



## US PARA NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

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### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of these Athlete Selection Procedures (“Procedures”) is to select athletes for the USA Para Table Tennis National Team given priority to athletes qualified for the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships, while also providing a clear, objective, and transparent method with opportunity for additional athletes to build a competitive National Team.

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### 2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for selection to the USA Para Table Tennis National Team, athletes must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- Be a United States citizen eligible to represent the United States in World Events.
- Be a USA Table Tennis Gold or Lifetime Member in good standing.
- Hold a current international Para Table Tennis classification (Classes 1–11).
- Meet the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking requirement on the applicable Selection Cutoff Date, as follows:

#### **General Requirement**

- Be ranked within the top thirty percent (30%) of the singles ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking in the athlete’s respective sport class.

The percentage threshold shall be calculated based on the total number of athletes ranked in their Para Table Tennis class on the Selection Cutoff Date.

- Be compliant with all USA Table Tennis code of conduct, SafeSport, anti-doping, and ITTF regulations.

Failure to meet any eligibility requirement renders the athlete ineligible for National Team selection.

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### 3. PRIMARY SELECTION – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS

### **3.1 National Team**

- Any athlete who qualifies for the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships through an official ITTF qualification pathway shall be automatically named to the USA Table Tennis Para National Team, provided all eligibility requirements in Section 2 are met.
- Upon the US Para National Team reaching eight (8) members, any additional athletes shall only be eligible for selection if they have qualified for the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships. Ranking-based qualification shall not be considered beyond this point.
- Athletes become National Team members immediately upon confirmation of World Championships qualification.

### **3.2 No Maximum Limit for World Championships Qualifiers**

- There is no maximum limit on the number of athletes who may be named to the National Team through World Championships qualification.
- If more than eight (8) athletes qualify for the World Championships, all such athletes shall be members of the National Team.

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## **4. RANKING-BASED SELECTION**

### **4.1 Initial Selection Date**

- The ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking published during Week 1, 2026 of the calendar year will be used to determine the initial National Team.

### **4.2 Use of Ranking-Based Selection**

- If, at the beginning of the year, fewer than eight (8) athletes are on the National Team through World Championships qualification, additional athletes may be added based on world ranking position, provided all eligibility requirements in Section 2 are met.
- Athletes will be selected in order of their position on the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking within their respective sport class.

### **4.3 Ranking Review Milestones for National Team Consideration**

- The ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking published on Week 1, Week 15, Week 25 and Week 35 will serve as ranking review milestones.
- Ranking-based additions will be made only if the National Team has fewer than eight (8) athletes at that time.
- Any athlete who qualifies for and is added to the National Team at any point during the calendar year—whether through World Championships Qualification or world ranking—will retain National Team status through December 31, 2026. No mid-year removals will be made based solely on ranking changes.

- Athletes must meet the applicable Top 30% ranking requirement described in Section 2
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## **5. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION SUPPORT**

### **5.1 Priority of Support**

- Priority for guaranteed international competition opportunities is given to athletes who qualify for the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Championships.
- Guaranteed competition opportunities are determined by:
  - World Championships qualification status, and
  - Timing of entry onto the National Team.

### **5.2 World Championships Qualifiers**

- Athletes who qualify for the World Championships during the first half of the year (on or before Week 1) will be guaranteed:
  - Participation in four (4) ITTF Para Table Tennis international tournaments, all conducted prior to the World Championships.
- Athletes who qualify for the World Championships during the second half of the year (on or after Week 31) will be guaranteed:
  - Participation in two (2) ITTF Para Table Tennis international tournaments, both conducted prior to the World Championships.

### **5.3 Non-World Championships National Team Members**

- For National Team members who have not qualified for the World Championships:
  - Athletes added to the National Team during the first half of the year (Week 1, Week 15 or Week 25) will be guaranteed:
    - Participation in two (2) ITTF Para Table Tennis international tournaments.
  - Athletes added to the National Team during the second half of the year (on Week 35) will be guaranteed:
    - Participation in one (1) ITTF Para Table Tennis international tournament.

### **5.4 Conditions**

All guaranteed competition opportunities are contingent upon:

- Athlete health and readiness
- Compliance with SafeSport and anti-doping requirements
- Event availability and ITTF entry regulations

USA Table Tennis reserves the right to substitute events of equivalent competitive value due to logistical, scheduling, or budgetary constraints. Any airfare provided by USATT will be up to at \$500 for National Travel and \$1,200 for International Travel originating from the United States, with pricing standardized to ensure comparable expenses across all team members and airfares

need to be approved by USATT Staff at the lowest economy class rate available. Final decisions regarding which international competitions athletes will be funded to attend will be made by USATT coach.

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## **6. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

If two or more athletes are tied for the final available ranking-based National Team position, the following criteria will be applied **in order**:

1. Higher position on the ITTF Para Table Tennis World Ranking
2. Greater number of medals won in ITTF Para Table Tennis adult singles international tournaments during the previous twelve (12) months

### **Notes**

- Only adult singles events are considered.
  - Medals must be earned at ITTF Para Table Tennis sanctioned international competitions (Elite, Challenger, Future, Pan American Championships).
  - Gold, silver, and bronze medals results are considered.
  - Doubles, mixed doubles, junior, youth, and team events are not considered.
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## **7. REMOVAL FROM NATIONAL TEAM**

An athlete may be removed from the National Team for any of the following reasons:

- Loss of eligibility
- Violations of SafeSport or anti-doping regulations
- Failure to meet National Team conduct requirements