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To all interested participants in the 2021 Junior Pan American Games,

On August 31, 2020 the Columbian Government and PANAM Sports confirmed that they will hold the first Junior Pan American Games in 2021. After this decision was made, The Pan American Rowing Confederation (COPARE) has worked to establish qualification procedures and events, and we have worked with the USOPC to establish how the team will be selected.

The 2021 Junior Pan American Games will be held September 9-19, 2021, in Cali, Columbia. This is the first time a Junior Pan American Games will be held, and the age cut off is under 23, all athletes must be born January 1, 1999 or later. COPARE has determined that qualification for this event will be determined by a qualification regatta, which is the method they established for the 2019 Pan American Games. The qualification regatta is scheduled be held **May 13-16, 2021** in Puerto Progreso, Merida, Mexico.

As of this date, the Cali event has limited all National Federations to 4 male and 4 female athletes. COPARE has made a request to increase that number to 8 males and 8 females, but that has not been finalized as of this writing. The selection procedures reflect this situation, and if Cali allows the larger number of participants per NF, the selection procedures will be adjusted to reflect that greater opportunity. The posted Junior Pan American Selection Procedures reflect the process that will be used to identify athletes and boat classes that will compete in Mexico on the dates of the qualifying regatta. This trials event to name the athletes that will have the right to participate in the Junior Pan American Qualification Regatta will take place February 22, 2021 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, FL. **Trials** winners should work to source their equipment for the qualifying event as soon as possible. USRowing may be able to assist with that effort. As information on the qualifying event becomes available, USRowing will share that.

Any athlete or coach who chooses to participate at the Junior Pan American Qualification Regatta in Mexico will need to cover all of his or her expenses. Additionally, each athlete and coach will need to cover his or her expenses to participate in the Junior Pan American Games in Cali. Because of this burden, the selection procedures grant the athlete and boat classes that qualify for the Pan American Games in Mexico to be named directly to the 2021 United States Junior Pan American Games Team in that event.

Any interested participants having questions regarding the procedures or process, please contact:

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