

**USA Basketball**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2018 Youth Olympic Games**  
**(3x3 U18 Basketball)**  
**April 28, 2017**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Citizenship:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Youth Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

- Athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2002.
- Athletes must be registered in [play.fiba3x3.com](http://play.fiba3x3.com) (former 3x3planet.com) with a confirmed account.
- Athletes must play in at least two (2) FIBA-endorsed tournaments in the 12-month period starting on 23 July 2017 until 23 July 2018 (UTC).
- Athletes must belong to a National Federation, which is organizing in its territory three (3) FIBA-endorsed events in the 12 month period starting on 1 April 2017 until 1 April 2018 (UTC).

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Athletes must attend for the entire duration of the Games.
- Athletes must participate in the cultural and education program, and mixed team events as requested.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athletes must be in good standing with USA Basketball and must demonstrate success in the tryout event.

## 1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

USA Basketball will host a 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship tournament (Date and location of event to be posted on [USAB.com](http://USAB.com) by fall of 2017). The event will serve as the National Team trial for participating athletes.

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1.

Athletes will form teams to qualify for the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship as the trial event. There are two pathways for athlete entry to the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships event, direct qualification and at-large invitation:

### **Direct Qualification to National Championships**

- Up to 10 events per gender will be designated as qualifying events to the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship.
- Winning team(s) in each gender from each qualifying tournament will earn a place in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship. Should a team qualify for nationals from more than 1 event, the team will qualify by virtue of the first event they qualified by.
- In that case the second event where they achieved a qualifying performance, the second place team and so on will receive the invitation.
- Should at least two members of the winning team not be able to participate in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships,

the next place team in rank order will be invited to participate and so on.

**At-large teams (up to 2 teams per gender) -**

To ensure the highest level of representation within the National Championship and for representation within the Youth Olympic Games, USA Basketball will reserve up two at-large team slots for the following:

- **USA Basketball Select Team** – USA Basketball will comprise a team of four eligible individuals per gender to take part as a team in the 2018 U18 3x3 National Championship. The team will be assembled by the Women’s National Team Director for the women’s division and by the Men’s National Team Director for the men’s division.
- **2017 Qualifying Team** – The team that qualifies the United States for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games by virtue of that team’s finish at the 2017 FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup will be invited to compete in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships. If the qualifying team is not eligible or not willing to compete in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship, the USA Basketball 3x3 Director will fill the slot at his/her discretion.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

YOG Team selection per gender will be dependent on winning quota slots per gender.

The Player Pool, for consideration for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, will be comprised of players competing in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships.

Players in the pool will be evaluated at the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship according to the criteria listed below.

USA Basketball's 3x3 Team Selection Committees are responsible for the player selection of USA Basketball's 2018 Women's and Men's 2018 Youth Olympic Games Teams using the criteria below.

The Women's 3x3 Team Selection Committee will be comprised of USA Basketball's Women's National Team Director, 3x3 Director and a female athlete representative. The Men's 3x3 Team Selection Committee will be comprised of USA Basketball's Men's National Team Director, 3x3 Director and a male athlete representative.

The identification and nomination of players, identified at the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships, will be based on the following criteria listed in no particular order and using the rationale described in Section 2:

- Eligibility as stated in Section 1. above
- Demonstrated success in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships
- Availability
- Position played/size at position
- Playing ability
- Versatility to play positions
- Coachability
- Attitude
- Adaptability to team concept
- Leadership
- Adaptability to international game
- Likelihood of contributing to success at the Youth Olympic Games

The Committees will evaluate individual athletes as well as teams and will nominate, to the USOC, 4 nominees, or a team, per gender and a list of replacement athletes based on the selection process and criteria described in this document to serve as the U.S. Women's and Men's 3x3 Youth Olympic Basketball Teams.

## **2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)**

### **2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:**

While the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship will determine a winning team, there are factors that must be considered when identifying the best team that will represent the US in the Youth Olympic Games. Because there are only 4 roster spots, injuries and overall quality of teams in the National Championship may affect the outcome. The Committees are charged with assembling a team that has the best chance of winning the Youth Olympic Games. Selection to the Youth Olympic Games Team requires looking beyond objective measures to the subjective criteria noted in Section 1.3 in

order to assemble the best team with the best chance of winning a Gold Medal under international rules.

- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

As explained and outlined in Section 1.3 above, discretionary evaluations of athletes and teams will occur during the National Championship.

- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Women's Committee:

Carol Callan, Women's National Team Director  
Jay Demings, 3x3 Director  
Female athlete representative (tbd)

Men's Committee:

Sean Ford, Men's National Team Director  
Jay Demings, 3x3 Director  
Male athlete representative (tbd)

- 2.3.1. Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Basketball has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Basketball may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Basketball:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Basketball's Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Basketball physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Basketball physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Basketball's Code of Conduct.
- 3.1.4. Does not meet minimum eligibility criteria or is not in good standing with USA Basketball or does not meet criteria as listed in 1.3.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Basketball's Constitution and Bylaws as mentioned in the USA Basketball Constitution (Article 14) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to USA Basketball's Code of Conduct, the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply.

The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>  
<http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents>

- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

#### **4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
  - 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The pool of replacement athletes is comprised of athletes who competed at the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championships. Replacement

athletes will be selected using the process and criteria described in Section 1.3 and Section 2.

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Youth Olympic Games eligible athletes are those that competed in the 2018 3x3 U18 National Championship and were chosen by the Committee, if allowed by the late replacement policy of the International Federation (FIBA), the Youth Olympic Games staff in consultation with the USA Basketball 3x3 Director, will select the replacement using the criteria in Section 1.3 and Section 2.

## **5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Basketball 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 conclusion of the Games.

## **6. 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 Basketball Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

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

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Basketball in the following locations:

- 7.1. NGB's Website: <http://www.usab.com>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

- 7.2. Other: N/A

## **8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before:

August 10, 2018.

**9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

USA Basketball will notify athletes of mandatory training and competition dates for the Youth Olympic Games at least 30 days prior to all mandatory training camps and competitions.

**10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

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

**11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Jay Demings, USA Basketball 3x3 Director  
Carol Callan, USA Basketball Women's National Team Director  
Katie Smith, USA Basketball Athlete Representative

**12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USA Basketball's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www.usab.com>

**13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and FIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and FIBA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Basketball. 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.

#### 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Basketball may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [Kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:Kacie.wallace@usoc.org)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

#### 15. NGB SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Basketball.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB President or CEO/Executive Director	Jim Tooley		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Jay Demings		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Katie Smith		

\* If the 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 Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete 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.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

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