

**USA Swimming  
GAMES STAFF SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2024 Olympic Games  
Open Water Swimming  
January 2024**

These procedures provide for selection of USA Swimming **Games Staff** (see following table for a list of positions) for the 2024 Olympic Games (the “Games”). However, accreditation allocation is not guaranteed and will be based on final U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) credential allocation and overall team size. Responsibility for payment for allocated accreditations will be determined by the USOPC and USA Swimming

1. List of specific Games Staff position(s) that the NGB/PSO is requesting:

<b>Games Staff Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Assistant Coach (1)	Prepare athletes for success on the field of play. Assist the Head Coach.
Medical Personnel (2) (Certified Athletic Trainer, Physiotherapist, Physician, Massage Therapist, Chiropractor)	Provide appropriate medical care to athletes. Assist with athlete preparation and recovery.

2. NGB’s/PSO’s criteria for the above-listed Games Staff position(s) (attach a job description, if any):

All Games Staff must:

- 2.1. Undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Games Background Check Policy & Procedures prior to nomination.
  - 2.1.1. Should a nominee experience any event between the time the background check is conducted and the relevant Games that may change his/her background check status, the nominee must inform USA Swimming and/or the USOPC.
- 2.2. Possess a valid passport that does not expire until at least six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.3. Have the ability to work effectively with the USOPC.
- 2.4. Have strong administrative, communication and organizational capabilities/skills as applicable for the specific role.
- 2.5. Be responsible for Team’s adherence to all rules regarding personal conduct at the Games.
- 2.6. Fulfill all duties and requirements of the USOPC including attendance at USOPC Games related meetings, as applicable.
- 2.7. Be available for entire duration of the Games, if requested.
- 2.8. Possess high level, specific technical and tactical knowledge of the sport as needed for the specific role.

- 2.9. Have thorough knowledge and understanding of the IF rules and regulations governing the sport as needed for the specific role.
- 2.10. Demonstrate ability to establish harmonious relationships with athletes and other Team personnel.
- 2.11. Be in good health and able to withstand the physical rigors of traveling with and working with the Team.
- 2.12. Be listed on USA Swimming's Long List.
- 2.13. Successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadlines.
- 2.14. Participate in the appropriate anti-doping training as required for the Games Staff position by stated deadline.
- 2.15. Successfully complete the appropriate U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training module(s) by stated deadline.
- 2.16. Be a current member in good standing of USA Swimming.
- 2.17. Be at least 25 years old.
- 2.18. Hold CPR, first aid, coaching, and other certifications as required by the specific staff role.
- 2.19. Not be a USA Swimming official.
- 2.20. Undergo an additional USA Swimming required background check.
- 2.21. Agree to abide by the rules established by USA Swimming Managing Director, National Team for all staff and all team members.
- 2.22. Respond to administrative requests from USA Swimming in a timely manner and report any changes to the information on file.

In addition, Coach(es) must:

- 2.23. Be a U.S. Citizen.
- 2.24. Be a Coach Member of USA Swimming in Good Standing, including all coaching requirements.
- 2.25. (1) Have been a coach, Head or Assistant, on a 2022, 2023, or 2024 Open Water World Championship Team, 2019 or 2023 Pan American Games Team (10K), 2022 Open Water World Junior Championships Team, 2020 Olympic Games Team (10K), and/or 2022-2023 World Aquatics Open Water World Cup Team, or (2) have been a primary coach or coach of record of an athlete member on a 2022, 2023, or 2024 Open Water World Championship Team, 2019 or 2023 Pan American Games Team (10K), 2020 Olympic Games Team (10K).
- 2.26. Be a primary coach or coach of record of an athlete member of the 2024 Olympic Team (10K).

In addition, Medical Personnel must:

- 2.27. Meet the minimum criteria defined in the USOPC Healthcare Provider Credentialing Policy.
- 2.28. Possess the appropriate professional certifications.
- 2.29. Pass a medical credential review in addition to the approved USOPC Games Background Check, which will be a combined check managed through USOPC Sports Medicine (separately arranged background checks will not be considered).

- 2.30. Meet the required experience and proficiency levels as determined by USOPC Sports Medicine. ([www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer](http://www.teamusa.org/medicalvolunteer))
  - 2.31. Complete the mandatory Games training prior to the Games.
  - 2.32. Be approved for nomination through the USOPC's Sports Medicine Division.
  - 2.33. Fulfill all requests and meet deadlines for any required information or documentation such as the submission of a temporary licensing application (to practice medicine at the Games) and medical equipment submission requirements.
  - 2.34. Have been eligible to work a USA Swimming 2019-2020, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 Pro Swim Series, National Championships, Open Water National Championships, or U.S. Open.
  - 2.35. Have previous international competition experience with USA Swimming.
3. Process that candidates shall follow to express interest in being considered for a Games Staff position, in each category below:

Assistant Coach(es):

USA Swimming's Director, National Team Open Water will contact coaches who are eligible and meet the criteria outlined in Section 2 on or before January 24, 2024, and will send an application to those who are eligible in the coaching positions on the 2024 Olympic Games team staff. Coaches who are interested in a position on the 2024 Olympic Games must submit a 2024 Olympic Coach application by February 11, 2024.

Medical Personnel:

Medical personnel who are eligible and meet the criteria outlined in Section 2 will be sent an interest application by January 24, 2024. Interested candidates should return their interest application by February 11, 2024, to be considered. Medical personnel who are interested and return their interest application by the deadline will be added to the 2024 Olympic Games medical personnel pool.

4. Method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for the Games Staff position(s):

From the process outlined in section 3 above, those individuals who expressed interest for a specific role will be forwarded to the below groups who will make the Games Staff recommendations.

Assistant Coaches:

- 2024 Open Water Olympic Head Coach
- USA Swimming Director, National Team Open Water
- USA Swimming AAC Chair and Co-Chair, or designee

Medical Personnel:

- USA Swimming AAC Chair and Co-Chair, or designee

- USA Swimming Director of Sports Medicine and Science
- USA Swimming, Director National Team Open Water

5. Describe the removal of Games Staff:

An individual who is nominated to the above-listed Games Staff position(s) by USA Swimming may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the NGB/PSO.

- 5.1 Voluntary withdrawal. Games Staff nominee must submit a written letter to the NGB/PSO Executive Director/CEO/President.
- 5.2 Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/PSO. If the individual refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Swimming, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 5.3 Inability to perform the duties required.
- 5.4 Violation of USA Swimming's Code of Conduct  
[https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/governance/governance-lsc-website/rules\\_policies/2022-code-of-conduct.pdf](https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/governance/governance-lsc-website/rules_policies/2022-code-of-conduct.pdf).
- 5.5 If a nominee is alleged to have committed a violation of the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements (the "SafeSport Code"), that nominee shall remain a nominee until: (i) the nominee is temporarily suspended; (ii) the nominee is declared ineligible; (iii) the nominee voluntarily accepts a temporary suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iv) the nominee voluntarily withdraws
- 5.6 If a nominee is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that nominee shall remain a nominee until: (i) the nominee is provisionally suspended; (ii) the nominee is declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by World Aquatics; (iii) the nominee voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iv) the nominee voluntarily withdraws.
- 5.7 No longer able to meet the required criteria in Section 2 at the time of the Games.
- 5.8 Violation of the USA Swimming National Team, Team Rules (to be provided prior to nomination).

Once the Games Staff nomination(s) is accepted by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Games Staff, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Swimming Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Games Forms apply. The USOPC's Games Forms are available as part of Games Registration prior to the respective Games.

6. Replacement of Games Staff:

In the event a Nominated Games Staff member is unable to perform the duties of the position(s) for injury, illness, Code of Conduct violation, or any other unforeseen circumstances that would result in the need to replace him/her, the replacement

candidate must meet all of the applicable criteria listed in Section 2 above and be selected through the same process as outlined in Sections 3 and 4.

7. Group/committee that will make the final approval of the Games Staff position(s):

Final approval of the Games Staff positions will be made by USA Swimming's CEO and the USA Swimming Athlete Advisory Council Chair.

8. Conflict of Interest:

All individuals involved in the selection process (see Section 7) must comply with USA Swimming's conflict of interest policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by USA Swimming's Ethics Committee prior to beginning the selection process.

An individual involved in the selection process who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to USA Swimming's Ethics Committee prior to the start of the selection process. USA Swimming's Ethics Committee shall review the disclosure and determine the individual's level of involvement (e.g., whether he/she must recuse him or herself from the review process and/or voting).

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with USA Swimming committee appointment process.

9. Date of Nomination:

Nominations of Games Staff, including the names of any replacements (if applicable), will be submitted to the USOPC on or before: March 1, 2024.


10. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures:



The USOPC approved selection procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following location(s):

10.1. Web site: [www.usawimming.org](http://www.usawimming.org)

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

10.2. Other (if any): N/A

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NGB President and Chief Executive Officer	Tim Hinchey		1/22/2024

USA Swimming's Managing Director, National Team	Lindsay Mintenko		1/22/2024
USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Chair	Caitlin L. Smith		1/22/2024

\* 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 Selection Procedures being submitted by USA Swimming, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.