

# American Canoe Association Canoe Sprint Athlete Selection Procedures - 2026 Junior/U23 World Championships Team

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## **SECTION 1: OVERVIEW**

The selection of the Junior National Team for the 2026 racing season is based on the following concepts:

- The goal is to field the largest possible competitive team for the 2026 Junior World Championships.
- To identify and develop a competitive pool of Junior paddlers.

## **SECTION 2: ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS**

### 1. Nationality/Passports Requirements:

- 1.1. Have a valid passport at the time of selection that does not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.

### 2. ICF requirements:

- 2.1. Abide by the rules of the International Canoe Federation (ICF).
- 2.2. Comply with all rules and policies implemented by the Local Organizing Committee.
- 2.3. Each athlete must meet ICF eligibility rules outlined in the ICF Canoe Sprint Competition Rules section 1.3 found here:  
[https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025\\_icf\\_canoe\\_sprint\\_competition\\_rules\\_final.pdf](https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/2025_icf_canoe_sprint_competition_rules_final.pdf)
- 2.4. Each athlete must be at least 15-years old by December 31st, 2026.

### 3. ACA Requirements:

- 3.1. Athlete must have an active ACA competition membership.

- 3.2. Athlete must be in good standing with ACA at the time of the National Trials and all National and International competitions.
- 3.3. Comply with the ACA Athlete Agreement.
- 3.4. Comply with the ACA Athlete Code of Conduct.  
(<https://americancanoe.org/athletecodeofconduct/>)
- 3.5. Comply with the ACA Safesport Policy ([LINK](#)) and the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) including education and training requirements.
- 3.6. Any athlete age 18 or older is required to undergo a background screening in accordance with the current ACA Background Check Policy.
- 3.7. Athlete does not have an active suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
- 3.8. Athlete does not have an active sanction for an anti-doping rule/policy violation that would make the Athlete ineligible to participate in the Event.
- 3.9. Meet all health and safety protocols, to include vaccine requirements and/or testing requirements set forth by the government, local laws, USOPC, ICF and/or the Local Organizing Committee.

#### 4. Anti-Doping Requirements:

- 4.1. Agree to be bound by and adhere to all WADA, ICF, USADA and USOPC antidoping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of Competition Testing and an agreement to be bound to the results management authority of the WADA, ICF, USADA, or other Anti-Doping Organization as applicable.

### **SECTION 3: EVALUATIVE EVENTS**

#### 1. Selection Events

- 1.1. ACA Sprint National Trial, April 16-17, 2026, Chula Vista, CA
- 1.2. K4 Team Boat Seat Racing Trial, April 18-19, 2026, Chula Vista, CA

#### 2. Qualification for the events listed in 1.1 and 1.2.

- 2.1. The 2026 USA Sprint National Team Trials are open to all ACA members meeting the requirements stated in Section 2.
- 2.2. Athletes will be selected for the Team Boat Seat Racing Trial based on performances during the K1/C1 and K2/C2 racing on days 1 and 2. The selection system is described in Section 4.2.

## SECTION 4: SELECTION PROCESS

The following selection criteria is intended for the selection of teams representing the USA / ACA at the following events:

- 2026 ICF Junior & U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships (July 1-5)

### 4.1 Maximum Team Size

The maximum team size for the Junior World Championships is shown in the table below.

Category	Number
Women's Kayak	8
Men's Kayak	8
Women's Canoe	8
Men's Canoe	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

Representation of the US/ACA outside of these events at international events will be at the discretion of the Sprint Competition Committee.

### 4.2. Selection Process

#### 4.2.1 Structure of the ACA National Sprint Trial

K1/C1 and K2/C2 events:

Women's Canoe - C1 200, C1 500, C2 500

Women's Kayak – K1 200, K1 500, K2 500

Men's Canoe – C1 200, C1 500, C1 1000, C2 500

Men's Kayak – K1 200, K1 500, K1 1000, K2 500

#### 4.2.2 K1 Selection Process

##### Women's K1 Selection Procedure – Junior & U23

K1 500m: The winner of the Women's K1 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

K1 200m: The winner of the Women's K1 200m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

K1 1000m: The winner of the Women's K1 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

### Men's K1 Selection Procedure – Junior & U23

K1 1000m: The winner of the Men's K1 1000m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

K1 500m: The winner of the Men's K1 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

K1 200m: The winner of the Men's K1 200m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

#### 4.2.3 Team Boats Selection Process

The same process will be followed for men's kayak and women's kayak.

#### Junior/U23 K2 Selection Procedure

The winner of the Junior/U23 K2 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event at the 2026 Junior/U23 World Championships if each athlete in the winning K2 500m event races the K1 500m and their individual times in the K1 500m are within 7% of the winner of the respective K1 500m. They will also be nominated to the Team Boat Pool.

#### Junior K4 Selection Procedure – Team Boat Pool

This Team Boat Pool will be used to select the entry for the Junior K4 500m.

Athletes will be selected based on their rankings within the Team Boat Pool.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
1-2	Junior K2 500m winner (if both athletes are within 7% of the Junior K1 500 winner)
3	Junior K1 500m winner
4-8	Next ranked athletes in the Junior K1 500m, provided their time is within 7% of the winning time, up to a maximum of 6 athletes in the pool.

If there are fewer than 4 athletes (willing to compete in K4) who are within 7% of the winner of the K1 500m, it will be within the discretion of the Coaches and Selection Committee to increase the threshold to 10%, only to allow for an entry into the K4. E.g. there are 5 athletes within 7% of the winner who are nominated to the Junior National Team, but only 3 of them are willing to compete in the K4. The next ranked athlete within 10% could be nominated to complete the K4, however the remaining spots on the Junior National Team would not be filled.

If there are only 4 athletes available, then those 4 will be nominated to paddle K4. If less than 4 athletes are available, then there will be no K4 racing at the competition events.

#### Seat Trials Procedure:

The Junior Kayak Head Coach will serve as the Kayak Selection Lead and facilitate the seat racing and selection process. The Sprint High Performance Director will invite additional coaches to form the Coaching Panel, to collaborate, provide insight and support the selection process and the Kayak Selection Lead. The Kayak Selection Lead will make the final decisions on athlete combinations and seat orders.

There will be 3-4 Seat Trials which will be spaced 2 hours apart; all time trials will be videoed and timed. Wind and weather conditions, and feedback from the athletes will be noted.

At the conclusion of seat racing, the Coaching Panel will use the time differences between the boats as well as observations of the athletes' strengths and compatibilities to determine which K4 combination is fastest. The Kayak Selection Lead will provide a written recommendation to the Selection Committee containing the seat racing procedure that was used, the complete results of the seat racing and the identified strengths and compatibility of the athletes. They will present the K4 combination they determine to be the fastest. This boat is the provisional nomination for the Junior K4 event at the 2026 Junior/U23 World Championships

They will also provide the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fastest combinations, supported by similar reasoning and data. Upon approval by the Selection Committee, the provisional K4 will become the official nomination and will be given the right of first refusal to race the Junior K4 event at the 2026 ICF Junior/U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

#### U23 K4 Selection Procedure – Team Boat Pool

The same process will be followed for men's kayak and women's kayak.

The top 2 U23 K2's will be nominated to the team boat pool, if the second K2 is within 5% of the winning U23 K2.

The top 6 U23 K1's in the K1 500m event will be nominated to the team boat pool, if they finish within 5% of the winner.

If any paddler/K2 declines to be a part of the team boat pool, the next best placed K1/K2 will be included, to have a maximum of 6 paddlers in the pool.

If the paddlers do not meet the 5% threshold, the coaches panel may use discretion to allow for a total pool number of no more than 6 paddlers. If there are only 4 athletes

available, then those 4 will be nominated to paddle K4. If less than 4 athletes are available, then there will be no K4 racing at the competition events.

#### Seat Trials Procedure:

The Sprint High Performance Director of the ACA will choose a coach to be the Kayak Selection Lead. The Kayak Selection Lead will facilitate the seat racing and selection process. While the Sprint High Performance Director will invite additional coaches to form the Panel to collaborate, provide insight and support the selection process, the Kayak Selection Lead will make the final decisions on athlete combinations and seat orders.

There will be 3-4 Seat Trials which will be spaced 2 hours apart; all time trials will be videoed and timed. Wind and weather conditions, and feedback from the athletes will be noted.

Seat Trial #1: Top 2 K2's from the K2 500m

Seat Trial #2: Top 4 K1's from the K1 500m

Seat Trial #3: Top K2 and 2 K1's

Seat Trial #4: Coach's discretion

At the conclusion of seat racing, the coaching panel will use the time differences between the boats as well as observations of the athletes' strengths and compatibilities to determine which K4 combination is fastest. The Kayak Selection Lead will provide a written recommendation to the Selection Committee containing the seat racing procedure that was used, the complete results of the seat racing and the identified strengths and compatibility of the athletes. They will present the K4 combination they determine to be the fastest. This boat is the provisional nomination for the U23 K4 event at the 2026 Junior/U23 World Championships. They will also provide the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fastest combinations, supported by similar reasoning and data. Upon approval by the Selection Committee, the provisional K4 will become the official nomination and will be given the right of first refusal to race the U23 K4 event at the 2026 ICF Junior/U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships.

#### 4.2.4 Kayak Long Distance Event Selection

The entries will be filled with athletes from the Junior / U23 National Team and the Team Boat Pool. Priority will be given to the athletes with the highest ranking.

If the athlete declines, the next ranked athlete will be offered the spot.

#### 4.2.5 Replacement of Kayak Athletes

The replacement procedure will be the same for Men's and Women's kayak.

#### Replacement of Athletes to the K1 Events

- If the athlete(s) selected to race the K1 200m, K1 500m, K1 1000m declines the opportunity to race an event, the next ranked athlete in the qualification event will be given the opportunity to race if they are within 7% of the winner of the corresponding event at the trials.
- If the next ranked athlete is greater than 7%, no one will compete in that event.

#### Replacement of Athletes to the K2 Events

If the K2 declines the opportunity to race the event, the next ranked boat in the qualification event will be given the opportunity to race if both athletes, in K1, were within 7% of the winner of the K1 500m.

#### Replacement of Athletes to the Team Boat Pool

If an athlete declines their position in the Team Boat Pool, the next ranked boat may be selected, if the athlete is within 7% (junior) or 5% (U23) of the winner of the K1 500m.

#### Replacement of Athletes to the Selected K4

- If an athlete in the selected K4 declines their position, the next fastest combination will be selected for that event.
- If fewer than four athletes in the team boat pool accept the K4 nomination, there will not be a K4 entered at that event.

### 4.3 Canoe Team Selection Process

#### 4.3.2 Junior/U23 C1 Selection Procedure

##### Women's C1 Selection Procedure – Junior & U23

C1 200m: The winner of the Women's C1 200m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

C1 500m: The winner of the Women's C1 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

##### Men's C1 Selection Procedure – Junior & U23

C1 1000m: The winner of the Men's C1 1000m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

C1 500m: The winner of the Men's C1 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

C1 200m: The winner of the Men's C1 200m will be given the opportunity to race the event.

#### 4.3.3 Team Boats Selection Procedure

The same process will be followed for both women's and men's canoe.

##### Junior/U23 C2 Selection Procedure

The winner of the Junior/U23 C2 500m will be given the opportunity to race the event at the 2026 Junior/U23 World Championships if each athlete in the winning C2 500m event races the C1 500m and their individual times in the C1 500m are within 7% of the winner of the Junior/U23 C1 500m. They will also be nominated to the Team Boat Pool.

##### Junior/U23 Team Boat Pool

This Team Boat Pool will be used to select team boats for the C4 events, and for the non-Olympic-distance events.

Athletes will be selected based on their rankings within the Team Boat Pool.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Selection Criteria</b>
1-2	C2 500m winners (if both athletes are within 7% of the C1 500 winner)
3	C1 500m winner
4-8	Next ranked athletes in the C1 500m, provided their time is within 7% of the winning time, up to a maximum of 6 athletes in the boat pool.

If there are fewer than 4 athletes (willing to compete in C4) who are within 7% of the winner of the C1 500m, it will be within the discretion of the Coaches and Selection Committee to increase the threshold to 10%, only to allow for an entry into the C4. E.g. there are 5 athletes within 7% of the winner who are nominated to the Junior National Team, but only 3 of them are willing to compete in the C4. The next ranked athlete within 10% could be nominated to complete the C4, however the remaining spots on the Junior National Team would not be filled.

#### 4.3.4 Canoe Long Distance Event Selection

The entries will be filled with athletes from the Junior National Team and the Team Boat Pool. Priority will be given to the athletes with the highest ranking.

If the athlete declines, the next ranked athlete will be offered the spot.

#### 4.3.5 Replacement of Canoe Athletes

The replacement procedure will be the same for Men's and Women's canoe.

##### Replacement of Athletes to the C1 Events

- If the athlete selected to race the C1 200m, C1 500m, or C1 1000m, declines the opportunity to race at any of the regattas, the next ranked athlete in the qualification event will be given the opportunity to race if they are within 7% of the winner of the corresponding event at the trials.
- If the next ranked athlete is greater than 7%, no one will compete in that event.

##### Replacement of Athletes to the C2 Events

If the C2 declines the opportunity to race at any of the regattas, the next ranked boat in the qualification event will be given the opportunity to race if both athletes are within 7% of the winner of the C1 500m.

##### Replacement of Athletes to the Team Boat Pool

If an athlete declines their position in the Team Boat Pool, the next ranked boat may be selected, if the athlete is within 7% of the winner of the C1 500m.

### **Section 5: Discretionary Criteria to Nominate Athletes**

#### 5.1 Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

Discretionary criteria will be used if there is a situation where athletes do not meet the performance standard to be considered for team boat pools, and there are too few athletes to make up the team boat pool.

#### 5.2 Define the discretionary criteria to be used:

The next placed athletes will be considered based on:

- Athlete's past race performances at OHR and Junior/U23 World Championships
- Athlete's overall performance at recent training camps
- Athlete's performances in other race distances at the trial
- Athlete's technical skill in different boat classes and seats

#### 5.3 Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be comprised of the following people:

- ACA Sprint High Performance Director

- ACA Sprint Competition Committee

If the Selection Committee is deciding regarding a team boat in an SCC Athlete Representative's discipline, the athlete rep will remove themselves from the decision. If the Selection Committee needs another voting member for any reason, the Sprint High Performance Director will nominate someone to join the committee.

## **SECTION 6: MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Athletes shall be notified of all National Team training camps and/or competitions on April 19, 2026. This includes the Team Boat Pool Selection Camp.

Pre Worlds Training Camp: date to be finalized, all information about the camp will be posted on the ACA website at least 30 days before the camp begins.

While waivers for mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, all athletes should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations in advance of all mandatory training. Waivers will primarily be granted for injury or other similar incapacity or for a personal/family emergency. Requests for a waiver must be submitted in writing to the Sprint High Performance Director as far in advance as possible. A medical waiver is required to be signed by a licensed personal physician.

## **SECTION 7: DATE OF TEAM NOMINATION**

The Nomination of the USA National Team Athletes will occur directly after the final race of the 2026 National Trial (Junior/U23 singles and doubles entries, U23 K4 entry) and the Team Boat Seat Racing Trials (Junior K4 entry).

Athletes will accept their nomination by signing the ACA National Team Athlete Agreement and paying their deposit by the required date.

## **SECTION 8: REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM THE TEAM**

### **NGB Jurisdiction**

- a. An athlete who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by NGB:
  - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete submits a written letter to the NGB CEO and the Sprint High-Performance Director requesting to voluntarily withdraw from the Team.

- ii. Injury or illness. A physician (or medical staff) approved by NGB provides certification that the Athlete has a debilitating condition. If Athlete refuses to provide verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be debilitating, and they may be removed from the Team.
  - iii. Failure to participate. Athlete does not participate in all Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in these procedures.
  - iv. Code of Conduct Violation. Athlete violates the NGB Code of Conduct: <https://americancanoe.org/athletecodeofconduct/>
  - v. Athlete Agreement. Athlete violates a term in their signed NGB Athlete Agreement.
  - vi. Non-compliance. Athlete does not meet the athlete eligibility requirements listed in Section 2 of these selection procedures.
- b. An Athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team if found to have violated WADA, ICF, USADA and/or, the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the NGB SafeSport Policy, as applicable.

## **SECTION 9: REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

9.1 Should a replacement be necessary, the procedures outlined in Section 4.2.5 will be used to nominate a replacement athlete in a kayak event, and Section 4.3.5 will be used to nominate a replacement athlete in a canoe event

9.2 All replacement athletes must meet all requirements listed in Section 2.

## **SECTION 10: RIGHT TO A HEARING**

An athlete who is removed from the Team has the right to a hearing per the ACA's complaint procedures (<https://americancanoe.org/grievance-process/>) and the USOPC Bylaws (applies only for a Protected Competition), Section 9 (<https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>).

## **SECTION 11: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Event:

- [ACA Code of Conduct](#)
- ACA Athlete Agreement

## **SECTION 12: DISCLAIMERS**

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

However, the selection criteria are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency. If any force of nature, pandemic, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions.

## **SECTION 13: QUESTIONS REGARDING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

Athletes may contact the individuals listed below for information about these selection procedures

Name: Michele Eray

Position: Sprint High Performance Director

Email: [meray@americancanoe.org](mailto:meray@americancanoe.org)

## **ATHLETE OMBUDS**

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [usathlete.org](http://usathlete.org)

#### **SECTION 14: GRIEVANCES**

The ACA Grievance Procedures can be found here: [ACA Grievance Policy](#)

Section 9 of the USOPC Bylaws provides a process for an athlete to file a complaint with the USOPC against an NGB alleging that he or she has been denied, or threatened to be denied, with the opportunity to participate in a Protected Competition, as defined in the USOPC bylaws. Additional information on how to file a complaint can be found here: <https://www.usopc.org/governance/dispute-resolution>.

#### **SECTION 15: NON-RETALIATION**

The USOPC and ACA have zero tolerance for retaliation against people who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, or who cooperate with investigations of those reports. That means no USOPC or NGB staff, Board or Committee member, or volunteer may threaten, harass, discriminate against, or take any negative employment or related action (e.g., discharge, demotion, suspension, negative review) on that basis.

#### **SECTION 16: DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL & CERTIFICATION OF SELECTION PROCEDURES**

The following committee of individuals developed these selection procedures.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
Alyson Mrozinski	Sprint Competition Committee - Chair
Elena Wolgamot	Sprint Competition Committee - Athlete Representative and Secretary

Colbert Manson	Sprint Competition Committee - Athlete Representative
Peyton Chiou	Sprint Competition Committee
Sepideh Homami	Sprint Competition Committee
Michele Eray	HP Director
Joeseph Harper	Head Canoe Coach
Jerzy Dziadkowiec	Men's Kayak Coach

I certify that I have read and understand the Athlete Selection Procedures set by the ACA Sprint Committee. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by ACA and that these selection procedures will be posted on the ACA's website.

POSITION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
ACA Chief Executive Officer	Beth Spilman	<i>Beth Spilman</i>	3/16/2026
ACA Sprint High Performance Director	Michele Eray	<i>M Eray</i>	3/13/26
AAC Representative	Casey Eichfield	<i>Casey Eichfield</i>	3/13/26

## APPENDIX A – COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

**AAC** – Athletes' Advisory Council

**AC** – Athletes' Commission

**Act or TSOASA** – Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act

**APC** – Americas Paralympic Committee

**CAS** – Court of Arbitration for Sport

**Center or CSS** – U.S. Center for SafeSport

**CF** – Continental Federation

**IMS** – Internally Managed Sport (sport managed by the USOPC)

**IOC** – International Olympic Committee

**IPC** – International Paralympic Committee

**IF** – International Federation

**LOC** – Local Organizing Committee

**NGB** – National Governing Body

**NOC** – National Olympic Committee

**NPC** – National Paralympic Committee

**OCOG** – Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games. The OCOG refers to the Organizing Committee of the Paralympic Games as well.

**PAG** – Pan American Games

**Panam Sports or PASO** – Pan American Sports Organization

**PPAG** – Parapan American Games

**PSO** – Paralympic Sport Organization

**Team USA AC** – Team USA Athletes' Commission (formerly USOPC AAC)

**USADA** – United States Anti-Doping Agency

**WADA** – World Anti-Doping Agency

## **APPENDIX B – ATHLETE RESOURCES**

### **ATHLETE OMBUDS**

The Team USA Athlete Ombuds serves as a safe, independent, confidential place for Team USA Athletes to seek advice about any sport-related rule, policy, or process; how to navigate raising or responding to concerns; or access legal and mental health resources.

Team USA Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [usathlete.org](http://usathlete.org)

### **SafeSport Helpline**

The SafeSport Helpline provides crisis intervention, referrals, and emotional support specifically designed for athletes, staff, and other SafeSport participants affected by sexual violence. Through this service, support specialists provide live, confidential, one-on-one support that is available 24/7. Individuals can call the Helpline at 866-200-0796 or visit [www.safesporthehelpline.org](http://www.safesporthehelpline.org).

### **TEAM USA ATHLETES' COMMISSION (Team USA AC) *(Formerly Athletes' Advisory Council)***

The Team USA AC is responsible for broadening communication between the USOPC and active athletes and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOPC Board of Directors.

WEBSITE: [www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission](http://www.usopc.org/teamusa-athletes-commission)

### **TEAM USA MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

For those in need of mental health support, USOPC Psychological Services is available at [psychservices@usopc.org](mailto:psychservices@usopc.org), or you can connect with a licensed mental health provider 24/7 through the USOPC Psychological Services Support Line at 719-866-2255. You can also visit <https://www.usopc.org/mental-health> for information about all available resources or complete our referral link at [go.teamusa.org/referrals](http://go.teamusa.org/referrals) to get connected.

### **USOPC DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIT (DRU)**

For Protected Competitions, USOPC's DRU oversees the administration of dispute resolution services to athletes and other members of NGBs for grievances under the

USOPC's jurisdiction to ensure the complaints are heard in a timely and fair manner. For more information about this process, please visit the [dispute resolution website](#).

## **USOPC ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE**

USOPC's Ethics and Compliance team is responsible for ensuring the USOPC and NGBs comply with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, their own bylaws and policies, and any other applicable laws or regulations. Any individual may report concerns confidentially, or anonymously, online using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#) or individuals may call the USOPC Integrity Hotline at 1-877-404-9935 to report their concern over the phone.

## **USOPC SECURITY AND ATHLETE SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL**

Athletes can report an incident of emotional, physical, or sexual misconduct, a violation of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) or a general security incident or concern through the [Safety Reporting Portal](#). Athletes may also report to the USOPC over the phone at 719-866-3869.