

USA BASKETBALL
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2015 Pan American Games
Men's Basketball
October 20, 2014

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

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

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national at the time of nomination and have a valid passport that remains valid for at least 6 months after the completion of the Pan American Games.

1.1.2. Minimum Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) 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 PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):
None

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):
None

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

The members of the Player Pool, described in 1.3, will be required to attend one or more mandatory training camps, unless otherwise excused by the chair of the selection committee, at which they will be evaluated according to the criteria listed below in 1.3. The location and dates of training camp(s) will be determined by the national team director in consultation with the selection committee and the coaching staff. However, athletes will be notified at least 45 days prior to all mandatory training camp(s).

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Training camps and events leading up to the selection of the Pan American Games Team will be by invitation only to members of the Player Pool; however, any player wishing to be considered may complete an Athlete Availability Form (Attachment A) located on the USA Basketball website (www.usabasketball.com). Players will be evaluated as described in Section 1.3 (see below) for possible selection to the Player.

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

The identification and nomination of players will be based on the following criteria (note that the selection criteria listed below are NOT listed in any order of importance):

- United States citizenship
- Availability
- Position played
- Playing ability
- Versatility to play other positions
- Coachability
- Attitude
- Adaptability to team concept
- Leadership
- Adaptability to international game
- Likelihood of contributing to success of team

All male basketball players with United States citizenship are eligible for nomination to the U.S. Men's Pan American Games Basketball Team.

USA Basketball's Men's Junior National Team Committee (the "Committee") shall identify and recommend, based on the criteria set forth above, a pool of athletes (the "Player Pool") from which the U.S. Men's Pan American Games Basketball Team nominees shall be selected. The Committee will be comprised of 20% athlete representation. Athletes may be added to the Player Pool in a progressive manner, meaning that all members of the Player Pool will not necessarily be selected at one time. In making his recommendations for the Player Pool, the Committee shall confer with recognized experts in the industry, including without limitation the

current coaching staff, prior Pan American Game Team coaches and players. The Committee shall have the authority to gather any information relevant to his evaluation. The Committee will have the authority to place athletes into the player pool at any time.

Athletes comprising the Player Pool will be evaluated according to the criteria listed above using the most recent basketball season as well as the training camps listed above (Section 1.2.1 & 1.2.2) as the primary evaluation period. Additionally, a player's previous basketball season(s) and previous USA Basketball experience may be considered. Input from the coaching staff and other recognized experts in the industry may be requested by the Committee when evaluating players from the Player Pool and athletes outside the Player Pool. The Committee shall have the authority to gather any information relevant to his evaluation.

The Committee, with input from the National Team Coaching staff, shall recommend 12 nominees and a list of replacement athletes based on the selection process described above to serve as the U.S. Men's Pan American Games Basketball Team. The nomination of the players to the U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball Team to the USOC shall be made no later than July 15, 2015.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection:

There are no appropriate objective standards that are effective in assembling a competitive basketball team at this level. The Committee is charged with assembling a team that consists of players that compose the best team, not necessarily the best individual talents, and who are willing to make the commitment to participate to the fullest extent required by USA Basketball. Basketball is a well-developed sport in the USA and athletes who progress to collegiate status and will be considered the top returning players for the 2015-16 college basketball season will be considered excellent players with outstanding statistical resumes. Selection to the Pan American Games Basketball Team requires looking beyond statistical comparisons in order to assemble the best team with the best chance of winning a Gold Medal under international rules.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

See Section 1.3 above

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:

Junior National Team Committee (Attachment B)

National Team Director (Sean Ford)

2.3.1. Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, USA Basketball has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of the NGB's Code of Conduct (Attachment B).
- 3.1.4. Inability to participate due to personal or family emergency.
- 3.1.5. Inability to attend training camp, exhibition games or the entire length of the team schedule (limited absence may be approved by Committee).
- 3.1.6. Actions or omissions that are determined by the Committee, in consultation with the coaching staff, to be significantly detrimental to the U.S. Men's Olympic Basketball Team.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Basketball's Constitution (Article 14) and the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to the USA Basketball Code of Conduct,

the USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Information.aspx>

- 3.3 An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

4 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

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

The athletes in the Player Pool who were not nominated to the U.S. Men's Pan American Games Basketball Team will comprise the pool of potential replacement athletes. Any such nominee shall be submitted to the USA Basketball Board for approval.

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

The Committee in consultation with the coaching staff will nominate replacement athletes in accordance with Section 4.1.

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

The Committee in consultation with the coaching staff will nominate replacement athletes in accordance with Section 4.1.

5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Basketball 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 USOC 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 included as attachments:

USA Basketball Code of Conduct - Attachment C

7 PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

7.1 USA Basketball Web site: www.usabasketball.com

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

7.2 Other:
N/A

8 DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on or before: July 15, 2015

9 MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

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

Training camp(s) and exhibition games will be determined by the Committee in consultation with the coaching staff. The locations & dates are yet to be determined; however, athletes will be notified at least 45 days prior to all mandatory training camp(s) and/or exhibition games.

10 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.

11 DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

Sean Ford, Men's National Team Director
Jim Boeheim, Men's Junior National Team Committee Chair
Katie Smith, Athlete Representative

12 USA BASKETBALL BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Basketball Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USA Basketball website: www.usabasketball.com.

13 INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on PASO as applicable, and/or FIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in PASO, as applicable, and/or FIBA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Basketball. 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 USOC.

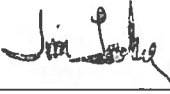


14 ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Basketball may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- E-mail at athlete.ombudsman@usoc.org
- <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15 USA BASKETBALL SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF 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 USA Basketball.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB CEO/Executive Director	Jim Tooley		11-4-14
National Team Director	Sean Ford		11-4-14
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Katie Smith		11-6-14

* If the 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 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/HPMO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

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



ATTACHMENT A
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS
ATHLETE APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION
(Please print or type)



United States Citizen? Yes ___ No ___ *if you answered NO, you are **NOT eligible** to play for USA Basketball.*

Sex: M ___ or F ___

Legal Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mailing Address: _____
(street) (city/state) (zip code)

Home Phone number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Parents'/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Position (s): _____

Current School : _____ Coach: _____
(include city & state)

Coach's Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Coach's Business Address: _____

School Attending Next Year: _____
(if different from current school)

Awards/Accomplishments: _____

I certify that I am eligible and will participate, if selected, to compete on a USA BASKETBALL team. As a candidate for participation, I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures established by USA BASKETBALL and respective coaching staffs. I agree to wear the clothing provided by USA BASKETBALL. Also, I understand that as a participant in this program, I am subject to drug testing and acknowledge that testing will be done during the course of trials, training camp and/or competition. Player participation on a USA Basketball team is by invitation only, but all interested players are encouraged to complete this form for consideration.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For which event would you like to be considered? _____
Event requirements and descriptions available online.

This form should be returned to USA Basketball via fax or mail to:

USA Basketball
 Attention: Jennifer Buczkowski
 5465 Mark Dabling Blvd.
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918
 Fax: 719 / 590-4811
 (this form may be reproduced if additional copies are needed)

ATTACHMENT B

USA BASKETBALL
Junior National Team Committee

Jim Boeheim (chair)

Lorenzo Romar

Bob McKillop

Matt Painter

Curtis Sumpter*

Syracuse University

University of Washington

Davidson College

Purdue University

Villanova University

**Athlete Representative*

ATTACHMENT C

USA BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes and coaches of USA Basketball Teams ("Participants") must agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct. The determination of compliance therewith shall be made by USA Basketball.

1. General Philosophy

- 1.1 All participants shall exhibit behavior and attitude reflective of respect for self and for others both on and off the basketball court.
- 1.2 Participants shall conduct themselves in a manner indicative of representatives of the United States of America, demonstrating consideration for the rights, privileges, and welfare of others.

2. Team Guidelines

- 2.1 Once a USA Basketball team assembles, participants will generally live, travel and train as a team.
- 2.2 Participants shall comply with uniform and apparel requirements as designated by USA Basketball.
- 2.3 Participants shall attend all team meetings, functions and competitions as directed by the head coach, team staff, and/or USA Basketball.
- 2.4 Participants must comply with all team rules as set forth by USA Basketball and the team staff.
- 2.5 Participants must attend media, promotional and team meetings.

3. Alcohol Use

- 3.1 Participants must comply with all policies regarding the possession and/or consumption of alcohol as set forth by USA Basketball and the team staff.

4. Anti-Doping

4.1 An athlete shall adhere to IOC, WADA, FIBA, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures.

4.2 Violations will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

5. Housing

5.1 Participants shall comply with USA Basketball and coaching staff housing policies, and reside in housing assigned by USA Basketball during training and competition where applicable.

5.2 If property is damaged, those responsible shall be called to account for such actions, and arrange for financial settlement to the property or parties concerned.

6. Curfew

6.1 Participants shall comply with curfew policies, as established by the head coach or his/her designee according to team schedule and with respect to other personnel in the housing facility.

6.2 Noise control will be a part of curfew guidelines.

7. General Behavior

7.1 Participants shall show respect for differing dining customs.

7.2 Participants shall show verbal respect for all team delegations, host communities, and/or countries.

7.3 Participants shall adhere to guidelines concerning proper attire as specified by the head coach or the USA Basketball staff.

8. Sportsmanship

8.1 Participants shall exhibit good sportsmanship.

8.2 Participants shall demonstrate proper attitudes toward and respect for officials.

8.3 Participants shall not perform acts of intentional violence.

8.4 Participants shall demonstrate proper respect during the playing of the national anthem.

9. Disciplinary Actions

- 9.1 Disciplinary action will be determined by USA Basketball. If such disciplinary action involves an athlete's removal from the team, the athlete will be entitled to a hearing under USA Basketball procedures and/or USOC Bylaws Section 9.
- 9.2 Any activity by a Participant which constitutes an unsportsmanlike, illegal, immoral or unethical act may be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
- 9.3 Conduct detrimental to USA Basketball may be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
- 9.4 Conduct detrimental to the team may be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

I, the undersigned, fully understand the regulations established by this Code of Conduct, and hereby agree to abide by them as stated. I understand that failure to abide by the Code as determined by USA Basketball may result in appropriate disciplinary action as determined by USA Basketball, including dismissal from the team.

Print Name

Date

Signature

