



Dragon Boat USA National Team Selection Criteria and Qualification Guidelines

1. Use of the Merlin Data Acquisition Paddle both in short and long segments at one of the Regional Trial locations.

Athletes will be required to give a short segment sample of the paddling abilities using the Merlin Data Acquisition Paddle during one of the scheduled Regional Trials. This data will be evaluated for raw data and weight calibrated to assess the athlete's ability pound for pound in the boat. Longer samples will be done at the discretion of the Coaching staff in an attempt to factor such items as depletion.

2. Video analysis of each candidate during one of the scheduled Regional Trials.

Each athlete will be video assessed to ensure uniformity in technique for the National Team. Team synergy is essential and the Coaching staff will be working with each athlete during the Regional Trials in an attempt to create uniformity and possibly better data samples for the athletes.

3. Coaches Discretion based on a culmination of factors in order to put the best National Team on the water.

Team USA's Coaching and Training Chairman has the ultimate say on invitations to the National Team Trials and/or Team. Once an athlete has participated in Trials and is invited to be part of Team USA, they are then part of Team USA upon accepting this invitation. This, in no way, guarantees an athlete's position on any one roster, heat, qualifier or final during World Championship racing.

4. Athlete Acceptance.

By accepting a position on Team USA the athlete is accepting to be part of Team USA. The athlete accepts the decisions of Team USA's Coaching and Training Chairman and will conduct themselves appropriately as ambassadors to Team USA by agreeing to Team USA's Code of Conduct Policy.

Note: Active membership in USACK-Dragon Boat USA is required.