



## ***USODA DEVELOPMENT TEAM***

### **Team Composition for the 2023 - 2024 Season**

The USODA Development Committee supports a Development Team comprised of 40 sailors (not including seniors) based upon 2023 Optimist Team Trials results, plus 15 sailors based upon 2023 Optimist Spring Team Qualifier results. Up to 15 additional sailors may be added to the Development Team at the discretion of the USDT Committee and the National Development Co-Directors at any time during the season to better represent all regions of the United States.

### **Summary of Qualification Criteria and Team Composition**

<b>Qualification Criteria</b>	<b>USDT</b>
<b>Team Trials</b>	40 Sailors
<b>Seniors (age-outs)</b>	Sailors turning 15 years old in 2023
<b>Regionally Based Sailors</b>	15 Sailors in various regions to better represent the entirety of the United States by invitation
<b>Spring Team Qualifier</b>	20 Sailors as described in the selection process below
<b>Potential Team Size following STQ</b> (based on 2023 Spring Team Qualifier results and USNT discretionary additions)	
TT Regular	40
TT Seniors	6
STQ Additional	20
<u>Regional Additions</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Total (Approximate)</b>	<b>81</b>



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### **Selection Process for the 2023 – 2024 Season**

**40** finishers at the **2023 Optimist Team Trials** will be invited to join the Development Team for the 2023-2024 season.

- Sailors will be invited to join the teams based on the order of their finishes at Team Trials and following selection of the USNT.
- Sailors will be required to accept or turn down the invitation to join the team and will be required to pay a membership fee of \$500 to accept their invitation.
- Only those sailors accepting invitations and paying their membership dues will be named to the Development Team.
- So long as a sailor is eligible to compete in the Opti, he or she is eligible to hold a place on the team for all or part of the year.
- Sailors who accept an invitation to the US Development Team will remain members of the team until the next Team Trials unless they become ineligible due to aging out as described above, disciplinary action or they choose to withdraw from the team.

Additional sailors will be invited to join the US Development Team based on the results of the **2023 Optimist Spring Team Qualifier**.

- Up to 20 additional sailors from the 2023 Spring Team Qualifier who are not already members of the USDT will be invited to join the USDT.
- Sailors invited to join based upon the 2023 Optimist Spring Team Qualifier results will be required to pay a membership fee of \$400.
- Sailors who accept invitations and paying their membership dues after the 2023 Optimist Spring Team Qualifier will remain members of the USDT until the 2024 Optimist Team Trials.

In addition to spots designated for the USDT at Team Trials and at Spring Team Qualifier, the USNT Committee and the USDT Performance Co-Directors may, within their sole discretion, add up to five (15) sailors to the USDT at any time during the season to provide a regionally diverse team. Any sailors invited to join the USDT during the season at the discretion of the US Development Committee and National Development Co-Directors will be required to pay a membership fee of \$500 following Team Trials and \$400 following STQ.

### **Membership and Practice Fees**



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Qualified sailors joining the US Development Team following Team Trials will be required to pay a membership fee of \$500, and those joining after the Spring Team Qualifier will be required to pay a membership fee of \$400.

- Membership fees will be non-refundable.
- Practice fees will be assessed on a per-event basis similar to the way regatta fees are charged, and registration will be managed on the USODA website.
- US Development Team members are expected to register for practices prior to the established deadline, which is usually six (6) weeks prior to the start of practice. Space permitting, if a sailor registers for a practice after the initial deadline, a late fee of \$175 will be assessed.
- Practice Refund Policy:
  - If a sailor cancels before the initial registration deadline, then they may receive a full refund, less credit card and Clubspot fees, or a \$25 administrative fee, whichever is higher.
  - If a sailor cancels after the initial deadline, but before registration closes (so within the "late fee" period), then they may receive a refund for the practice fee less the \$175 late fee, only if their spot can be filled by another sailor.
- Host Club guests will not be assessed any late fees or cancellation fees; however, they must have completed the registration process prior to the start of the practice to which they have been invited.

***US Development Team Committee***

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