

Team USAOCR 2024 Selection Criteria

Thank you for your interest in applying for Team USAOCR 2024.

Team USAOCR 2024 for international competitions will be chosen by a Selection Committee based on applications submitted to USAOCR.

Selections will be based upon your entire application. As this is for representation in Team USAOCR 2024, each application will be treated with the highest respect and reverence owed to each of the applicants. All applications will be reviewed in an anonymous format with names being removed from the application when being reviewed. All applications will be reviewed in accordance with USAOCR's nondiscrimination policy. USAOCR does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, military status, or any status prohibited by applicable law. USAOCR will follow all local, state, and federal laws in accordance with this policy.

Currently, the only international event announced by World Obstacle for 2024 is the FISO OCR World Championships, being held in Costa Rica from August 22nd through August 25th. If other events get announced during the application process, USAOCR will notify all applicants. Information about the FISO OCR World Championships can be found on the World Obstacle website: <https://www.worldobstacle.org/2024-ocrwch/> and at <https://ocrwch2024.org/>.

This document contains selection criteria for the 100m, 3k and 15k teams. The Para Athlete application is scheduled to be released on February 1st, 2024.

Selection Timeline

100m, 3k and 15k Application Released – January 26, 2024

Para Application Release Date – February 15, 2024 (Scheduled)

Application Submission Due Date – 11:59 pm on April 30, 2024

Announcement of Team USAOCR 2024 – May 25, 2024

Up to five athletes (Male and Female) will be selected in each of the following categories for each of the events. An athlete's age group is based on their age on December 31, 2024.

Selection Categories (Based upon ages permitted per event)

Youth: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Junior: 16-17, 18-19

Senior: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39

Masters: 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, etc.

Elite

Para: PO2-1, PO2-2, PO3, PO4, PO5. See <https://www.worldobstacle.org/competition-rules/> for more info regarding Para classifications.

Selection for 100m athletes for Team USAOCR, shall be made based upon the criteria set forth by World Obstacle and if defined as such:

Each country can nominate up to three athletes in Youth, Junior, Masters, Para and Elite: 15 men, and 15 women. The minimum age to compete is 10 years old on race day.

Youth is defined as Ages 10-15.

Junior is defined as ages 16-19.

Masters is defined as aged 40 and older.

Para is defined as athletes that qualify as an Adaptive Athlete

Elite is defined as an athlete, qualified by their National Federation, that meets the minimum requirement for that event. The minimum age for the 100m event is 10 years old.

FISO OCR World Championships Events

100m Sprint - Minimum age to compete is 10 years old on race day.

3k Short Course - Minimum age to compete is 10 years old on race day.

15k Standard Course - Minimum age to compete is 16 years old on race day.

3k Team Race - Minimum age to compete is 10 years old on race day. Selected from the Team USAOCR 2024 3k racers.

If you have any questions regarding the Team USAOCR 2024 application, Team USAOCR 2024 Selection Criteria, or the Selection Committee, please email info@usaocr.org.

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Selection Criteria

The 5 applicants who will represent Team USAOCR 2024 for each age/category/event will be selected by the Selection Committee based on the following Selection Criteria.

Each applicant's answers to the application questions will be ranked based on the criteria below.

Selection Criteria by Question:

Question 6: Applicants must be a US National to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024

Question 7: Applicants must have, or be able to obtain, a US Passport valid through December 31, 2024, to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024 by May 25, 2024.

Question 8: Applicants should select two events from the dropdown list and indicate placement in each event. Applicants should look at the points chart for the race length that the application is being submitted for. Different races are worth different points. Please note that Elite and Age Group results may differ, even if used from the same event.

Example: There was only one competitive heat (not differentiation between Elite and Age Group) and you placed 10th Overall and 2nd in your Age Group, those placements would be submitted as such.

The Points Charts are:

[Link to 100m Application Points Chart](#)

[Link to Short Course Application Points Chart](#)

[Link to Standard Course Application Points Chart](#)

Applicants will be scored based upon the total score of the two races submitted. Scores are cumulative.

Question 10: Waivers for a lack of recent race results will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. However applicants will be required to complete one distance-relevant competitive OCR event prior to April 30th, 2024. The Selection Committee will follow up with the applicant and verify the result.

Question 11: The applicant must be willing and able to travel to Costa Rica for the FISO OCR World Championships to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

Question 12: Applicants will be contacted to discuss their affiliations if they indicate that they may prevent them from joining Team USAOCR 2024. If the applicant is prevented from joining Team USAOCR 2024 based on their affiliations, then the applicant will not be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

Question 13: Applicants must be willing to take an anti-doping test in accordance with WADA and USADA to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

Question 14: Applicants must be willing to complete SafeSport training in order to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

Question 15: Applicants must be willing to complete a background check and/or complete any required medical documentation to be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

Question 16: Funding for Team USAOCR 2024 to travel to Costa Rica has not been determined at this time. If USAOCR is unable to acquire funding to support Team USAOCR 2024's travel to the OCR World Championships, then athletes who can only travel with financial assistance will not be selected for Team USAOCR 2024.

The Selection Committee will discuss relevant information provided in **Question 9** and **Question 17** to break ties between applicants.

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