



**Adaptive Sports USA**  
**Athlete Selection Procedures**  
**2020 International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Federation World Games**

Adaptive Sports USA will use a consistent, fair, and transparent process to select athletes to represent the USA at international competitions.

### **Team Selection Requirements**

Nationality/Passport requirements: Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of application.

- Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport at the time of application that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2020 IWAS World Games.

### **Application**

- The IWAS athlete application part 1, completed by the athlete and/or parent, and the IWAS athlete application part 2, completed by their coach, will be reviewed for readiness.
- Athletes will provide names, dates, and events of all meets they would like to be considered in the selection process. All verified results for each eligible athlete will be given a percentage score comparing the verified result to the Adaptive Sports USA Track and Field and Adaptive Sports USA Swim Qualifying standards. An athlete ranking list will be created based upon this percentage with a higher percentage being better than a lower percentage using the following formula:
  - Track and swim events: (Adaptive Sports USA Qualifying standard/result) X 100
  - Field events: (result/Adaptive Sports USA Qualifying standard) X100
- Additionally, athletes will be evaluated for their readiness to travel and to compete at an international level of competition.

### **Other Requirements**

- Athletes age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen at own expense in accordance with the current Adaptive Sports USA Background Check Policy.
- Athletes age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for Safesport's online training at own expense.

### **Team Size**

Adaptive Sports USA will field a maximum team size of 20 athletes and a minimum of 12 athletes in track, field, and swimming. Athletes wishing to compete in additional sports on the IWAS World Games program should contact their national governing body to inquire about competing at the Games.

### **Removal of Athletes**

An athlete who is to be selected to the team by Adaptive Sports USA may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by Adaptive Sports USA:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to Adaptive Sports USA.
- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the Adaptive Sports USA Code of Conduct
- An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the team or from the team for an adjudicated violation of IPC, WADA, WPA, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable.

### **Withdrawal from team refund**

The initial deposit payment is non-refundable. As other team/athlete costs are incurred and paid for by Adaptive Sports USA, if these costs are not refundable to Adaptive Sports USA, these will be considered non-refundable to athletes/families. Adaptive Sports USA will make every effort to obtain refunds on all costs to the team/athlete. All refundable monies will be awarded to athlete/family within 30 days after the completion of the IWAS event.



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**Supporting Documents**

Adaptive Sports USA 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 2020 IWAS World Games.

**Required Documents**

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2020 IWAS World Games team and are included as attachments:

- Adaptive Sports USA Code of Conduct
- Adaptive Sports USA Sports Physical Exam Form
- Parental Consent Form for Travel (for athletes under 18 years of age)
- Medical Treatment Authorization and Consent (for athletes under 18 years of age)