots Programs  
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### Athlete Representatives

Joanna Hayes  
Allen Johnson

## **X. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Track & Field's Bylaws Article 16 and Regulation 21 ([www.usatf.org/about/governance/](http://www.usatf.org/about/governance/)) or USOC Bylaws, Section 9 and Grievance Procedures.

([http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/4076/USOC\\_Bylaws\\_07.01.08\\_executed\\_.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08_executed_.pdf))

## **XI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

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





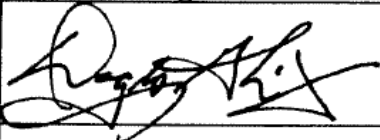


## XII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Track & Field may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- [www.888athlete.org](http://www.888athlete.org)

## XIII. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Track & Field.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Douglas G. Logan		FEB 3, 2010
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Benita Fitzgerald Mosley		Feb 3, 2010
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Joanna Hayes		Feb 3, 2010

\*If 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 AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB. If the AAC 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.



APPENDIX M

**Youth Olympic Games  
Singapore - 14-26 August 2010  
Quota**

**Number of qualified athletes by Continent and Event**

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>AFR</b>	<b>EAA</b>	<b>OAA</b>	<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>ASIA</b>
100	1	4	1	7	3
200	2	4	1	6	3
400	3	4	2	5	2
1000	7	3	2	2	2
3000	9	1	1	2	3
110H	2	6	2	4	2
400H	4	3	1	5	3
2000 SC	8	3	1	2	2
HJ	2	6	2	3	3
PV	2	8	1	2	3
LJ	2	6	1	4	3
TJ	2	7	1	3	3
SP	2	8	2	2	2
DT	2	7	2	2	3
HT	2	9	1	2	2
JT	2	7	2	3	2
Walk	1	6	2	4	3

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>AFR</b>	<b>EAA</b>	<b>OAA</b>	<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>ASIA</b>
100	1	4	1	8	2
200	2	4	2	7	1
400	2	5	1	6	2
1000	4	5	2	3	2
3000	6	4	1	2	3
100H	2	5	2	5	2
400H	2	6	1	5	2
2000 SC	5	6	2	2	1
HJ	1	9	2	2	2
PV	1	9	2	2	2
LJ	1	7	2	4	2
TJ	1	8	2	2	3
SP	1	6	2	4	3
DT	2	6	3	3	2
HT	2	10	1	2	1
JT	2	7	1	3	3
Walk	1	8	1	3	3

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Attachment B



**USATF Youth Olympic Games Team**  
Athlete Statement of Conditions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Competition Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

All Athletes are required to read, agree to, and sign this Statement of Conditions in order to be a member of USA Track & Field Youth Olympic Games Team (The “Team”). By signing this Statement of Conditions, I represent and agree with USA Track & Field (“USATF”) that:

A. I will conduct myself at all times as a goodwill ambassador for the Team and the United States of America, and that I will refrain from any act(s) that may reflect unfavorably upon myself, my teammates, the sport of track and field, USATF or the United States of America.

B. I will not intentionally or voluntarily undertake any action that desecrates or disrespects the American Flag.

C. I will dress appropriately and respectfully for all “official” Team functions, wearing the designated Team uniforms provided by USATF. I understand that USATF’s sponsor contract for uniforms depends upon athletes wearing the uniform and using the uniform items at competitions, award ceremonies, “official” Team press conferences, and other “official” Team functions. I understand that I am forbidden from altering or covering up the sponsor logo on any Team uniform items. Further, I am aware that USATF faces financial penalties, assessed by USATF’s sponsors, each time an athlete fails to abide by the conditions stated in this document. At the Youth Olympic Games, I understand that the “official” presentation uniforms provided by the United States Olympic Committee must be worn during opening and closing ceremonies, awards ceremonies, and “official” USOC, LOC, or IAAF press conferences.

D. I will attend all “official” Team practices, Team meetings, and other required Team activities.

E. I will honor my commitment to train and report fit to compete. I understand that breaking a commitment hurts the competitive effort of the Team and prevents other athletes from having an opportunity to be a Team member. If I am unable to compete due to injury, illness, or for any other reasons (an “Emergency”), I will notify the Team coaches of my inability to participate in the Team competition, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to my scheduled departure with the Team, or within seven (7) days (if not so traveling) prior to the scheduled competition, unless I am prevented from doing so by extraordinary circumstances. In the event of an Emergency, I understand that I may be required to prove my lack of ability to compete.

F. I will read and abide by the attached USATF Regulations (*See, Copy of Regulations Attached*): Regulation 10/Doping Control; Regulation 11/Disciplinary Proceedings; Regulation 13/Conduct of Athletes. I will also abide by all applicable USADA, WADA, and IAAF doping control regulations. I understand that my breach of my commitment to serve on the Team as stated herein may result in discipline against me, pursuant to USATF Regulations 13 and 11, for misconduct and actions



that are detrimental to the best interests of Athletics and/or the Team. Such alleged misconduct may include, but not be limited to: (1) failing to wear or use the Team uniform or uniform items supplied by USATF; (2) failing to attend “official” Team practices, Team meetings, and other required Team activities; (3) failing to maintain competitive fitness; (4) failing to provide timely notice of an Emergency which prevents me from competing, unless I am prevented from doing so by extraordinary circumstances; and/or (5) engaging in any conduct that is detrimental to the United States of America, USATF or Athletics.

G. I understand that non-drug-related disciplinary proceedings (including expedited hearings) regarding alleged breaches of this Statement of Conditions shall be conducted pursuant to USATF Regulation 11, except that the USOC Code of Conduct shall govern disciplinary hearings conducted while an athlete is a member of a USOC delegation and team. I also understand that, dependent upon the outcome of such disciplinary proceedings, USATF reserves the right to impose the following minimum penalties:

1. **First offense:** A written reprimand and liability for any monetary penalties assessed against USATF, and discontinuance of any payments I am may be receiving pursuant to USATF-sponsored financial aid programs, for a period of not more than twelve (12) months;
2. **Second offense:** A written reprimand and liability for any monetary penalties assessed against USATF, and ineligibility for USATF-sponsored financial aid programs for a period of twelve (12) months; or
3. **Third offense:** Suspension and ineligibility to participate on the Team, prohibition from representing the United States as a member of any sanctioned international competition teams for a period of one (1) year, and liability for any monetary penalties assessed against USATF.

I understand that USATF may conduct expedited disciplinary proceedings on site at qualifying events pursuant to USATF Regulation 11.

I understand that I am entitled to a hearing before being declared ineligible to participate in a protected competition.

The undersigned has read and understands this Statement of Conditions and confirms that the she or he will keep all Team Commitments stated above and in the attached USATF Regulations.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_