

- Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM); Hand Book 2005-2008; Modern Pentathlon Competition Rules.
 - 1.13 – 1.13.4 Pentathletes Participation. To compete at any international competition or any World Cup or World Championship, athletes must meet UIPM standards and possess an UIPM License. These standards include a minimum pentathlon score achieved at a qualifying competition:
 - Men must score 4,700 points to compete at World Cup competitions & 4,700 points for the World Championships.
 - Women must score 4,000 points to compete at World Cup competitions & 4,500 points for the World Championships.
 - In addition, USAP requires a minimum of 1000 points swimming earned.

2009 ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

USA National Teams

The team size for Team USA will be six (6) athletes (3 male & 3 female). In some cases, a designated senior international competitions may have a 4th slot available per gender, per country. This is decided by the local organizing committee of the designated international competition. If there is a 4th slot available, one male and/or one female will be added to the team.

USA Pentathlon will fill the top three (3) positions for UIPM sanctioned pentathlons with limited entries based on the IPPS ranking list in order of rank, beginning with the highest ranked athlete, until the three (3) positions are filled. The 4th slot, if available, will be a discretionary selection as per the Athlete Discretionary Selection Criteria.

Entering the athlete selection process and competing for a USA National Team in designated international competitions is based upon the Individual Pentathlon Point System (IPPS). To be considered for a USA National Team, an athlete must attain IPPS points. Athletes can attain IPPS points by their performance in designated competitions (see Attachment A).

Once an athlete has attained IPPS points and is therefore on the IPPS rolling ranking list, athletes with the top three (3) IPPS rolling points earn the position to compete on a USA National Team at a designated senior international competition. If applicable, the 4th position shall be a discretionary selection, made by the USAP Selection Committee. More specific details are covered within these procedures.

2009 Athlete Selection: In 2009, USA Pentathlon shall name, at their sole discretion and based on the selection criteria, three (3) men and three (3) women to teams representing the USA at World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4, Senior World Championships and UIPM Category A, B or C international

competitions in order of the IPPS rolling rank. The top three ranked athletes based on the IPPS rolling rank shall be named to these teams at least **thirty (30) days** prior to the start of the competition. Athlete funding for these competitions shall be based on the 2009 approved USAP budget and funding criteria. If applicable, the 4th position is discretionary selection made by the Selection Committee. In the event that there are not three athletes who have met all the criteria then the selection committee shall have the latitude to fill the three person team with athletes who have demonstrated performance during competitions, past history or individual training results and who the selection committee believes will represent the US well.

- When evaluating athletes for the 4th position, the discretionary selection committee will follow the criteria below:
 - Athletes percentage off in the Run/Swim/Shoot standard (if any)
 - Athletes future medal potential
 - 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
- The 2009 discretionary selection committee will be comprised of:
 - USAP Head Coach
 - **USAP Chief Executive Officer**
 - USAP board member (athlete)

Additional Specific selection procedures for 2009 World Championships, 2009 Senior World Championships Relay Team & 2009 World Cup Finals:

- **Senior World Championship Team:** The US team (3 male/3 female) will be determined by totaling the scores of each athlete's THREE best competitions (from the list of official UIPM category A,B or C competitions) within the past twelve months. (using the system outlined above and in appendix A). The athlete with the highest number of ranking points will be ranked first and so on.
- **Senior World Championships Relay Team:** The Relay Team will be comprised of the athletes who have qualified for 2009 World Championships through the above criteria and the top three (3) individual performances at the World Championships will be named to the USA Relay Team. Athletes are not required to compete in this competition. If one of the Top 3 male or female athletes, who have been chosen to the World Championship

Relay team, chooses not to compete, the next highest IPPS ranked athlete in that gender will be the replacement athlete.

- **2009 World Cup Final:** As per the UIPM Handbook regulations, a country can qualify a maximum of six athletes (3 male & 3 female) and a total of 36 athletes can participate in the World Cup Final. This is determined by the UIPM World Cup ranking list from the World Cup competitions in 2009.

Tie Breaker: If athletes are tied with the same number of IPPS points, the higher placing athlete, per gender, at the most recent mutually contested competition in which IPPS points are awarded, will be selected. In the case where there are no mutually contested events, the athlete with the highest combined (shoot/run) point total from any UIPM rated competition during the season will be selected.

For all competitions, once athletes are offered to represent the U.S. team, the athlete will be given five days to accept or decline their position on the Team or risk forfeiting their position to another athlete. If the athlete accepts a position and later declines the position, he/she will be forced to reimburse all expenses due to the change (Unforeseen circumstances will be taken into consideration).

PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published in the following location and will include the approval date:

USA Pentathlon website: <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.

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 upon receipt. 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
- www.888athlete.org

APPENDIX A

Individual Pentathlon Point System (IPPS)

The Individual Pentathlon Point System (IPPS) is a US domestic point system that rewards athlete performance at designated competitions and events. The purpose of the IPPS is to provide a domestic ranking system for elite U.S. pentathletes and to select U.S. representatives for senior international competitions.

- The IPPS rankings list will be posted on the modern pentathlon website at: <http://www.usapentathlon.org/>.
- IPPS points can only be earned in **Senior** competitions.
- All UIPM sanctioned Senior Competitions (with a rating of A, B or C) and the US National Championships in 2009 are eligible for accruing points.
- This scoring system will be a one-year rolling ranking whereby points from the previous year are dropped as the new year (2009) progresses. Athletes will be placed in the initial ranking based on their performances in eligible 2008 competitions.

The ranking points for each athlete will be determined by totaling the scores of each athlete's **THREE** best competitions within the past **twelve months**. The athlete with the highest total number of Pentathlon points (total of best three competitions) will be ranked first and so on.

The following adjustments will be made to the scores where applicable.

- Swimming Scores will be adjusted if the competition takes place in a 25 meter pool (short course).
 - Times achieved in short course pools will be increased by 2.5 seconds (score will be decreased by 32 pentathlon points)
- Fencing scores will be adjusted according to the level of the competition.
 - Competition fencing scores will be adjusted based on the following formula for selection purposes;
 - If there are more than 20 athletes ranked in the top 36 from the New Balance PWR (NB PWR) in the start list of the UIPM sanctioned competition, the fencing score will be multiplied by 1.

- The PWR world ranking list on the day of the first semi-final of that Level A competition in question will be used.
 - This particular adjustment will only be made in 2009 competitions. It will not be applied retroactively to 2008.
 - Competition fencing scores will be multiplied by 0.9 for UIPM sanctioned competitions with more than 10 but less than 21 athletes ranked in the top 36 of the NB PWR list.
 - Competition fencing scores will be multiplied by 0.8 for UIPM sanctioned competitions with more than 5 but less than 11 athletes ranked in the top 36 of the NB PWR list.
 - Competition fencing scores will be multiplied by 0.7 for UIPM sanctioned competitions with 1 to 5 athletes ranked in the top 36 of the NB PWR list.
 - Competition fencing scores will be multiplied by 0.6 for UIPM sanctioned competitions with no (zero) athletes ranked in the top 36 of the NB PWR list.
 - US National Championship fencing scores will be multiplied by 0.7 for selection purposes
- **Altitude Adjustments**
 - Combined event times achieved in competitions held at altitudes greater than 6000 feet will be decreased by 30 seconds (score will be increased by 120 pentathlon points)
- All UIPM sanctioned competitions (Category A, B and C) are eligible to be used to earn Pentathlon points for the IPPS . Athletes who compete in sanctioned UIPM competitions with semi-final and final events but do not qualify for the final may use their points for the IPPS earned from the semi-final with the appropriate fencing strength adjustments .

USA Pentathlon Funding for the 2009 Senior World Cup Teams.

The intent of USAP is to fund two male and two female qualified athletes to the competitions selected for funding support. In the event that the criteria for funding are not met and there are not two qualified athletes from each gender, USAP will fund additional male or female athletes who meet the performance criteria for funding.

Based on the 2009 USOC HPP funding allocation, USA Pentathlon will fund 4 athletes and 1 coach for UIPM World Cups #1 and #4. Funding is on a competitive basis from the ranking list and subject to the specific USA Pentathlon Funding criteria for senior international competitions.

Men must have scored (in the previous 12 months at the time of selection) at least 5,000 points in a UIPM sanctioned (A, B or C) competition to be funded by USAP to World Cup competitions & the World Championships and swim at least 1100 points.

Women must have scored (in the previous 12 months at the time of selection) at least 5,000 points in a UIPM sanctioned (A, B or C) competition to be funded by USAP to World Cup competitions & the World Championships and swim at least 1100 points.

USA Pentathlon Funding for the 2009 Senior World Championships

At a minimum, at least 4 athletes and 2 coaches will be funded to the 2009 Senior World Championships based on the above 2009 World Cup funding criteria.

USA Pentathlon Funding for the World Cup Final

Athletes who qualify for the UIPM World Cup final and are ranked in the top 30 from the initial UIPM selection list prior to any re-allocation of places (as athletes who decline are replaced by lower ranked athletes) will be funded to attend the World Cup Final.