



# United States Optimist Dinghy Association

## Selection Process for 2022 Spring International Teams

### General Information

The 2021 Optimist Midwinter Championship (the “*Qualifying Event*”), hosted by Southern Yacht Club, November 26-28, 2021 will serve as the basis for selecting participants for the teams representing the United States at certain 2022 spring international events for which the USODA has received invitations.

Competitors may elect to participate in one of the USODA international teams with selection to be based first on order of finish at the *Qualifying Event* and second to complete any applicable gender allocations. It is USODA policy that all international teams adhere to the IODA (International Optimist Dinghy Association) policy of at least 25% members of the opposite gender, except for the IODA World Championship team.

Total Number of Sailors in the Team	Minimum Number of Sailors of Each Gender
5 to 6	1
7 to 9	2
10	3
11 to 16	4
17 to 19	5
20	6
21-26	7
27 to 29	8
30	9

### Team Eligibility and Selection Process:

To be eligible to receive an invitation to any international event, competitors must meet **ALL** the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) be Team Trials Eligible, as defined in Section 6.5 the [USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships](#);
- 2) compete in the *Qualifying Event*;
- 3) be registered for the 2022 Spring International Teams event, and
- 4) have selected the international event as part of their 2022 Spring International Teams entry.

Deposits are not required. If a competitor does not register for the 2022 Spring

International Teams event AND select the team(s) they are interested, they will forfeit any claim to a spot on a team based on their results at the *Qualifying Event*. The deadline for completing registration for the 2022 Spring International Teams event is midnight on November 30, 2021. No registrations will be accepted after this time!

### **Team Invitations and Announcements:**

Beginning on or around December 1, 2021, invitations for teams will be issued to eligible competitors based on each competitor's (1) order of finish at the *Qualifying Event* and (2) 2022 Spring International Teams selections. Parents will have 24 hours to accept their competitor's invitation, pay all registration fees and complete the online Team Selection Waiver with Parent and Competitor Code of Conduct on the USODA website. Failure to accept within 24 hours will result in the invitation being rescinded. Once the team is complete, the final list of competitors will be posted on the USODA website.

If a competitor declines an invitation to join a team, the competitor will still be eligible for an invitation to any other 2022 Spring international team(s) they selected on their 2022 Spring International Team registration.

Follow-on Invitations: On occasion, a competitor will need to drop from a team, and this will open a new position. If time allows, the USODA will offer the position to the next eligible competitor, even if they have already accepted to participate in another team. This can create a chain of changes. When these follow-on invitations are made, the parents will have 24 hours to accept and pay on the USODA website.

**There will be NO REFUNDS if a competitor commits to be on an international team and then cancels after payment, unless the spot can be filled, in which case the registration fee, less \$500, will be refunded.**

### **Posted Budgets:**

Budgets will be posted for each team prior to the start of seeding of teams. These budgets are based on the information available at the time they are created, and may not reflect the final cost of attending the event. The dates given on the budgets are also based on preliminary information.

If an event is cancelled by the Organizing Authority (OA) or competitors are not allowed to travel into a certain country based on the State Department's/CDC guidelines, the USODA will refund to each competitor a pro-rata share of the funds remaining in that team's account, less the \$100/competitor international travel fee. The International Committee and USODA admin will immediately begin the process of requesting refunds from the OA, charter companies, airlines, hotels, etc. and additional pro-rata refunds to each competitor will be made as funds are returned. Please be advised that there may be instances where the OA, charter company, etc. are not able to refund fees based on contracts entered, which will impact the ability for USODA to provide refunds to its competitors. This is a risk each family needs to be aware of.

It is highly recommended that you only make refundable travel arrangements in light of the current state of travel around the world.

### **Support Parents:**

If you are joining a team, please consider whether you would be interested in being a Support Parent for that team. The USODA tries to help facilitate finding a Support Parent, and the sooner a Support Parent is found, the better organized the team will be. We prefer that a Support Parent has already participated in an international team, but it is not mandatory. Strong leadership and organizational skills are a benefit. Please email [usodainternationalcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:usodainternationalcommittee@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **The Teams (in order of anticipated seeding):**

**A. IODA Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship – Yeosu, Korea – April 29-May 6, 2022.** Seven (7) top finishers, including a minimum of two (2) of the opposite gender may be invited to join the United States team attending the 2022 Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship. (Anticipated travel Dates: April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>). **Note: We do not automatically receive an invitation to this event. We have requested 7 spots, which will be allocated after the first entry deadline for the event, assuming space is available. Also note that the dates for this event overlap the 2022 Optimist Team Trials.**

**B. International Vila de Palamos Optimist Trophy – Palamos, Spain – February 16-20, 2022:** Fifteen (15) competitors, including a minimum of four (4) of the opposite gender may be invited to join the United States team attending the 2022 International Vila de Palamos Optimist Trophy. (Anticipated travel Dates: February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>)

**C. Magic Marine Easter Regatta – Braassemermeer, Netherlands – April 15-18, 2022.** Fifteen (15) competitors, including a minimum of four (4) of the opposite gender may be invited to join the United States team attending the 2022 Magic Marine Easter Regatta. (Anticipated travel Dates: April 10 and April 19)

**C. Lake Garda Meeting – Riva del Garda, Italy – April 14-17, 2022:** Seven (7) Juniors (DOB 2007-2011), including a minimum of two (2) of the opposite gender and seven Cadettis (DOB 2012-2013), including a minimum of two (2) of the opposite gender may be invited to join the United States team attending the 2022 Lake Garda Meeting. (Anticipated travel Dates: April 9 and April 18)

**Alternative Selection and other notices:**

If no races are completed at the *Qualifying Event*, or the Executive Committee of the USODA Board of Directors concludes, prior to the start of the first race, that a substantial percentage of the registered competitors cannot attend or otherwise participate in the *Qualifying Event* for reasons beyond the control of the Organizing Authority, the fallback event for seeding the 2022 Spring International Teams will be the 2021 Optimist Nationals. Only competitors who have registered to attend the *Qualifying Event* and completed any on-site check-in requirements will be eligible.

**All competitors should understand that the USODA reserves the right to amend this document at any time, including the order of team selections and the alternative selection process.**

**Competitors do not have a vested right with respect to the selection of the international teams based on their finishes at the *Qualifying Event* or on any other basis. This posting is informational only and shall not form the basis for any reliance, expectation, or claim of the existence of a contract and is not a substitute for Class motions, Class practices and or Board votes.**