

**United States Bowling Congress**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2023 Pan American Games – Santiago, Chile**  
**Bowling**  
**August 8, 2022**

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States as of January 2, 2023.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Pan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must be at least 15 years old in the year of the Pan American Games.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athlete must be a member of the [USBC National Team](#) in the same year of the 2023 Pan Am Games.
- Athlete must be a member in good standing of the United States Bowling Congress at the time of nomination.
- Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

- a. 2023 USBC Team Trials: Jan 2-7, Las Vegas, NV  
(Men and Women)
- b. 2023 USBC Masters: March 27- April 2, Reno, NV  
(Men only)
- c. 2023 USBC Queens: May 18-23 — Las Vegas, NV  
(Women only)

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

- a. Open to USBC members in good standing.
- b-c. Events listed in b. and c. above are open to USBC members in good standing. USBC Masters is open to women but will not be considered part of their point process for being selected to the 2023 Pan Am Games Team (see 1.3.).

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size)

The Pan Am Games Team selection process for up to two (2) male and up to (2) female competitors from the 2023 US National Team will be based on points.

Pan Am Points will be derived using the following weighted events:

-60% from 2023 Team Trials (1.2.1.a.)  
(40% overall event points, 20% total pins)

-40% from 2023 USBC Masters (men), 2023 USBC Queens (women) (1.2.1.b-c.)  
(30% qualifying position event points, 10% final bracket finish position event points)

2023 USBC Team Trials

Team Trials will be conducted on five lane patterns, six games each day.

-Event points will be awarded each day based on finish position for that day. (ex. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, etc.)

-Total pins for the five days also will be awarded event points in the same manner. (ex. Bowler with the highest total pins at the conclusion of the event will be considered 1st in total pins = 1 point, 2nd highest total pins = 2 points, etc.)

### USBC Masters/USBC Queens

- Using the formats for the USBC Masters and USBC Queens, points will be awarded based on final qualifying rounds position. (ex. 1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, etc.)

-Points are earned by final bracket position. (5th -8th place = 5 points, 9th -16th place = 9 points, 13th -16th place = 13 points, 17th - 24th place = 17 points, 25th - 32nd place = 25 points, 33rd – 48th place = 33 points, and 49th - 64th place = 49 points)

### 2023 Pan Am Games Team Selection

-The top two men and top two women, based on lowest points earned across all events (1.2.1.a-c), will earn spots to participate in the 2023 Pan Am Games.

### Example

Day 1 (athlete placed 6 <sup>th</sup> )	Day 2 (placed 9 <sup>th</sup> )	Day 3 (placed 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Day 4 (placed 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Day 5 (placed 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Overall Event Points	x 4 (i.e., 40%)	Total Pins	Points (5 <sup>th</sup> highest total pins)	x 2 (i.e., 20%)	USBC Team Trials Points
6	9	5	1	4	25	100	5955	5	10	110

Queens or Masters Qualifying rounds (athlete in 8 <sup>th</sup> position)	x 3 (i.e., 30%)	Bracket Finish Position	x 1 (i.e., 10%)	Queens or Masters Points	OVERALL
8	24	9 points (for 9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> bracket)	9	33	143

The two athletes with the lowest overall points (per gender) will earn spots to participate in the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile in 2023. If for any reason, one of the top 2 qualifiers cannot participate, the next highest qualifier based upon the above will earn the spot to participate.

**All ties** will be broken by total pin fall of combined events (**Team Trials and** qualifying of Masters for men and Queens for women). A tie in total pin fall will be broken by highest total pin qualifier in the 2023 USBC Masters for the men, and 2023 USBC Queens for the women.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles: N/A
  - 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A

### 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USBC has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is nominated to the Team by the USBC may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USBC:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USBC CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USBC. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USBC, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
- 3.1.5. Violation of the USBC Team USA Code of Conduct (<https://bowl.com/team-usa/team-selection>).
- 3.1.6. Violation of the USBC Team USA Athlete Agreement (<https://bowl.com/team-usa/team-selection>).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USBC Bylaws Disciplinary Procedures Supplement ([https://www.bowl.com/About/About\\_Home/Governance/](https://www.bowl.com/About/About_Home/Governance/)) and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of Panam Sports, WADA, International Bowling Federation (IBF), Pan American Bowling Confederation (Panam Bowling), USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and the USBC Athlete Safety & RVP Handbook, as applicable.

### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Selection and approval process for replacing athletes shall be based on the next qualified athletes from details described in 1.3.

- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

The same process for replacing athletes as described in 4.1.1., provided the Local Organizing Committee and Panam Sports allow replacements after the Entries by Name are submitted or as determined in accordance with the USBC Pan American Games Qualification System.

## 5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USBC 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 Ceremony of the Games.

## 6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Pan American Games and are found at <https://bowl.com/team-usa/team-selection>:

- USBC Code of Conduct
- USBC Athlete Agreement

## 7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USBC in the following public location(s):

- 7.1. USBC Web site: [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com)

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

- 7.2. Other: N/A

## 8. DATE OF NOMINATION

Nomination of athletes, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

May 31, 2023 – athlete selections will be identified, although provisional until the 2023 Pan American Games qualification process is concluded

July 18, 2023 – nominations will be submitted no later than this date, as the final number of quotas allocated to Team USA by Panam Bowling will be known

## 9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Information for mandatory training and/or competition will be communicated to qualified athletes and posted no later than 60 days prior on [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).

## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all Panam Sports, WADA, IBF, Panam Bowling, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the Panam Sports, WADA, IBF, Panam Bowling, USADA and USOPC rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Chad Murphy—USBC Executive Director
- Jason Overstreet — USBC Deputy Director
- Andrew Anderson — AAC Representative
- Liz Kuhlkin – AAC Alternate Representative
- Kendra Cameron-Curry — USBC Director of Coaching / High Performance
- Bryan O’Keefe — Head Coach Team USA Bowling

## 12. NGB BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USBC Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

[www.bowl.com/About/About\\_Home/Governance/](http://www.bowl.com/About/About_Home/Governance/)

## 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on Panam Sports, IBF, and/or Panam Bowling rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in Panam Sports, IBF, and/or Panam Bowling rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USBC. 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 may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

#### 14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:


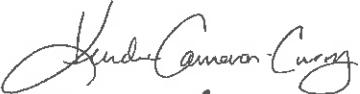
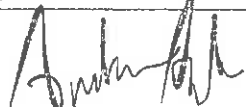
PHONE: (719) 866-5000

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

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

#### 15. NGB SIGNATURES

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by IBF and Panam Bowling and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USBC.**

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USBC President or CEO/Executive Director	Chris Murphy		8-29-2022
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Kendra Cameron-Curry		8-29-2022
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Andrew Anderson		8-26-2022

\* If the USOPC 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 Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.