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PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES 2028 OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

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To: Prospective National Team Athletes

From: USA Football High Performance

Re: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games

To provide information in a timely manner, USA Football is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games (Games). This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the upcoming 2028 Olympic Summer Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Football once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must comply with all International Federation of American Football (IFAF) eligibility requirements which are **posted here** (see Qualification).
 - Athletes must be 18 years of age or older as of December 31, 2028 in accordance **IFAF Age Ranges for International Competition** policies.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Football, USADA, USOPC, WADA, IFAF and IOC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including participation in Out-of-Competition Testing, if applicable.
- Athletes must comply with the **USOPC Background Check Policy** and **USOPC Athlete Safety Policy**.
- Athletes must have a signed USA Football Athlete Agreement

B. International Federation of American Football Qualification System Overview:

- The 2028 Olympic Games Qualification Systems Manual is **posted here** (see Qualification).
- As the host nation, USA is guaranteed one (1) quota place in the women's competition and one (1) quota place in the men's competition. The maximum Team size is ten (10) athletes per gender.
- Additionally, the guaranteed quota place for both the men's and women's team is subject to ongoing participation in the 2026 IFAF World Championships and the 2027 continental championships.

C. Anticipated Evaluation Events:

It is intended that athletes being considered for nomination to the 2028 Olympic Summer Games will be evaluated on their performance at any of the below listed events.

DATE	EVENT NAME/LOCATION
August 13-16, 2026	2026 IFAF World Championships (Düsseldorf, Germany)
TBD 2027	2027 IFAF Americas Continental Championships
TBD 2027	2027 USA Football Qualification Activities
TBD 2028	2028 USA Football Trials and Training Camps

Once selection procedures for the competitions listed above are complete, they will be **posted here**.

» 2026 IFAF World Championship Selection Procedures may be found here:

- **Athlete Selection Procedures**
- **Coaches and Staff Selection Procedures**

» 2027 IFAF Americas Championship

D. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the IFAF rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the USA Football Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2028 Olympic Summer Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be **posted here**.

For questions about the 2028 Olympic Summer Games selection process, please contact USA Football Managing Director of High Performance and National Teams, Eric Mayes at emayes@usafootball.com.