2023
SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES

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Belgrade, Serbia

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Eligibility Requirements

The USRowing World Rowing Championships 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 Rowing Championships:

a) Athlete must be Championship Member of USRowing and be in good financial and other standing with USRowing.

b) Athlete must have current Safe Sport training.

c) Athlete must complete and pass a background check or have a valid background check on file upon invitation to selection camp or nomination to the team.

d) Athlete must adhere to the USRowing ECG & Pre-Competition Health Screening Policy.

e) Athlete must meet eligibility rules to compete for the United States under IOC, USOPC and World Rowing governance.

f) Athlete must hold United States citizenship at the time of selection. Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the World Rowing Championships.

g) Athlete must abide by the 2023 Senior National Team Selection Procedures and the USRowing Bylaws, Rules of Rowing, and other USRowing rules, requirements, and regulations.

h) Athlete must have read and sign a copy of the 2023 USRowing Athlete & Coaches Agreement (Appendix G).
Anti-Doping

All athletes participating in selection for the United States National Team must be in compliance with WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), IOC, USOPC, World Rowing 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. USRowing may implement additional eligibility requirements related to banned substances as necessary in order to maintain compliance with WADA, USADA, IOC, USOPC, World Rowing and USRowing rules, policies, and procedures; any such additional requirements will be incorporated herein and published as soon as practicable.

Athletes who violate WADA, USADA, IOC, USOPC, World Rowing, 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 checking any medication they are taking and making sure the medication is not on the banned list. A complete guide to banned substances is available on the USADA’s website: https://www.usada.org.
Important Dates

Winter Speed Orders: M1x, W1x, M2-, W2-, LM1x, LW1x
March 2-5, 2023
Sarasota, FL
(For lightweight rowers the weigh-in weight will be: LM 165 lbs. – LW 134 lbs.)

Olympic Events National Selection Regatta: M1x, W1x, M2x, W2x, M2-, W2-
April 25-30, 2023
Chula Vista, CA
(Exact race dates to be finalized 60 days prior but will be in the time frame listed)

Olympic Events Selection Camp I
April 30-May 1, 2023
Chula Vista, CA

World Cup II
June 16-18, 2023
Varese, Italy

Olympic Events Selection Camp II: LM2x, LW2x, M4x, W4x, M4-, W4-, M8+, W8+
June 25-July 16, 2023
West Windsor, NJ

International Events Trials: LM1x, LW1x, LM2-, LW2 -, LM4x, LW4x
Olympic Events Trials: Events where no boat has been named via NSR and WC II Varese
July 27-30, 2023
West Windsor, NJ
(Exact race dates to be finalized 60 days prior but will be in the time frame listed)

World Rowing Championships
September 3-10, 2023
Belgrade, Serbia
USRowing Competitive Standard Times

The purpose of the selection procedures is to select athletes and crews to represent the United States at the World Rowing Championships. In order to ensure that all selected crews meet the level to be representatives of our country minimum time standards are part of the selection procedures.

Rowing has no official world records. For the Elite level World Rowing registers World Best Times during all World Rowing events (World Cups, Continental and World Championships, Olympics). These times are not called ‘records’ because of the variations rowers experience in wind, water temperatures and flow. For Under 23 and Under 19 World Rowing only registers World Rowing Championships Best Times.

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World Best Times are helpful for developing standards. In order to determine fair and comparable standards across the events there are more criteria to take into consideration. The USRowing Competitive Standard Times (CST) for the Elite events are developed based on...
upon three elements:
- Registered World Best Times;
- Theoretical calculation of the relative speed for each event based on the assumed power and weight of the World Class athletes and the drag of the boat;
- Statistical analysis of historical data of Olympics, World Rowing Championships and World Cups since 1997: average winning times, relative time per event in relation to M8+ for men and W8+ for women, relative time per lightweight event in relation to the open equivalent, spread in finals, trend per event over the last Olympic cycle.

For the U23 and U19 events the World Rowing U23/U19 Championships Best Times are not used for determining the standard times. In some cases, the best times are set by exceptional athletes who are also competing at elite level. Furthermore, the age categories are part of the pathway, so the standard should reflect this. USRowing uses internationally accepted percentages relative to the elite level that are supported by research and statistical analysis: 97% for U23 open events, 98% for U23 lightweight events and 95% for U19 events.

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Selection Procedures

As outlined below, selection to the 2023 World Rowing Championships Team will be made in one of three methods:

**Olympic Events National Selection Regatta and World Cup II Varese**
M1x, W1x, M2x, W2x, M2-, W2-

**Olympic Events Selection Camps**
LM2x, LW2x, M4x, W4x, M4-, W4-, M8+, W8+

**International Events Trials and Olympic Events Trials**
LM1x, LW1x, LM2-, LW2-, LM4x, LW4x and Olympic events where no boat has been named

**2023 NATIONAL TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

USRowing will announce the 2023 Senior National Team no later than seven days after the final selection event.
Olympic Events National Selection Regatta and World Cup II Varese

SELECTION PROCESS OLYMPIC EVENTS NSR AND WORLD CUP II VARESE
M1x, W1x, M2x, W2x, M2-, W2-

A. The 2023 Olympic Events National Selection Regatta will follow the 6-lane progression as outlined in Appendix C of the 2023 Selection Procedures. The event will follow the rules as outlined under Appendix A: General Trials Rules.

B. The winning boat in each event at the 2023 Olympic Events National Selection Regatta can declare their intention to represent the United States at World Cup II Varese in their event.

C. The athlete(s) in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and declare their intent to compete in World Cup II Varese in writing to the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee, no later than two hours after the final race at the National Selection Regatta has been declared official.

D. Should the winning boat’s athlete(s) 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 declare their intent. If second place also declines or fails to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, trials for that boat class will be held at the Olympic Events Trials.

E. Each selected boat is required to nominate a coach who is required to travel with the crew for the length of World Cup II Varese. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the Chief High Performance Officer. Nominated Coaches must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

F. In order to qualify for the 2023 Senior National Team in their event, the selected boat from NSR must place in the top six at World Cup II Varese, based upon entry of at least six nations of the top-8 of 2022 World Rowing Championships, and be the fastest US entry for that event. If the number of six top-8 nations is not met, the placement criterion will be adapted correspondingly:

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<td>Top 5 and be the fastest US entry</td>
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<td>Top 4 and be the fastest US entry</td>
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<td>Top 2 and be the fastest US entry</td>
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<td>Must win event</td>
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G. Each boat that qualifies as described above can declare their intent to represent the United States at the 2023 World Rowing Championships in their event. The athlete(s) in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and declare their intent to compete in the 2023 World Rowing Championships in writing to the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee, by 5pm EDT on Monday, June 19th, 2023. Failure to declare their intent by this deadline shall result in forfeiture of the nomination based on their respective World Cup result.

H. Each boat that qualifies as described above is required to nominate a coach who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the Chief High Performance Officer. Nominated Coaches must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

I. Should the qualified boat fail to declare their intent to compete at the 2023 World Rowing Championships or fail to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, or if the boat does not qualify through the requisite result at World Cup II, trials for that boat class will be held at the Olympic Events Trials.
Olympic Events Selection Camps

SELECTION PROCESS OLYMPIC EVENTS SELECTION CAMPS
LM2x, LW2x, M4x, W4x, M4-, W4-, M8+, W8+

SELECTION CAMP I

The following apply to both men’s and women’s selection.

A. There will be approximately twenty athletes (sixteen open weight and two to four lightweight rowers) invited to the selection camp. The purpose is to bring the fastest individual athletes together allowing to assemble the best combination of talent. The selected athletes will participate in different boat classes in World Cup II, Varese.

B. No more than sixteen athletes (eight sweep, four scull and two to four lightweight rowers) will be selected for World Cup II. The objective of the camp is to select the best athletes, not to select boats.

C. Athletes who want to be considered for the selection camp must submit a 6,000m erg test for the months between and including November 2022 and March 2023 (only one required) and a 2,000m erg test for February and/or March 2023 (only one required) on the USRowing website, and must participate in the Winter Speed Orders (March 2-5 2023, Sarasota, FL). If an athlete is unable to fulfill one of these requirements because of injury or illness, the athlete needs to receive medical clearance from the appropriate member of the USRowing Medical Committee.

D. For M1x, W1x, M2- and W2- the Top-3 boats of the Winter Speed Orders earn automatic invitations. For LM1x and LW1x the top-2 boats earn automatic invitations. The remainder of the athletes will be invited upon discretion of the Chief High Performance Officer. The following criteria will be used when deciding discretionary invitations (listed in no particular order):
   a. Performance in 2023 National Team Testing, Speed Orders and NSR;
   b. Performance in 2022 international and domestic competition;
   c. Coach’s recommendation.

E. Before the start of the selection camp a document shall be published to explain the objectives of the camp, the program, the selection criteria and the selection protocols that will be used. In order to participate in the camp, the athletes have to acknowledge the document.

F. The Chief High Performance Officer shall, in consultation with the High Performance Committee, appoint a Lead Coach and an independent Selector for the selection
camp. Final selection decisions shall be the responsibility of the Selection Panel, that consists of CHPO, Lead Coach and Selector.

G. The objective of the camp is to select the best athletes based on the following factors (listed in order of priority):

a. Athlete's technical skills in different boat classes and seats;
b. Athlete's absolute power and power efficiency;
c. Athlete’s team dynamic skills;
d. Overall performance at selection camp;
e. Meets minimal eligibility criteria set forth on page 3.

H. At the conclusion of the selection camp the Lead Coach shall present the proposal to the Selection Panel. After approval by the Selection Panel the decisions shall be published. Selected open weight athletes will be provisionally named to the 2023 Senior National Team, but not to a particular boat.
SELECTION CAMP II

The following apply to both men’s and women’s selections.

A. There will be approximately thirty athletes (twenty-four open weight, two to four lightweight rowers and two coxswains) invited to the selection camp.

B. The objective of the camp is to select the boats and crews. Boats will be prioritized based upon competitive level in relation to the international competition.

C. The athletes that were selected in Selection Camp I earn automatic invitations.

D. The remainder of the athletes will be invited upon discretion of the Chief High Performance Officer. The following criteria will be used when deciding discretionary invitations (listed in no particular order):

   a. Performance in 2023 National Team Testing and Speed Orders;
   b. Performance in 2022 and 2023 international and domestic competition;
   c. Coach’s recommendation.

E. Before the start of the selection camp a document shall be published to explain the objectives of the camp, the program, the selection criteria and the selection protocols that will be used. In order to participate in the camp, the athletes have to acknowledge the document.

F. The Chief High Performance Officer shall, in consultation with the High Performance Committee, appoint a Lead Coach and an independent Selector for the selection camp. Final selection decisions shall be the responsibility of the Selection Panel, that consists of CHPO, Lead Coach and Selector.

G. The objective of the camp is to select the crews for the team boats based on the following factors (listed in order of priority):

   a. Athlete's specific technical skills for boat class and their seat;
   b. Athlete's absolute power and power efficiency;
   c. Athlete’s team dynamic skills;
   d. Overall performance at selection camp;
   e. In the case of coxed events, the cox’s weight;
   f. Meets minimal eligibility criteria set forth on page 3.

H. At the conclusion of the selection camp the Lead Coach shall present the proposal to the Selection Panel. After approval by the Selection Panel the decisions shall be published.
I. The athletes in the selected boats must sign and submit their declaration of intent to compete in the 2023 World Rowing Championships to the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee, no later than three days after publication of the panel decision. As part of the declaration of intent, each crew can also propose a coach. Any proposed coach must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

J. Each selected boat will be named to the 2023 Senior National 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.
SELECTION PROCESS AT SELECTION CAMPS

Selection camps are used to determine the top athletes and 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 camps, individual athletes will be selected to form the best combination of talent for each boat. The selection camp process ensures that athletes in attendance have an opportunity to be selected for the team boat. However, the selection camp process, while based on objective performance markers, also must include team-related performance assessment. The dynamic of teamwork, leadership, and movement in a team boat requires development and assessment over time.

Results of measurable competitive processes at the selection camps, including, but not limited to time trials and seat racing, will be made available for athletes participating in the respective selection camp to review within 24 hours of the end of practice. USRowing will keep records of the underlying data used to evaluate athletes in the selection camp process for a period of six months after the 2023 World Rowing Championships.

GRIEVANCES RELATED TO THE SELECTION PROCESS

An athlete or coach who has grievances related to the selection process, is entitled to petition for a hearing by the Selection Panel. The hearing will include an appropriate representative of the High Performance Committee and the petitioner unless the petitioner waives this right, in which case the hearing will be conducted with written briefs only. A decision will be issued within two hours of the hearing. The petitioner may be entitled to further resolution of their grievance through the Bylaws of USRowing or USOPC.
International Events Trials and Olympic Events Trials

SELECTION PROCESS INTERNATIONAL EVENTS TRIALS
LM1x, LW1x, LM2-, LW2-, LM4x, LW4x

A. The 2023 International Events Trials will follow the 6-lane progression as outlined in Appendix C of the 2023 Selection Procedures. The event will follow the rules as outlined under Appendix A: General Trials Rules.

B. For the 2023 International Events Trials time standards will be applied for the finals. The Trials Standards relate to the USRowing Competitive Standard Times (CST) for each event. The standard is 5% of CST under optimal meteorological and water conditions.

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The Selection Panel will evaluate meteorological and water conditions and may adapt the required Trials Standards. The Selection Panel consists of an Athletes Representative, a Coaches Representative of the High Performance Committee and the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee. The final Trials Standards will be communicated no later than one hour before the first final race at the International Events Trials. Only boats that meet the Trials Standards can declare their intent to represent the United States at the 2023 World Rowing Championships in their event.

C. The winning boat in each event at the 2023 International Events Trials that meets the required Trials Standard can declare their intent to represent the United States at the 2023 World Rowing Championships in their event.

D. The athlete(s) in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and declare their intent to compete in the 2023 World Rowing Championships in writing to the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee, no later than two hours after the final race at the International Events Trials has been declared official.

E. Should the winning boat’s athlete(s) decline, fail to declare their intent or fail to meet the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3, the second-place finisher, if second place meets the required Trials Standard, will be given the option to declare their intent. If second place doesn’t meet the standard, also declines or fails to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the Chief High Performance Officer reserves the right to decline to send a boat to the World Rowing Championships for the event in question.
F. Each selected boat is required to nominate a coach who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the Chief High Performance Officer. Nominated coaches must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

G. Each selected boat, and their respective coach, are required to pay, at the trial’s site, the 2023 Fees covering local travel, support, and room and board expenses.

   a. The 2023 Fees exclude athlete(s) and coach airfare, boat and oar rental, and boat transportation costs; these costs and associated logistics are the responsibility of the athlete(s) and coach.
   b. The 2023 Fee will be announced and posted by May 1, 2023.

H. For issues and conflicts occurring during trial events the USRowing National Team Selection Event Due Process Procedure will be followed.
SELECTION PROCESS OLYMPIC EVENTS TRIALS

Olympic events where no boat has been named via NSR and World Cup II Varese

A. The 2023 Olympic Events Trials will follow the 6-lane progression as outlined in Appendix C of the 2023 Selection Procedures. The event will follow the rules as outlined under Appendix A: General Trials Rules.

B. The winning boat in each event at the 2023 Olympic Events Trials can declare their intent to represent the United States at the 2023 World Rowing Championships in their event.

C. The athlete(s) in that boat must satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria set forth on page 3 and declare their intent to compete in the 2023 World Rowing Championships in writing to the USRowing Chief High Performance Officer, or their designee, no later than two hours after the final race at the Olympic Events Trials has been declared official.

D. Should the winning boat’s athlete(s) 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 declare their intent. If second place also declines or fails to meet the minimum eligibility criteria, the Chief High Performance Officer reserves the right to decline to send a boat to the World Rowing Championships for the event in question.

E. Each selected boat is required to nominate a coach who is required to travel with the crew for the length of the 2023 World Rowing Championships. Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the Chief High Performance Officer. Nominated coaches must meet the requirements in Appendix D – Coaches.

F. For issues and conflicts occurring during trial events the USRowing National Team Selection Event Due Process Procedure will be followed.
Funding For 2023

For all Olympic boat classes that qualify at NSR the participation in their event at World Cup II Varese will be funded.

For all Olympic boat classes that qualify at NSR and meet the selection criteria in their event at World Cup Varese the participation at the 2023 World Rowing Championships will be funded.

For all athletes selected in Selection Camp I the participation at World Cup II Varese will be funded.

All Olympic boat classes that are selected in Selection Camp II will be ranked according to their performance relative to the Competitive Standard Times during the selection camp.

All Olympic boat classes that are selected at Olympic Events Trials will be ranked according to their performance relative to the Competitive Standard Times in the finals at the trials.

In the case of funding limitations, camp boats and boats selected at the Olympic Events Trials will be funded in order of the ranking.

Unfunded participation can be eligible for reimbursement if the boat qualifies for the 2024 Olympics at the 2023 World Rowing Championships.

All athletes and coaches attending the 2023 World Rowing Championships in an unfunded boat class will be responsible for all costs. The fee will be posted May 1, 2023. The fee will not include the cost of boat rental, oars, or airfare. The fee must be paid on or before July 31, 2023.
Coaches and Staff

COACHES

Boats must propose one coach for their boat to the 2023 World Rowing Championships subject to meeting the criteria outlined in Appendix D – Coaches.

The Chief High Performance Officer will select the coaches for each crew based on the following criteria no later than three days after the day of declaration. 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) Demonstrated commitment to the High Performance program  
c) International coaching experience  
d) Domestic coaching experience

Once the Team is selected all coaches must abide by Appendix D – Coaches.

STAFF

The Chief High Performance Officer will select the team manager, doctor, trainers, and other related staff.

REPLACEMENT OF AN ATHLETE OF THE SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

In the event of a vacancy in a boat of the 2023 Senior National Team, that vacancy will be filled according to Appendix I – Removal and Replacement of a Team Member.
High Performance Committee

The High Performance Committee is comprised of:

Steve Whelpley – Chair, At-Large Member
Dr. Genevra Stone – Female Athlete Representative
Liam Corrigan – Male Athlete Representative
Yasmin Farooq – At-Large Member
Wyatt Allen – At-Large Member

RESPONSIBILITIES

a) Duties related to the Trials process, as outlined in this document;
b) Duties related to the Selection Camp process, as outlined in this document;
c) Other duties related to athlete or coach selection or eligibility to compete, as necessary.
SAFEGUARDING AGAINST HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

In accordance to World Rowing’s Code of Ethics (World Rowing Statutes, Appendix S11 – Bylaws to Article 58) USRowing is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of all athletes, coaches and staff members. The High Performance Committee, in accordance with the USRowing Medical Committee, shall appoint a Safeguarding Officer for each National Team activity (Trials, Selection Camps, International Regattas).

Anyone who has a concern about a possible incident of harassment or abuse that relates to National Team activities should report it to the Safeguarding Officer. Directly affected individuals as well as third-party individuals who have witnessed a possible incident of harassment or abuse can report the incident. Any person who reports a possible incident of harassment or abuse in good faith shall not be subject to reprisal because of submitting a report; their identity shall be treated confidentially. These protections shall not apply to a person intentionally making false accusations.

Any information pertaining to an alleged incident of harassment and abuse shall be regarded as confidential and shall be shared on a strictly ‘needs to know’ basis with the Chair of the High Performance Committee. In particular, reports shall be treated confidentially and information (including name, date of birth, address of the concerned person or third party) shall not be disclosed, except, for example, if prior consent is given by that individual or if disclosure is necessary to protect someone from harm.

The Safeguarding Officer will, together with the Chair of the High Performance Committee identify the jurisdiction of the report. If the report is considered to relate to a criminal offence, it shall be referred to the Police and relevant authorities; If the report is considered to be outside USRowing’s jurisdiction, it shall be referred to the appropriate person or organization. If the report is considered to be within USRowing’s jurisdiction, they will carry out an assessment. For all cases, regardless of jurisdiction, the Safeguarding Officer shall keep the directly affected individual(s) and/or third party informed on next steps.
Athlete Ombuds

The Office of the Athlete Ombuds offers independent, confidential advice to elite athletes regarding their rights and responsibilities in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and assists elite athletes with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints, and concerns.

Phone: 719-866-5000
Email: ombudsman@usathlete.org
Website: usathlete.org

Athlete Ombuds Confidentiality and Privacy Policy:

(A) In general.—The Office of the Athlete Ombuds shall maintain as confidential any information communicated or provided to the Office of the Athlete Ombuds in confidence in any matter involving the exercise of the official duties of the Office of the Athlete Ombuds. (B) Exception.—The Office of the Athlete Ombuds may disclose information described in subparagraph (A) as necessary to resolve or mediate a dispute, with the permission of the parties involved. (C) Judicial and administrative proceedings. —(i) In general.—The ombudsman and the staff of the Office of the Athlete Ombuds shall not be compelled to testify or produce evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding with respect to any matter involving the exercise of the duties of the Office of the Athlete Ombuds. (ii) Work product.—Any memorandum, work product, notes, or case file of the Office of the Athlete Ombuds—(I) shall be confidential; and(I) shall not be—(aa) subject to discovery, subpoena, or any other means of legal compulsion; or (bb) admissible as evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding. (D) Applicability.—The confidentiality requirements under this paragraph shall not apply to information relating to—(i) applicable federally mandated reporting requirements; (ii) a felony personally witnessed by a member of the Office of the Athlete Ombuds; (iii) a situation, communicated to the Office of the Athlete Ombuds, in which an individual is at imminent risk of serious harm; or (iv) a congressional subpoena.

Anti-retaliation Statement

No employee, contractor, agent, volunteer, or member of the USOPC or shall take or threaten action against an athlete as a reprisal for disclosing information to or seeking assistance from the Office of the Athlete Ombuds.
INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These Selection Procedures are based on World Rowing and/or USRowing rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in World Rowing 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 the Chief High Performance Officer 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 World Rowing; 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 2023 World Rowing 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 Chief High Performance Officer.

QUESTIONS

For questions regarding these procedures, you may contact the Associate Director of National Team Operations, Will Daly, will.daly@usrowing.org.