



## Team USA Selection Criteria 2019 International 420 World Championships (Vilamoura, Portugal - July 3 - 11, 2019)

All USA sailors wishing to compete at the International 420 World Championships must qualify and be selected by the US I420 Class Association. Sailors may qualify to apply by earning qualification points based on the formula outlined below or by being selected as a “wild card” by the US I420 Class Association Selection Committee.

The US I420 Class Association will begin accepting Worlds Team USA Digital Acceptance Applications<sup>1</sup> and sailors will have until the deadline below to submit their application. The Class will post the final Class qualifying points results and US I420 Class Association Selection Committee will then begin notifying the Class Membership of the Teams that are invited to compete in the Championship Event, per the schedule. **Please note that only qualifying points earned by the Helm are eligible, but an application is valid only when *both* helm and crew are included in the application.**

### KEY DEADLINES

February 1	US Class begins accepting digital Applications
February 19	US Class posts final points qualification standings (following midwinters)
February 28	Deadline for submission of Applications
March 15	US Class begins notifying sailors of their acceptance on Team USA

### MAXIMUM SIZE OF TEAM USA

Division	Number of Teams
Open	7 teams (14 sailors)
Women's	7 teams (14 sailors)
Under 17* Open	3 teams (6 sailors)
Under 17* Women's	3 teams (6 sailors)

#### U17 Age Eligibility:

Skipper and crew shall **not** have attained his/her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before 12/31/2019 (i.e., born on or after 1/1/2003)

### QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

The seven (7) teams with the highest qualifying points in the Open Division, the Women's Division; three (3) teams with the highest qualifying points in the Open-Under 17 division, and the Women's-Under 17 division will be considered for Team USA at the World Championship. High point selections are based on the highest combined total qualifying points, calculated based on the *helm* finishing positions from three (3) Qualifying Regattas noted below, using a maximum of one regatta from each group, and calculated to 3 decimal places.

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<sup>1</sup> The website address of the Digital Acceptance Application will be announced by Feb 1, 2019.

While qualification points accumulated at Qualifying Points Regattas by a sailor are important in the final decision as to which sailors will be chosen by the Selection Committee to compete on any USA championship team (Team USA), qualification points are not the only criteria. A sailor’s practice of appropriate Corinthian spirit, sportsmanship and general behavior are an important component in the selection process.

**QUALIFYING REGATTAS** (Only regattas that have been completed prior to February 28, 2019 are eligible)

Group	Qualifying Regattas	Event Weighting
<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 US National Championship/Orange Bowl (Miami, FL)</li> </ul>	130%
<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 North American Championship (Miami, FL – MLK Wknd)</li> </ul>	
<b>C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 World Championship (Newport, RI)</li> <li>2018 Jr. European Championship (Sesimbra, Portugal)</li> </ul>	120%
<b>D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 US Mid-Winter Championship (Miami, FL – Presidents Wknd)</li> </ul>	110%
<b>E</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 US Atlantic Coast Championship (Greenwich, CT)</li> <li>2019 US Gulf Coast Championship (TBD)</li> <li>2019 US Pacific Coast Championship (TBD)</li> </ul>	100%

A qualifying regatta must have a minimum of twelve (12) boats sail in the event in order for points to be awarded.

**Qualification Calculation Formula:**  $(N-F) + 1$  divided by  $N$ , multiplied by  $W$  = Qualification Points (carried to 3 decimals)

Variables:

**N** = number of boats that sailed in the regatta

**F** = sailors’ finish position in the entire fleet (not flight) e.g., Open, Women’s, U17

**W** = the event Bonus or Weighting Multiple – to indicate importance of event in qualification

**PRE-QUALIFICATION**

Any Team that has earned a top three “podium” finish in the *Gold Fleet* at the 2018 I420 Worlds or 2018 Jr. Europeans, and has no disqualifying behavior, will be offered an invitation to become a Member of Team USA at the 2019 World Championship. *The Pre-Qualified Teams must still apply by the submission deadline.*

**WILD CARD SELECTION**

“Wild Card” invitations may be extended to sailors to join Team USA if there are not enough qualifying teams to fill out the full roster. A “Wild Card” team is one that does not qualify on points. The Selection Committee has authority to invite sailors from the list of applicants who have submitted an application form by the submission deadline.

Wild Card Teams may be chosen from any team that meets *any* of these criteria:

- Has qualifying points under the Selection Criteria as published in this document.
- Sailed in at least one (1) previous I420 US qualifying regatta over the last two (2) years – including any of the current qualifying events leading up to the upcoming World Championship.
- Was a previous member of Team USA at a Worlds, Europeans or Jr. Europeans in any prior year.
- A sailing resume that demonstrates their ability to compete at a top international level (in any class).

Prior experience in international competition is an important factor in selecting “Wild Card” teams. Teams without experience at any of the qualifying regattas may be considered for selection as a “Wild Card” team if the US I420 Class Selection Committee and TeamUSA Head Coach deems that the team has sufficient experience that would indicate that the Team is prepared to be competitive at the World Championship.

### INVITATION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

- Beginning on February 1, and **no later than 11:59pm EST on February 28**, The **Helm** will must submit a digital Regatta Application Form. **The Helm and Crew must be specified in the Application for the application be to valid and accepted.**
- After completion of the 2019 I420 US Mid-Winters (President's weekend), the class will post the final qualifying results of the points events regattas.
- No later than March 15 the US I420 Class Association Selection Committee will notify sailors who are invited to join Team USA at Worlds. These sailors will be notified by email and will have five (5) days to accept before position(s) are offered to the next eligible sailor(s).
- No earlier than March 20, 2019 any remaining open position(s) will be offered to Applicants with qualification points, and Wild Card applicants, until such time as all the Team positions are filled. These sailors will be notified by email and will have 48 hours to accept before any remaining position(s) are offered to the next eligible sailor(s). This process will continue until the team is full.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- Invitations will be extended only to valid members of the US I420 Class Association. A sailor's results in regattas sailed while not a paid-up member of the US I420 Class Association **will not** be eligible for use in calculating qualifying points.
- A helmsperson must sail in a minimum of two (2) US I420 qualifying events, as a helmsperson, unless applying as a wild card.
- **Applications will be deemed valid and accepted only when the helm and crew information or included.** A helm may include any crew so long as the selected crew is age eligible and has competed in at least one (1) Qualifying Regattas *in any year, as either a helm or crew*, or the crew was previously a member of a team that has sailed the I420 at international, national or a significant regional event within the past 24 months.
- Acceptance of an application is based on the sailor meeting the eligibility criteria for entry to the International 420 Class Association World Championships as published by the International 420 Class Association and the Regatta Organizing Authority for the World Championship.
- All Team USA sailors (helmsman and crew) must be current members of US Sailing and registered with World Sailing in order to compete in the World Championships.
- In the event of ties between sailors for final qualification points (carried to 3 decimal places), the sailor's actual finishing position in the 2018 I420 National Championship/Orange Bowl Regatta will be used as the tie-breaker.

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