

**USA BASKETBALL
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES
Men's Basketball Team
September 30, 2009**

I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for the selection to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

Athletes must be a citizen of the United States at the time of selection and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must be born between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1995

3. Other requirements (if any):

None

B. Provide a description explaining how athletes are selected to the Team (include tryout events and date of selection).

The identification and nomination of players will be based on the following criteria (note that the selection criteria listed below are NOT listed in any order of importance):

- United States citizenship
- Availability
- Position played
- Playing ability
- Versatility to play other positions
- Coachability
- Attitude
- Adaptability to team concept
- Leadership
- Adaptability to international game
- Likelihood of contributing to success of team

All male basketball players with United States citizenship that meet the FIBA age requirement (see A-2 above) are eligible for nomination to the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team. The nomination of the players to the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team shall be made no later than the player submission deadline as set forth by FIBA and/or the USOC, whichever is earlier. Any player wishing to be considered may complete an Athlete Availability Form (Attachment A) located on the USA Basketball website (www.usabasketball.com).

USA Basketball's Men's Developmental National Team Committee (the "Committee") [Committee comprised of 20% athlete representation] shall identify and recommend,



based on the criteria set forth above, a pool of athletes (the "Player Pool") from which the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team nominees shall be selected. Athletes may be added to the Player Pool in a progressive manner, meaning that all members of the Player Pool will not necessarily be selected at one time. In making these recommendations for the Player Pool, the Committee shall confer with recognized experts in the industry, including without limitation the current USA Basketball Developmental National Team Coaching Staff, select coaches (including high school, travel team and college) and select scouting services. The Committee shall have the authority to gather any information relevant to player evaluation and have the authority to add athletes to the player pool at any time.

Athletes comprising the Player Pool will be evaluated according to the criteria listed above using the current (2009-10) and previous (2008-09) basketball season as well as 2009-10 USA Basketball training camps and competitions. Specifically, the Committee will use the 2009 Developmental National Team Training Camp, same age requirements as established for the Youth Olympic Games, (held June 5-13, 2009) and the 2009 U16 FIBA Americas Championship (held June 17-21, 2009) as evaluation periods. In addition to those opportunities, USA Basketball will be conducting a Developmental National Team Mini-Camp October 9-12, 2009, a training camp June 18-27, 2010 and competing in the 2010 U17 World Championship July 2-11, 2010 (all 3 competitive opportunities will consist of players that meet the age requirement for the Youth Olympic Games).

The members of the Player Pool will be required to attend one or more mandatory training camps, unless otherwise excused by the Committee, at which they will be evaluated according to the criteria listed above. The location and dates of training camp(s) will be determined by the Committee in consultation with the coaching staff. However, athletes will be notified at least 45 days prior to all mandatory training camp(s).

The Committee shall recommend 4 nominees based on the selection process described above to serve as the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team.

- C. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process.

See Attachment B

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- A. Explain the discretionary criteria and how it will be used (if any):

There are no appropriate objective standards which are effective in assembling a competitive basketball team at this level. The Committee is charged with assembling a team that consists of players that compose the best team, not necessarily the best individual talents, and who are willing to make the commitment to participate to the fullest extent required by USA Basketball. Basketball is a well-developed sport in the U.S. and athletes who progress to elite status and are candidates for USA Basketball Developmental National Team are all excellent players with outstanding statistical resumes. Selection to the Developmental National Team requires looking beyond



statistical comparisons in order to assemble the best team with the best chance of winning a Gold Medal under international rules (see section I-B above regarding how it will be applied).

B. Discretionary Selection Committee

See Attachment B

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of the selections by the USOC, the NGB has jurisdiction over selected athletes.

An athlete who is selected to the Team by USA Basketball may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USA Basketball:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Basketball Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Basketball physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his illness or injury by an approved USA Basketball physician (or medical staff), his injury will be assumed to be disabling and he may be removed.
- Violation of USA Basketball's Code of Conduct (Attachment C).
- Personal or family emergency.
- Inability to attend training camp, exhibition games or the entire length of the team schedule (limited absence may be approved by the Committee).
- Actions or omissions that are determined by the Committee, in consultation with the coaching staff, to be significantly detrimental to the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Basketball's Constitution (Article 14) and USOC Bylaws, Section 9

B. After acceptance of athlete selections by the USOC, the USOC had jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

C. An athlete may be removed from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.



REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

The athletes in the Player Pool who were not nominated to the U.S. Men's Youth Olympic Basketball Team will comprise the pool of potential replacement athletes. Any such nominee shall be selected by the Committee.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Basketball will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of participation in the Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

USA Basketball Code of Conduct – Attachment C

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USA Basketball in the following locations:

A. NGB Web site: www.usabasketball.com

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. Other (if applicable):

VIII. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Developmental National Team Committee



X. BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

An athlete has the right to a hearing per USA Basketball's Constitution (Article 14) or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9 and Grievance Procedures, http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/4076/USOC_Bylaws_07.01.08__executed_.pdf.

XI. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, and/or FIBA rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, and/or FIBA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Basketball. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XII. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Basketball may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XIII. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Basketball.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB Executive Director	Jim Tooley		10/10/09
Nat. Program Director	Sean Ford		11/2/09
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Teresa Edwards		10/27/09



COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS
ATHLETE APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

(Please print or type)



United States Citizen? Yes ___ No ___ if you answered NO, you are NOT eligible to play for USA Basketball.

Sex: M ___ or F ___

Legal Name: _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Mailing Address: _____
(street) (city/state) (zip code)

Home Phone number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Parents'/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Position (s): _____

Current School : _____ Coach: _____
(include city & state)

Coach's Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Coach's Business Address: _____

School Attending Next Year: _____
(if different from current school)

Awards/Accomplishments: _____

I certify that I am eligible and will participate, if selected, to compete on a USA BASKETBALL team. As a candidate for participation, I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures established by USA BASKETBALL and respective coaching staffs. I agree to wear the clothing provided by USA BASKETBALL. Also, I understand that as a participant in this program, I am subject to drug testing and acknowledge that testing will be done during the course of trials, training camp and/or competition. Player participation on a USA Basketball team is by invitation only, but all interested players are encouraged to complete this form for consideration.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For which event would you like to be considered? _____

Event requirements and descriptions available online.

This form should be returned to USA Basketball via fax or mail to:

USA Basketball
Attention: Jennifer Buczkowski
5465 Mark Dabling Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Fax: 719 / 590-4811

(this form may be reproduced if additional copies are needed)

USA BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENTAL NATIONAL TEAM COMMITTEE

Sean Ford

USA Basketball
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Assistant Men's Basketball Coach
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USA BASKETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes and coaches of USA Basketball Teams ("Participants") must agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct. The determination of compliance therewith shall be made by USA Basketball.

1. General Philosophy

- 1.1 All participants shall exhibit behavior and attitude reflective of respect for self and for others both on and off the basketball court.
- 1.2 Participants shall conduct themselves in a manner indicative of representatives of the United States of America, demonstrating consideration for the rights, privileges, and welfare of others.

2. Team Guidelines

- 2.1 Once a USA Basketball team assembles, participants will generally live, travel and train as a team.
- 2.2 Participants shall comply with uniform and apparel requirements as designated by USA Basketball.
- 2.3 Participants shall attend all team meetings, functions and competitions as directed by the head coach, team staff, and/or USA Basketball.
- 2.4 Participants must comply with all team rules as set forth by USA Basketball and the team staff.
- 2.5 Participants must attend media, promotional and team meetings.

3. Alcohol Use

- 3.1 Participants must comply with all policies regarding the possession and/or consumption of alcohol as set forth by USA Basketball and the team staff.

4. Anti-Doping

4.1 An athlete shall adhere to IOC, WADA, FIBA, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures.

4.2 Violations will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

5. Housing

5.1 Participants shall comply with USA Basketball and coaching staff housing policies, and reside in housing assigned by USA Basketball during training and competition where applicable.

5.2 If property is damaged, those responsible shall be called to account for such actions, and arrange for financial settlement to the property or parties concerned.

6. Curfew

6.1 Participants shall comply with curfew policies, as established by the head coach or his/her designee according to team schedule and with respect to other personnel in the housing facility.

6.2 Noise control will be a part of curfew guidelines.

7. General Behavior

7.1 Participants shall show respect for differing dining customs.

7.2 Participants shall show verbal respect for all team delegations, host communities, and/or countries.

7.3 Participants shall adhere to guidelines concerning proper attire as specified by the head coach or the USA Basketball staff.

8. Sportsmanship

8.1 Participants shall exhibit good sportsmanship.

8.2 Participants shall demonstrate proper attitudes toward and respect for officials.

8.3 Participants shall not perform acts of intentional violence.

8.4 Participants shall demonstrate proper respect during the playing of the national anthem.

9. Disciplinary Actions

- 9.1 Disciplinary action will be determined by USA Basketball. If such disciplinary action involves an athlete's removal from the team, the athlete will be entitled to a hearing under USA Basketball procedures and/or USOC Bylaws Section 9.
- 9.2 Any activity by a Participant which constitutes an unsportsmanlike, illegal, immoral or unethical act may be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
- 9.3 Conduct detrimental to USA Basketball may be grounds for disciplinary action including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
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I, the undersigned, fully understand the regulations established by this Code of Conduct, and hereby agree to abide by them as stated. I understand that failure to abide by the Code as determined by USA Basketball may result in appropriate disciplinary action as determined by USA Basketball, including dismissal from the team.

Print Name

Date

Signature