

2019 Europe vs USA Match Athlete Selection Procedures

The 2019 Europe vs USA Match will be held September 9 – 10, 2019 in Minsk, Belarus. Team sizes, eligibility criteria and selection procedures are as follows.

Selection Event

The 2019 USATF Outdoor Championships, to be held July 25 – 28, 2019 in Des Moines, IA, will serve as the selection meet (hereafter known as the “Selection Event”) for the 2019 Europe vs USA Match (hereafter known as the “Match”).

Entry Rules

For each individual event on the Match’s program of events, four (4) athletes per event will select themselves for USATF’s 2019 Europe vs USA Match team (the “Team”) through head-to-head competition at the Selection Event. In addition to athletes being selected in individual events, USATF will also select up to four (4) additional athletes for each relay team/pool (men’s and women’s 4 x 100 and Medley).

The events that will be contested at the Match are:

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| Running: | 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, 3000, 110H (Men), 100H (Women), 400H, 3000mSC |
| Jumps: | HJ, PV, LJ, TJ, |
| Throws: | SP, DT, HT, JT |
| Relays: | 4x100, Medley (200m-200m-400m-800m) |

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible to be a member of the Team, an athlete must:

- Be a citizen of the United States and, under USATF and IAAF rules, be eligible to represent the USA at all levels of international competition.
- Be a USA Track & Field member in good standing at the time of the selection through the end of the Match.
- Possess a valid passport that does not expire within six months of the event (and must present passport at team processing when applicable).
- Sign a USATF Athlete Statement of Conditions for participation, if nominated for the Team.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used by USATF in the selection of athletes for the Match:

1. The athlete’s rank order of place finish in an event at the Selection Event. In each event, if an athlete declines a position on the Team, USATF will offer that position to the next highest ranked individual in the relevant race at the Selection Event who meets all criteria. This process will continue until the position for each event is filled. An athlete declining a position must submit a signed decline form.

2. There are no qualifying standards for the Match.
3. Relays – Four (4) additional athletes for each 4x100 and Medley relay team/pool will be selected by the Relay Coach, with input from the respective Head Coach, to fill the relay pool. An athlete must compete in the Selection Event in order to be eligible for the relay pool.

Removal of Athletes

An athlete who is to be nominated to the team by USATF may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USATF:

1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter via e-mail to Kimberly Sims, Associate Director of International Teams at Kimberly.Sims@usatf.org.
2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USATF. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USATF, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
3. Violation of USATF's Athlete Statement of Conditions.
4. Involuntary Withdrawal. An Athlete who is named to the team by virtue of an error or oversight (by USATF) may be removed from the team at any time.