



**USA PENTATHLON
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2011 YOUTH AND JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 1, 2011**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States at the time of selection.

Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must be a member in good standing with USA Pentathlon

B. Tryout events:

1. Selection to the 2011 Youth and Junior World Championship Teams will be based on the following criteria:

- A sum of the IPPS points (see Attachment B) from **ONE** Regional Competition (see the list below) **AND** Youth or Junior National Championships.

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events:

- Regional Youth/Junior Competition in Colorado Springs, April 30, 2011 (National Developmental Camp April 27-29) – Status : CONFIRMED Approved by the OTC

- Regional Youth/Junior Competition Great Prairie Pentathlon-Wisconsin, May 14, 2011 Status: CONFIRMED
- Regional Youth/Junior Competition in Ligonier, PA, June 10-12, 2011 STATUS : CONFIRMED
- Regional Youth/Junior Competition in Roswell, June 18, 2011 (National Developmental Camp June 14-17) STATUS: CONFIRMED
- Youth Nationals in Colorado Springs, July 5, 2011 (National Developmental Camp June 29- July 4) – STATUS: CONFIRMED
- Regional Junior Competition Lexington Ky. July 23-25 – Status: CONFIRMED
- Junior/Senior Nationals and National Training Camp in Colorado Springs, August 13-14, 2011 – STATUS: CONFIRMED

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Youth or Junior Team nominees for the 2011 Youth or Junior World Championships (including maximum Team size).

- Team size may be up to 4 females and 4 males for 2011 Youth or Junior World Championships
- To participate at 2011 Youth or Junior National Championships, athletes must attend at least **ONE** Regional Competition in 2011.
- An athlete who does not compete in a Regional Competition MAY participate in the US Youth or Junior National Championships IF the athlete participates in one of the training camps conducted prior to both the Youth and Junior National Championships respectively.
- The 2011 Youth or Junior World Championship Team will be selected based on the **sum** of the IPPS points from two events: 1) the athlete's best result at one Regional Competition in 2011 and 2) 2011 Youth or Junior National Championships.
- It should be noted that IF a Junior or Youth athlete is ranked in the TOP THREE of the US Senior (Open) Ranking List, they may petition the USAP to not compete in the Youth or Junior Regional events based on verifiable illness, injury or international competition travel schedule. The decision to allow or deny such a petition shall be made the USAP Selection Committee.
- 50% more IPPS points are awarded at the 2011 Youth or Junior National Championships (see Attachment B).
- **The winner of the 2011 Youth or Junior National Championships** will be nominated to the 2011 Youth or Junior World Championships Team **regardless** of IPPS point total.

- US Junior and Senior Nationals. In the event the Junior and Senior Nationals are conducted concurrently (with 1 pool of fencers-- no separation between Jr. and Sr.) athletes must register and pay the entry fees for the Junior and/or Senior categories to achieve points in both. If an athlete does not choose a Junior or Senior category and only registers for one, it will be assumed that the athlete is registering for the lowest level possible (i.e., Junior and not Senior if an athlete is under 22 years of age).
- If athletes are tied for the Team selection for the 2011 Youth or Junior World Championships with the same IPPS points, the higher placing athlete, per gender, at the most recent mutually contested event(s) (listed below in priority order) will receive the nomination to the Team:
 - a. 2011 Youth or Junior National Championships
 - b. The latest (most recent) Regional Competition in 2011 if mutually contested.
 - c. If no Regional Competitions have been mutually contested then the athlete with the higher score in the combined event at the US Nationals of 2011 will be chosen. If still tied, then the faster swim time at the 2011 Nationals will prevail and if still tied the higher fencing score from the 2011 Nationals will break the tie.

D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection Process and are considered the USAP Selection Committee:

Rob Stull (Managing Director)
 Genadijus Sokolovas (USA Pentathlon High Performance Manager)
 Monica Fling Rowland (AAC Representative)

II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- A. An athlete who is selected to the Team by USA Pentathlon may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Pentathlon:
- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to USA Pentathlon's CEO/Executive Director.
 - Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Pentathlon physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Pentathlon physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - Violation of USA Pentathlon's Code of Conduct (Attachment A).

- B. An athlete may be removed from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

III. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

Should a vacancy occur, the Selection Committee, in addition to reviewing whether or not a replacement athlete is qualified under the criteria listed in Section I.B., will determine if a replacement athlete will be nominated based on the ability of a replacement athlete to prepare for and be competitive at the Youth or Junior World Championships.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Pentathlon 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 Ceremonies of the Youth or Junior World Championships.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the Youth or Junior World Championships and are included as attachments:

USA Pentathlon's Code of Conduct (Attachment A)

V. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Pentathlon in the following locations:

- A. USA Pentathlon Web site: <http://usapentathlon.org/>

VI. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in

Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

VII. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Rob Stull (Managing Director)
Genadijus Sokolovas (USA Pentathlon High Performance Manager)
Monica Fling Rowland (AAC Representative)
Junior/Youth Selection Committee (Sokolovas, Chair)

VIII. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per the NGB's Bylaws and Grievance Procedures. The following are USA Pentathlon's Bylaw procedures:

http://assets.usoc.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/23299/USAP_Bylaws_as_amended_Dec_4_2009.pdf

IX. 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.

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 USA Pentathlon.

X. 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 (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org

- <http://www.teamusa.org/about-usoc/athlete-ombudsman>

XI. USA PENTATHLON SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Pentathlon.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/PSO President or CEO/Executive Director	Rob Stull		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Genadijus Sokolovas		
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Monica Fling Rowland		

*If USOC 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 AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by USA Pentathlon. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by USA Pentathlon, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

ATTACHMENT A

USA PENTATHLON ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

In consideration of the participation in activities of USA Pentathlon (USAP), membership on teams organized, sponsored or sanctioned by the USAP, and participation in competitions (international or domestic), camps, clinics, exhibitions, programs or appearances for, on behalf of or in representation of the USAP, I

_____, acknowledge, understand, and agree to abide by this Athlete Code of Conduct and pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct, which offers a general guide to my conduct. Therefore, I pledge and agree to the following:

1. I will at all times display the conduct expected of me as an athlete and a representative of the USAP and conduct myself in a manner that will not in anyway bring disrespect, discredit, or dishonor to either myself, my teammates, the USAP, my country or organizer of an event in which I participate.
2. I will conform to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and any rules, regulations, and codes that may be established for events, programs, and activities in which I participate, including those of the USAP, the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne ("UIPM"), the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC"), and any organizer of an event in which I participate.
3. I will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct.
4. I will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness, which will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my ability.
5. I will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance.
6. I will respect the property of others whether personal or public.
7. I will respect members of my team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse.
8. I agree to drug testing by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), USAP, UIPM, the IOC or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or any other agency with applicable jurisdiction for drug testing any sanctioned event or activity in which I participate as a team member or individual. I acknowledge that I am subject to the USADA Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing. If I refuse drug testing or fail to report for scheduled drug testing, this will carry the same sanction as having tested positive for a banned substance.
9. I agree to be filmed, videotaped and photographed, and to have my image and voice otherwise recorded, in any media, during events sponsored or supported by the USAP. In no event will the USAP use my image or voice for commercial purposes. I also grant the USAP the irrevocable, perpetual, fully paid-up, worldwide right and license to use, and to authorize

third parties to use, in all media, my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for: news and information purposes; promotion of USAP events and the specific competition(s) in which I compete; promotion of the National Team, National Development Team and US Pentathlon Team; and promotion of the USAP. In no event may the USAP use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade or provide to a third party for such purposes, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.

10. I realize that if I choose to take actions other than those described herein, I will be subject to disciplinary action and that the consequences of my actions could possibly affect my opportunities as an athlete and USAP membership in the future. In addition to the foregoing, but not by way of limitation, the following could result in disciplinary proceedings:

A. Transporting, possession, or unauthorized use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, any IOC or UIPM banned medication or substances, or any substances or procedures in violation of the USADA Protocol.

B. Any physical damage to facilities, equipment, furnishings, or loss of items in a room where I am lodged, which will be paid for by those individuals assigned to the room in which the damage or loss occurs, including destruction of property (including that caused by horseplay, fighting, or willful misconduct etc.).

C. Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, or local laws; or a violation of the applicable rules, regulations, or codes of the USAP, UIPM, USOC, USADA or the organizer of an event in which I participate.

D. Misconduct (*i.e.*, inappropriate horseplay, theft, fighting, etc.).

I recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules, which prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.

Signature of Pentathlete

Date

2011 Youth/Junior Points

Final placing in competition	2011 Youth/Junior Regional Competitions	2011 U.S. Pentathlon Youth/Junior National Championship
1	25	37.5
2	21	31.5
3	18	27
4	16	24
5	14	21
6	12	18
7	9	13.5
8	6	9
9	4	6
10	3	4.5
11	2	3
12	1	1.5