

## 2010 US Team Selection

**Athlete Selection:** In 2010, USA Pentathlon (USAP) shall name athletes to teams representing the U.S. at World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, World Championships, Pan-American Championships, and NORCECA Championships in order of Individual Pentathlon Point System (IPPS) rank until all quotas are filled. Athletes shall be named to these teams at least 21 days prior to the start of the competition. (Please note: The selection to a team is independent of any funding support to the respective competition. Athlete support is budget dependant. To be eligible for Athlete Support athletes must meet the minimum Level 1 performance standards.

### 2010 Pentathlon World Cup Series

Athletes will qualify for 2010 World Cups based on their ranking according to the number of IPPS points they have earned. For the first World Cup of the 2010 season, a maximum of two (2) competition results will be used to compile an athlete's ranking (Palm Springs, CA, Jan 2; San Antonio, TX, Jan 31). For each subsequent World Cup during the 2010 season, a maximum of three (3) competition results will be used to compile an athlete's ranking. Athletes may use IPPS points earned at the 2009 National Championships as one of their scores in the 2010 IPPS rankings. IPPS points earned in a Junior competition will be multiplied by 0.5 if they are used in the calculation of an athlete's Senior IPPS point total. See Table 2-1 for the IPPS Senior Points system.

### 2010 Pentathlon Senior World Championships (September, 2010 in China)

Athletes will qualify for the 2010 Sr. World Championships based on the following criteria:

- The highest *combined* IPPS points of the best **three (3) competitions** in 2010.

If any of the four (4) positions for both men and women are not filled from the highest combined IPPS points from the 2010 competitions, the positions will be awarded to the next athlete using the yearly IPPS rolling rank list as they currently stand.

Note: If any of the above athletes are declared ineligible by the UIPM, USAP shall submit athletes in order of rank, using the yearly rolling rank system until all quotas are filled.

**Pentathlon Senior World Championships Relay Team:** The Relay Team will be comprised of the athletes who have qualified for 2010 World Championships through the above criteria and who are the two (2) highest ranked individual finishers per gender at the 2010 World Championships.

**Tie Breaker:** If athletes are tied with the same number of IPPS points on the IPPS rolling ranking list, the higher placing athlete, per gender, at the most recent mutually contested 2010 World Cup competition applicable per respective age category in which IPPS points are awarded, will be selected. If athletes are still tied, the athlete, per gender, with the highest placing at any 2009 World Cup or World Championship will be selected. If athletes are still tied, the athlete, per gender, with the highest place at a 2010 domestic competition will be selected.

**2010 Pentathlon Junior World Championships:** Athletes that meet the age criteria will qualify for the 2010 Pentathlon Junior World Championships based on the following criteria:

- Athletes will be ranked based on the highest *combined* IPPS points of the best **three (3) competitions** from any UIPM or USAP sanctioned Junior competition in the 2010 season (Palm Springs, CA, Jan 2; Palm Springs, CA, Feb 14; Roswell, NM/Colorado Springs, CO, Mar 27; Cleveland, OH, May 1). Athletes may use IPPS points earned at the 2009 National Championships as one of their scores in the 2010 IPPS rankings. IPPS points earned in a 2010 sanctioned Youth competition will be multiplied by 0.5 if they are used in the calculation of an athlete's Junior IPPS point total. See Table 2-2 for the IPPS Junior points system.
- Regardless of their place within the United States ranking system athletes representing the United States at the Junior World Championships must meet UIPM scoring standards. For boys this is 4,000 pentathlon points and for girls this is 3,500 pentathlon points. Each athlete must have a valid UIPM license for riding.

**2010 Pentathlon Youth "A" World Championships:** Athletes that meet the age criteria will qualify for the 2010 Pentathlon Youth "A" World Championships based on the following criteria:

- Athletes will be ranked based on the highest *combined* IPPS points of the best **three (3) competitions** from the UIPM or USAP sanctioned Juniors or Youth competitions in the 2010 season (Palm Springs, CA, Jan 2; Palm Springs, CA, Feb 14; Roswell, NM/Colorado Springs, CO, Mar 27; Cleveland, OH, May 1). Athletes may use IPPS points earned at the 2009 National Championships as one of their scores in the 2010 IPPS rankings. IPPS points earned in a 2010 sanctioned Youth competition will be multiplied by 0.5 if they are used in the calculation of an athlete's Junior IPPS point total. See Table 2-2 for the IPPS Youth points system.

**2010 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 2010.

**2009 Carry over points (for 2010)**

If an athlete placed in the top 10 at their respective 2009 World Championships (Youth, Junior, Senior) or at the 2009 World Cup Final, the greater of IPPS points awarded for that performance may be carried into the 2010 season. Other than the points earned by the methods described in this paragraph, no performance from the 2009 season may be used to generate IPPS points for the 2010 season.

**2010 Carry over points (for 2011)**

If an athlete places in the top 10 at their respective World Championship (Youth, Junior, Senior) or at the World Cup Final in 2010, the greater of IPPS points awarded for that performance may be carried into the 2011 season. Athletes may also carry over the IPPS points they earn at the 2010 National Championship to the 2011 season. Other than the points earned by the methods described in this paragraph, IPPS points awarded in the 2010 season will not carry forward into the 2011 season.

## INDIVIDUAL PENTATHLON POINT SYSTEM (IPPS)

The 2010 IPPS ranking list will be posted on the USA Pentathlon website at [www.usapentathlon.org](http://www.usapentathlon.org). IPPS points can only be earned in Senior and Junior (IPPS only Juniors Ranking) competitions.

Athletes can achieve 2010 IPPS points at the following competitions:

- 2010 USAP sanctioned competitions
- 2010 NORCECA and any B,C UIPM competition
- 2010 U.S. Pentathlon National Championships
- 2009 U.S. Pentathlon National Championships
- UIPM World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- UIPM World Championships
- World Cup Final
- Any International Competition Sanctioned by the UIPM

USA Pentathlon will fill quotas for UIPM sanctioned pentathlons with limited entries based on the total points earned from the 2010 IPPS Points List in order of rank, beginning with the highest ranked athlete per gender, until all quotas are filled.

***Table 02-1: 2010 IPPS SENIOR Points***

Final placing in competition	2010 UIPM World Cups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	2010 World Championships and World Cup Final	2010 U.S. Pentathlon National Championships	2010 Senior Domestic Competitions and 2009 National Championships	Any 2010 UIPM sanctioned Category B or C Competition
1	60	80	30	25	20
2	54	74	26	21	17
3	48	69	24	18	15
4	44	65	21	16	13
5	42	62	18	14	12
6	41	60	15	12	11
7	40	58	12	9	10
8	39	56	9	6	9
9	38	54	6	3	8
10	37	52	3	1	7
11	36	50	1		6
12	35	48			5
13	34	46			4
14	33	44			3
15	32	42			2

16	31	40			1
17	30	38			
18	29	36			
19	28	35			
20	27	34			
21	26	33			
22	25	32			
23	24	31			
24	23	30			
25	22	29			
26	21	28			
27	20	27			
28	19	26			
29	18	25			
30	17	24			
31	16	23			
32	15	22			
33	14	21			
34	13	20			
35	12	19			
36	11	18			

**Table 02-2: 2010 IPPS JUNIOR and YOUTH Points**

Final placing in competition	2010 World Championships	Any 2010 UIPM or USAP sanctioned Junior and Youth Competition and 2009 U.S. National Championships	2010 U.S. Pentathlon National Championships
1	60	30	40
2	54	29	39
3	49	28	38
4	45	27	37
5	42	26	36
6	40	25	35
7	38	24	34
8	36	23	33
9	34	22	32
10	32	21	31
11	30	20	30
12	28	19	29
13	26	18	28
14	24	17	27
15	22	16	26
16	20	15	25

17	18	14	24
18	16	13	23
19	15	12	22
20	14	11	21
21	13	10	20
22	12	9	19
23	11	8	18
24	10	7	17
25	9	6	16
26	8	5	15
27	7	5	14
28	6	5	13
29	5	5	12
30	5	5	11
31	5	5	10
32	5	5	9
33	5	5	8
34	5	5	7
35	5	5	6
36	5	5	5

**Athlete Selection:** Athletes shall be named to these teams at least 21 days prior to the start of the competition. (Please note: To be eligible for Athlete Support athletes must meet the min. Level 1 performance standards)

**Multiple Age Group Competition Declaration:** Athletes competing in multiple age groups at a single competition must declare **before the start of the competition** which age group IPPS table their results will be used for. Points earned in a lower age group may count only for the next higher age division (i.e., Youth IPPS points x 0.5 may be applied to the Junior table but not for the Senior table).

**Eligibility:** All athletes must be U.S. citizens, have a valid UIPM license and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Pentathlon (i.e., current membership), the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). All athletes must be in good standing with USAP, USOC, UIPM and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). All athletes nominated to the Team must sign prior to and as a condition of being selected to the Team, and abide by USA Pentathlon's Code of Conduct; as well as any other required USAP member agreements/waivers. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Team. Failure to abide by these agreements will result in dismissal from the Team.

All athletes and staff must abide by all USAP, USOC, UIPM and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the competition period per UIPM anti-doping regulations, an athlete against whom an investigation was opened in relation to a fact which may cause a breach of the UIPM Anti-Doping Rules, will not be eligible for the

World Championships or Olympic Games, or is not authorized to participate in the World Championships or Olympic Games until the end of the suspension or until definitive acquittal. In the event of a positive "A" sample, this clause applies starting from the notification of the abnormal analysis result to the athlete.