



Member, United States
Olympic & Paralympic Committee

ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2020 USA SKATEBOARDING NATIONAL TEAM
PARK AND STREET DISCIPLINES
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of participation in any of the events listed in 1.2.1.

Athlete must 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 National Team member 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. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member of USA Skateboarding in good standing at the time of nomination.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training.

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.

In accordance with the Skateboarding Qualification System for the 2020 Olympic Games (<http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>), points will be awarded during the 2019 season (1 January 2019 through 30 September 2019). The World Skateboarding Rankings (WSR) are sanctioned by World Skate and will be listed at <http://www.worldskate.org>.

The WSR recognizes World Skate-sanctioned National Championship, Continental Championship, and World Championship events, as well as official prize money events from the World Skate/SLS Pro Tour and the 5-Star events, as outlined below.

NOTE: As of the publish date of these procedures, the following events are expected to count towards the WSR, but athletes should confirm this schedule of events is correct by visiting the World Skate calendar and qualification system at <http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>.

- a. World Skate World Championships Events
 - i. 2019 season
 1. Park – September 10-15, 2019 – World Skate World Championships by STU - São Paulo (BRA)
 2. Street – September 17-22, 2019 – World Skate/SLS World Championships - São Paulo (BRA)
- b. World Skate/SLS Pro Tour Events
 - i. 2019 season
 1. Park – N/A
 2. Street – May 20-26, 2019 – World Skate/SLS Pro Tour Stop 1 - London (GBR)
 3. Street – July 23-28, 2019 – World Skate/SLS Pro Tour Stop 2 - Los Angeles, California (USA)
- c. World Skate 5-Star Events
 - i. 2019 season
 1. Street – June 10-16, 2019 – Dew Tour - Long Beach, California (USA) - 5 Star Event
 2. Street – September 3-8, 2019 – International Skateboarding Open (ISO) - Henan (CHN) – 5 Star Event

3. Park – June 10-16, 2019 – Dew Tour - Long Beach, California (USA) – 5 Star Event
4. Park – July 14-19, 2019 – International Skateboarding Open (ISO) - Nanjing (CHN) – 5 Star Event
- d. World Skate Continental Championships Events
 - i. 2019 season
 1. Park – N/A
 2. Street – N/A
- e. National Championships Events
 - i. 2019 season
 1. Park – N/A
 2. Street – N/A

For domestic events (e.), additional information regarding the final competition dates, location and schedule will be published on the USA Skateboarding website at <http://usaskateboarding.net/> no less than 45 days prior to the first day of scheduled competition.

For international events (a-d.), information regarding competition dates, locations and schedules may be found at worldskate.org/skateboarding/events-skateboarding/competitions.html.

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

The 2020 USA Skateboarding National Team will be comprised of a minimum of sixteen (16) athletes – four (4) athletes per Olympic event (Men’s Park, Men’s Street, Women’s Park, and Women’s Street) and a maximum of twenty-four (24) athletes – six (6) athletes per Olympic event (Men’s Park, Men’s Street, Women’s Park, and Women’s Street) based on the following:

1. The four (4) highest WSR ranked athletes in each of the four (4) Olympic events (16 athletes total) as of 30 September 2019 will be invited to become members of the 2020 USA Skateboarding National Team.

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2. Up to two (2) athletes in each of the four (4) Olympic events (8 skateboarders total) will be initially reserved as discretionary selections as described in section 2.
3. If not filled by discretionary selection, the remaining discretionary National Team spots will remain unfilled.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

In order to give American skateboarders the best chance of competing at an elite international level, discretion can be used in specific circumstances to select members of the National Team. This allows elite level skateboarders who have had injuries, illness, and other extreme circumstance issues that would inhibit performance at the highest level (such as equipment failure, travel or weather complications, and rescheduled / new events which no longer fit within the selection time frame) a chance to be considered for the National Team.

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

Athletes with a record of Top 5 finishes in major park and street events within the previous 15 months, or athletes who finished as one of the Top 5 Americans in the WSR as of 30 September 2019, will be considered for the 2020 USAS National Team if it is determined that these performances reflect the capacity to achieve a podium performance in the individual event at the Olympic Games.

The USAS Athlete Selection Committee will consider a range of performance factors that will include the following in no particular order:

- Current USAS National Team members with a history of top 5 finishes in world class events within the previous 15 months, who have missed one or more sanctioned events within the previous season due to injury, illness, or extreme circumstances.
- Athletes who demonstrate an overall consistent ability to contribute to podium finishes through reliable execution at the highest level events within the previous 15 months.
- Athletes who finished as one of the Top 5 Americans in the WSR as of 30 September 2019, who have missed one or more sanctioned events within the previous season due to injury, illness, or extreme circumstances.

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:

USAS Athlete Selection Committee:

- USAS High Performance Manager
- Athlete Representative

- USAS CEO
- USAS Team Manager(s)

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

Per USAS Bylaws, the USAS Judicial Committee will have oversight on any potential conflicts of interest. The USAS Board of Directors appoints members of the committee.

2.4. Provide info on Athlete's Right to compete (if any):

An athlete's right to compete is defined and protected by USOPC and USAS Bylaws. Should an athlete feel his/her right to compete has been withheld, the USAS bylaws provide for a grievance procedure for him/her to seek a fair hearing and relief. If you have any questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by the USAS, you may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman by telephone at 1-800-ATHLETE, or by email at Kacie.Wallace@usoc.org