



## **2009 ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES (Youth A) March 1, 2009**

### **Overview**

The following is the 2009 Athlete Selection Process for all athletes that wish to compete in the UIPM Youth “A” World Championships that will take place July 22-27, 2009 in Cairo, Egypt.

The primary criteria for 2009 athlete selection for designated international competitions is based on an athlete’s performance at the USA Pentathlon Youth National Championships (June 5-7, 2009, Rancho Mirage, CA).

The only discretionary selection is for the fourth position which would be available only in the case where the organizing committee has allowed a fourth athlete per National Olympic Committee or international federation.

### **Eligibility**

Athletes must be US citizens or demonstrate to the discretionary selection committee the likelihood of them becoming US citizens prior to 2012 London Olympic Games.

Athlete must meet minimum IF standards for participation:

- Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM); Hand Book 2005-2008; Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules, 1.4 – 1.4.3 Age Groups:
  - The age of the pentathlete will be counted by subtracting the year of birth from the year of the competition. Months, days will not be taken into account. (Example: year of the competition 2009, year of the birth 1993, age of the pentathlete is 16.)
  - A pentathlete has the right to compete in the age group immediately higher than his age group. With written permission from the competent national medical committee or council, a pentathlete can compete in any higher age group

### **Criteria**

Athletes who meet the following criteria will qualify for the 2009 Pentathlon Youth “A” World Championships in Cairo, Egypt from July 22-27, 2009:

- The first, second, and third place winners in the men and women’s division at the 2009 USA Pentathlon Summer National Championships (June 5-7, 2009, Rancho Mirage, CA) will be eligible to represent the USA on the Youth National Team at the Youth A World Championships providing they have met the following minimum standards:
  - They have achieved a total pentathlon score of at least 3000 girls and boys.
  - They have achieved a swim score of at least 1000 points
- If available, the fourth position will be made via discretionary selection.

- When evaluating athletes for the 4<sup>th</sup> position, the discretionary selection will follow the criteria below, in no particular order:
  - Athletes percentage off in the Run/Swim/Shoot standard (if any)
  - Athletes future medal capacity
  - Demonstrated a trend of progression through performance in competitions and training
  - A recent history of strong performances in head to head competition against athletes nominated or against other athletes in the athlete pool
  - Athletes impact on the team and a history of strong teamwork: cohesion, consistency, unity, and dedication to preparation for competition
- Discretionary Selection Committee
  - USAP Head Coach
  - USOC Sport Performance Representative
  - USAP board member (athlete)
- **Funding:** The first and second place winners in the men and women's division will receive funding from USA Pentathlon for travel, room and board, and competition expenses providing they have met the following minimum standards:
  - They have achieved a total pentathlon score of 4288 for youth boys and 3412 pentathlon points for youth girls.
  - They have achieved a swim score of at least 1150 pentathlon points for boys and a swim score of 1100 points for girls.

## **REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES**

If one of the Top 3 male or female athletes in the USA Pentathlon Youth "A" National Championships (June 5-7, 2009, Rancho Mirage, CA) does not compete in the designated international competition, the next highest ranked athlete in that gender, in the USA Pentathlon Youth "A" National Championships (June 5-7, 2009, Rancho Mirage, CA) will be the replacement athlete providing they meet the minimum standards for that competition.

## **PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published in the following locations and will include the approval date: (<http://www.usapentathlon.org/>)

## **ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, UIPM, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by the IOC, WADA, UIPM, USADA and USOC Rules.

## **INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC and/or UIPM rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or UIPM rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Pentathlon. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

## **ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Pentathlon may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE
- E-mail at [john.ruger@usoc.org](mailto:john.ruger@usoc.org)
- [www.888athlete.org](http://www.888athlete.org)