

**USA BASKETBALL
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2016 OLYMPIC GAMES
Women's Basketball
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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 of the United States at the time of nomination.

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 International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) 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 IOC Charter (Rule 42), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or 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 (as described in Section 1.3) will be required to attend one or more mandatory training camps, unless otherwise excused

by the Women's National Team Player Selection Committee (as described in Section 1.3 and 2.3), at which they will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in Section 1.3. The location and dates of training camps will be determined by USA Basketball in consultation with the coaching staff. However, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to all mandatory training via the USA Basketball website or direct contact.

Additionally, the 2014 World Championship and the 2015 Olympic Qualification Tournament (should the USA need to participate) will be used to evaluate candidates for the 2016 Olympic Games.

- 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 Olympic Team will be by invitation only to members of the Player Pool. Players will be evaluated as described in Section 1.3 for possible selection to the Player Pool.

Any athlete wishing to be considered may also complete an Athlete Availability Form (Attachment A) located on the USA Basketball website (www.usabasketball.com).

- 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/ size at position
- 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 female basketball players with United States citizenship are eligible for nomination to the Women's Olympic Basketball Team based upon the above criteria. The selection of the players shall be made by July 5, 2016.

USA Basketball's Women's National Team Player Selection Committee ("Committee") is responsible for the player selection of USA Basketball's 2014-2016 Women's National Team and consequently all competitions involving the National Team. The Committee may require the input of the team coaching staff in assisting in the identification of player candidates, but the final selections shall rest with the Committee.

The Committee will identify and recommend, based on the criteria set forth above, a pool of athletes (the "Player Pool") from which the U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team will be selected. 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.

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 and competitions listed in Section 1.2 as the primary evaluation period. Additionally, a player's previous basketball season(s) and previous USA Basketball experience may be considered.

The Committee will nominate, to the USOC, 12 nominees and a list of replacement athletes based on the selection process described above to serve as the U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team. The U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team will be nominated to the USOC by July 5, 2016.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

There are no appropriate objective standards which 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 elite status and are candidates for USA Basketball National Teams are all excellent players with outstanding statistical resumes. Selection to the National Team requires looking beyond statistical comparisons to the subjective criteria noted in Section 1.3 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):

As explained and outlined in Section 1.3 above, subjective evaluations of athletes will occur during team training camp(s) and competitions noted herein.

- 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:

The Women's National Team Player Selection Committee is comprised of representatives from constituent organizations of USA Basketball, the USA Basketball staff and includes twenty percent (20%) athlete representation who meet the USOC definition of an athlete.

The USA Basketball Women's National Team Player Selection Committee Members are:

Renee Brown, Chief of Basketball Operations and Player Relations, WNBA

Carol Callan, Women's National Team Director, USA Basketball

Dan Hughes, General Manager and Head Coach, San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA

Chris Sienko, Vice President and General Manager, Connecticut Sun, WNBA

Katie Smith, Athlete Representative

Please note that any individual who is unable to serve on the Committee for whatever reason will be replaced accordingly.

- 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee.

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, the 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 USA Basketball's CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Basketball. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Basketball, her injury will be assumed to be disabling and she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Violation of USA Basketball'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 the Committee).

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

Using the procedures and criteria outlined in Section 1.3, the Women's National Team Player Selection Committee in consultation with the coaching staff will nominate replacement athletes subject to USA Basketball Board of Directors approval.

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

Using the procedures and criteria outlined in Section 1.3, the Women's National Team Player Selection Committee in consultation with the coaching staff will nominate replacement athletes subject to USA Basketball Board of Directors approval.

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 Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Basketball Code of Conduct - Attachment B

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: None

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 5, 2016.

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 Women’s National Team Player Selection Committee and USA Basketball Women’s National Team Director in consultation with the coaching staff. The locations and dates are yet to be determined; however, athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to all mandatory training camp(s) and/or exhibition games.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, FIBA, 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, FIBA, 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:

Carol Callan, Women’s National Team Director
USA Basketball Women’s National Team Player Selection Committee (See page 5)

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 IOC, IPC, 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 IOC, IPC, 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, John W. Ruger, by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- <http://www2.teamusa.org/For-Athletes/Athlete-Ombudsman.aspx>

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) 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
USA Basketball CEO/Executive Director	JIM TOOLEY		12/10/13
National Program Director	CAROL CALLAN		12/18/13
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	KATIE SMITH		12/19/13

* 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

USA Basketball Athlete Availability Form



ATHLETE AVAILABILITY FORM
(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: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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

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

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

Coach's Business Address: _____

Awards/Accomplishments: _____

I certify that I am a US citizen 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 may be done during the course of 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 a list of our upcoming competitions and eligibility requirements, visit
www.USABasketball.com**

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

USA Basketball
Attention: Andrea Travelstead
5465 Mark Dabling Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Fax: 719 / 590-4811

**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.

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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