

**USA SKATEBOARDING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES
PARK AND STREET DISCIPLINES
September 24, 2019**

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 competitor in the 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 (if any):

- Athlete must hold a valid license or be recognized by their National Federation.
- Athlete must be listed by name in the World Skateboarding Rankings at www.worldskate.org as of 1 June 2020.
- The complete World Skate Skateboarding Qualification System – Games of the XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 can be found at <http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- 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 as of the Closing Ceremony 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.

The following qualification pathways are the methods in which quota places are earned for the 2020 Olympic Games, in accordance with the Qualification System established by World Skate and approved by the IOC

(<http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>).

- 2020 World Skate World Skateboarding Championships (see 1.3.1.)
 - **18 – 24 May 2020** Street World Champ by SLS, London (GBR)
 - **25 – 31 May 2020** Park World Champ by CB, TBA (CHN)
- Olympic World Skateboarding Rankings (OWSR) of 1 June 2020 (see detailed information below)

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, referred to as SEASON 1 in these procedures), and the 2020 season (1 October 2019 through 31 May 2020, referred to as SEASON 2 in these procedures). The Olympic World Skateboarding Rankings (OWSR) are sanctioned by World Skate and will be listed at <http://www.worldskate.org>.

The OWSR 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.

SEASON 1: 1 January 2019 through 30 September 2019

Each athlete’s two (2) best scores across all event categories listed in the paragraph above will count toward point accrual in the OWSR. The events, results and rankings from these events can be found at

<http://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/results.html>.

SEASON 2: 1 October 2019 through 31 May 2020

Each athlete’s five (5) best scores across all event categories listed above will count toward point accrual in the final OWSR. As of the publish date of these procedures, World Skate has not finalized the calendar for SEASON 2. Athletes should regularly check the schedule of events by visiting the World Skate calendar at

[http://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/events-](http://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/events-skateboarding/competitions.html)

[skateboarding/competitions.html](http://www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/competitions.html), as well as the qualification system at

<http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>.

USA Skateboarding's National Championships for Street & Park have been sanctioned by World Skate as an Olympic Skateboarding Qualifying event for point accrual towards the OWSR and will be considered as a SEASON 2 event since it will be held October 16-20, 2019, in Vista, California. Qualification for the USA Skateboarding National Championships is provided at the end of section 1.2.2. below. Information about how OWSR ranking points are designated for National Championships can be found through the "Download Point System" link found at <http://www.worldskate.org/olympic-qualifying-system/tokyo-2020.html>.

- 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. (if any).

For World Skateboarding Championships (1.2.1.) and other international events that are sanctioned by World Skate and count toward the OWSR (Continental Championships, World Skate Street League Pro Tour, World Skate Park Tour and 5-Star events):

- Seeding Rules (i.e., how athletes qualify/gain entry into a skateboarding event) are published by World Skate at www.worldskate.org/skateboarding/about/regulations/category/554-olympic-qualifying-system.html and <http://www.worldskate.org/component/phocadownload/category/579-wc-street-sao-paulo-2019-bulletins.html>.
- There is currently no available information regarding Continental Championships for the Americas. The only reference information for Continental events is related to the European Street Continental Championship which can be found here: <http://www.worldskate.org/component/phocadownload/category/659-european-street-ch-nizhny-novgorod-2019-bulletins.html>
- Beyond the skaters that qualify through the pre-seeding rules as determined by World Skate, additional skaters (typically three per event) may participate in international events as determined by the National Federation (i.e., USA Skateboarding). In these cases, USA Skateboarding fills open positions with National Team members first (in rank order based on OWSR, with the highest ranked U.S. athlete invited first). USA Skateboarding's National Team is listed at <http://usaskateboarding.net/usa-skateboarding-national-team/> and the selection criteria for being named to the team is provided at <http://usaskateboarding.net/qualification/>.

If any positions remain open, then USA Skateboarding will extend invitations based on the next-highest ranked non-national team athlete according to

the OWSR who has not already accepted an invitation (whether extended by World Skate or USA Skateboarding).

For domestic events:

- U.S. National Championships will be open to all U.S. skaters with an OWSR ranking as of September 30, 2019.
- Additional spots for U.S. skaters who do not have an OWSR ranking as of September 30, 2019 will be available to athletes on a first come, first served basis upon the open of registration. The event registration system will not accept any additional entries once the numbers reach a total of either 81 for park events (men and women) or 112 for street events (men and women). Athletes may register for the U.S. National Championships at <https://2019-usas-nc.eventbrite.com>.

- 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 U.S. Olympic Team will be comprised of a maximum of twelve (12) athletes – three (3) athletes per event (Men’s Park, Men’s Street, Women’s Park and Women’s Street), provided all available quota places are qualified in accordance with [World Skate’s Olympic Qualification System for Tokyo 2020](#). Quota places are allocated to athletes by name through the qualification pathways identified by World Skate as outlined below.

The Women’s Park and Street events and Men’s Park and Street events in Tokyo will each be comprised of exactly 20 athletes, based on the following:

- 1.3.1. The three (3) highest placed athletes in each of the four (4) events contested in the 2020 World Skate World Skateboarding Championships (see 1.2.1.) will be directly qualified to participate in the Olympic Games regardless of their OWSR.
- 1.3.2. Sixteen (16) highest ranked athletes who have not already qualified (through 1.3.1.) in each of the four (4) events will qualify him/herself through the OWSR, respecting the maximum quota of three (3) athletes per country and ensuring continental representation.

The Olympic World Skateboarding Rankings (OWSR) are sanctioned by World Skate and are published at <http://www.worldskate.org>.

Athletes will be selected by name on the Olympic World Skateboarding Rankings as of 1 June 2020 (following the conclusion of all eligible OWSR events in the week immediately preceding), with a maximum quota of three (3) athletes per NOC for each event until the number of 16 athletes is reached, including representation from each of the five continents with at least one athlete per event.

- 1.3.3. If not already included in the above qualifications, one (1) Host Country place will be allocated to the highest ranked Host Country skateboarder in each event.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 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: N/A
 - 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: N/A

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, USA Skateboarding has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Skateboarding CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Skateboarding. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Skateboarding, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USA Skateboarding National Team Membership Agreement (Attachment A).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Skateboarding Bylaws, Section 13, and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Skateboarding Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct
www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

- 3.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, World Skate, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and the USA Skateboarding Athlete Safety Policy, 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:

As qualification for the 2020 Olympic Games is by name, World Skate will reallocate all unused quota places in accordance with Section F of [World Skate's Olympic Qualification System for Tokyo 2020](#).

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

See 4.1.1.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Skateboarding 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 Ceremony of the Games.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- USA Skateboarding National Team Membership Agreement (Attachment A)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Skateboarding in the following location(s):

- 7.1. USA Skateboarding Web site: <http://www.usaskateboarding.net/qualification>

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

7.2. Other: N/A

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before: June 5, 2020

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

There are currently no plans to hold a mandatory training camp for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team. Should this change, athletes will be given at least 30 days' notice by announcement through email to athletes and coaches, as well as posted online.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

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

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

The criteria has been approved by the USA Skateboarding high performance staff, athlete representative, board chairman and CEO:

High Performance & Women's Team Manager	Mimi Knoop
Men's Team Manager	Mark Waters
Paralympic Athlete Representative	Oscar Loreto, Jr.
Board Chairman	Gary Ream
CEO	Josh Friedberg

12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Skateboarding Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
<http://usaskateboarding.net/governance/>

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

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

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

To contact the Athlete Ombudsman Office:

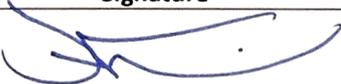
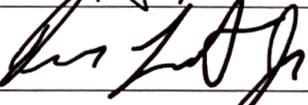
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

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 Skateboarding.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA Skateboarding President or CEO/Executive Director	Josh Friedberg		10/2/19
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Mimi Knoop		10-5-19
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Oscar Loreto, Jr.		10/2/19

* If the USOPC 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 USA Skateboarding, 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 USOPC AAC Representative, USA Skateboarding must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Attachment A
USA SKATEBOARDING
National Team Membership Agreement

The *National Team Membership Agreement* (the "Agreement") is currently under review. Once finalized, the USA Skateboarding Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2020 Olympic Games will be re-posted by December 2019.