

United States *Luge* Association

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (USOC) ELITE ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE 2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR

This policy sets forth the manner in which an athlete earns an Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI) slot for the July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 program year.

Based on the number of slots approved for our sport by the USOC (projected to be 12), the USLA will make these slots available to the following groups of athletes, in the priority order specified below, based upon the team selections completed during April of 2009, and then again once the Olympic Team is finalized in December of 2009:

As of July 1, 2009 athletes will be offered EAHI based on the following priority:

- 1.) Senior National Team
- 2.) Senior Select National Team
- 3.) Junior National Team members selected to travel with the Senior Team for the season.

As early as January 1, 2010, but no later than February 1, 2010 (depending on administrative timing), athletes will be offered EAHI based on the following priority:

- 1.) Olympic Team
- 2.) Senior National Team
- 3.) Senior Select National Team
- 4.) Junior National Team members selected to travel with the Senior Team for the season.

If there are more athletes in the group than slots remaining available, then the athletes will be ranked, with each next highest ranked athlete receiving a slot until all of the slots have been allocated. The ranking will be determined as follows:

Once athletes are divided into one of the above three groups, each athlete's overall Sr. World Cup ranking from the most recent/current season will be divided by the total number of athletes receiving overall World Cup points for the event in question, and that number will be compared to each athlete's World Championship ranking from the most recent World Championship event, divided by the total number of entrants in the World Championship for the event in question. The lower number from the two events will be assigned to each athlete, and then the athlete with the lowest number will be ranked highest, and so on, until the athlete with the highest score is ranked lowest. Within each group, athletes who have both sets of rankings will rank ahead of any athlete who only has one ranking (i.e. World Championship participants will rank ahead of athletes who didn't race in that event). Further, within each group, athletes who have only one ranking will rank ahead of any athlete who has no ranking. If one slot remains and a doubles team is ranked next, both athletes will be asked if they want the insurance. If both athletes want the insurance then the remaining slot would go unused.

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Loss of team membership, for any reason, is grounds for immediate removal from this program. If additional athlete(s) are qualified to use the now available allocations, they will receive them. Should the athlete(s) that lost their team membership gain it back at a later date, they will only regain entry into this program if unused allocations remain available, otherwise they will have to wait until the December time period when the Olympic team is finalized, or for the team selections that are completed the following spring, depending on the timing of their return to the program (i.e. – the replacement athletes receiving the allocation will not be made to give them back).

Should any slots still remain after the three groups have been offered their allocations then the slots will remain unused.