



2021 TEAM USA

U18/16 - Selection Criteria

For 2021 Hong Kong IDBF World Championships

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Team crew: Chris Wetzel, Reyna Soriano, Justin Chi

Technical consultants: Dave Krueger and Maika Scott

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Initial test methods
 - o Initial time trial will be using a paddler erg - PERG (Concept 2); 1-minute and 2-minute tests. Paddler can choose to test on one or both sides.
 - o OC1- -500m distance, one side using a dragon boat paddle. Testing site is at Santa Fe Dam Recreational Park, Irwindale. Additional testing site can be at any location where a Team USA Head Coach is available or other potential locations where testing is available and monitored by a designated Club Team Coach. (Bucks County, Tempe AZ, FL. SFO, etc).
 - o Paddlers who paddle in a different water sport discipline may also submit a video, time trial result, etc for consideration.
- Primary test and camp location
 - o Santa Fe Dam Recreational Park, Irwindale California

TIMELINE

- Due to covid19, all dates below are estimate dates/time period. Additional announcements shall be made for the final dates
- Monthly PERG time trials must be submitted at the end of each month beginning in January 2021.
- OC1 time trials will be conducted beginning in February. Candidates can test multiple times.
- April/May, invitation to attend summer camp will be sent out. Initial selection will take place.
- Summer camp: a mandatory weekend camp shall be scheduled for all selected candidates and those who are being considered to complete the roster. 500m and/or 200m OC1 time trials is mandatory for all athletes to determine seating/rostering.
- (early) August 2021 – final team selection. Early selection may be required so that families can plan/discuss with their respective schools to allow the athlete to be excused from school for the competition
- October 2, 2021. Non-mandatory participation at the LA County Dragon Boat Festival for all selected U18/16 athletes.

TRAINING PLAN

- Monthly U18/16 dragon boat or OC1 training will be scheduled at Santa Fe Dam. Group training may be setup for regions with several candidates (mostly together with other age classes).
- Athletes from other regions will report their monthly training with their club or other Team USA groups