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2021 Summer International Teams

There will be some changes this year to how sailors will indicate the summer teams they want to be considered following 2021 Team Trials. Please read this email in its entirety!

As of now, IODA is planning to move forward with its 2021 World, European and North American Championships and USODA will select sailors for those teams based on results from our 2021 Team Trials. We are also still making plans to send teams to non-IODA international events, such as the Topsports Vlaanderen Nieuwpoortweek Regatta in Belgium, Irish Nationals and French Nationals (girls only).

Due to the uncertainty surrounding travel restrictions now and in the future, USODA is asking sailors who are interested in attending an international event to register and pay a deposit indicating their commitment to taking a place on a team.

Indicating Interest in Summer International Teams

Sailors who have been approved for Team Trials will receive an invitation to the 2021 Summer International Teams registration site. Sailors will have until **Monday, February 22 at 12 noon EST** (or 48 hours after the invitation is extended, whichever is later) to accept the invitation, indicate the team(s) you would like to be selected for, and pay a \$250 deposit. **This is not an invitation to an actual team, but your commitment to accept an invitation to a team if your sailor qualifies. Sailors should only select teams they are certain they will accept an invitation to join; otherwise, they may forfeit their deposit.**

Sailors are not required to accept the invitation to the 2021 Summer International Teams registration. We understand not everyone is interested in attending an international event. Please be aware, however, that sailors who do not accept their invitation to the 2021 Summer International Teams and do not pay the \$250 deposit, forfeit their right to be invited to a summer International Team based on their results at the 2021 Team Trials. **They will still be eligible to receive and accept an invitation to the USNT and ODP2 Program.**

Selecting International Teams

Following Team Trials, sailors who are on the Entry List for the 2021 Summer International Teams may be invited to join a team based on their results at the 2021 Team Trials.

- Sailors who decline an invitation for a team they selected may forfeit their deposit, since filling that spot with the next sailor could have a cascading effect on our ability to fully seed other teams.
- Sailors who accept the invitation and register for that international event will have their deposit credited towards the registration fee.
- Sailors who do not qualify to be invited to any of the team(s) they selected will have their deposit fully refunded.

USODA reserves the right to issue invitations to sailors who may not have completed the 2021 Summer International Teams registration in order to fill any remaining spots or to comply with IODA opposite gender requirements.

There will be NO REFUNDS of registration fees once a sailor has accepted an invitation to a team and paid the registration fee, unless that spot can be filled by another sailor, in which case we will refund the registration fee, less \$500.

Why are we doing this?

USODA is required to pay registration and charter fees to the Organizing Authority (OA) many months in advance. We need to know that sailors and their families are committed to attending these events, and willing to bear the financial risk if the event is postponed or cancelled, or if travel is not feasible.

If an event is cancelled by the OA, or the team is unable to travel due to State Department travel restrictions, USODA will only be able to provide refunds to sailors based on what is available in that team's account. It is important that families understand the financial risk should their sailor not be able to attend the event. Also, it may not be possible for parents to travel to international events with their sailors, depending on travel restrictions at the time of the event. We strongly recommend you only make travel arrangements that are cancellable and refundable.

Preliminary budgets as well as the team selection process for the 2021 Summer International Teams are available at <https://usoda.org/international-team>.

Link to FAQs

International Committee Presentation via Zoom

The USODA International Committee will host a Zoom call on Friday, February 19 at 4:30 pm EST to outline the process for selecting international teams and answer any questions.

Please submit a [Registration Request Form](#) and we will circulate a link to the meeting on Friday morning.