ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2026 YONEX USA BADMINTON ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (DEC. 19-22, 2026/ MORRISVILLE, NC)
SELECTION EVENT FOR ~~2027 SUDIRMAN CUP PRELIMINARY COMPETITION &~~ 2027 SUDIRMAN CUP TEAM
(APRIL 21- MAY 2, 2027/ BEIJING, CHN)
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1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1 Minimum Eligibility Requirements

1.1.1 Nationality/Representation Requirements:

Athletes must meet the nationality and representation requirements established by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and any applicable Badminton Pan Am requirements.

Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in the applicable competition.

1.1.2 Minimum BWF Standards for Participation:

Athletes must meet all applicable BWF eligibility requirements, including any requirements relating to:

- Nationality and representation
- BWF membership or registration
- Ranking
- Age
- Any other requirements applicable to the competition.

1.1.3 USA Badminton Requirements:

Athletes must meet all applicable USA Badminton requirements, including:

- Current USA Badminton membership
- Most recent USA Badminton Athlete Code of Conduct signed
- Current Safe Sport Training
- Compliance with applicable anti-doping requirements
- Any additional requirements established for the event.

1.1.4 Other Requirements (if any):

Athletes must meet all other eligibility requirements established by BWF, Badminton Pan Am, the event organizer, and/or USA Badminton.

1.2 Selection / Qualification Events

1.2.1 Names, dates and locations of all trials, events, rankings, or other competitions to be used as part of the selection process:

The following will be used in the selection of athletes for the 2027 Sudirman Cup Team:

- as of Thursday, November 5, 2026, 11:59 PM Malaysian – BWF HQ Time
- 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships.

1.3 Selection Process

This process will be used to select athletes and doubles pairs for the 2027 Sudirman Cup Team. The Team may consist of up to sixteen (16) athletes, with a maximum of eight (8) men and eight (8) women. Athletes may participate in one or more disciplines, including Singles (WS: Women's Singles & MS: Men's Singles) and Doubles (WD: Women's Doubles, MD: Men's Doubles & XD: Mixed Doubles) subject to applicable competition requirements. USA Badminton will make every reasonable effort to fill the available team positions, but the final Team may contain fewer than sixteen (16) athletes if a position cannot be filled before the applicable BWF entry deadline.

1.3.1 Direct Qualification Through BWF World Rank

Up to one (1) U.S. athlete, highest ranked, in the Top 25 in singles per gender (MS, WS) and/or up to one (1) U.S. pair, highest ranked pair per discipline (MD, WD, XD), in the Top 20 according to the BWF World Rank as of November 5, 2026, will automatically be qualified for selection to the 2027 Sudirman Cup Team. If an athlete(s) is selected through the ranking criteria and declines, withdraws or becomes ineligible for any reason, the position will be addressed in accordance with Section 3, Replacement of Athletes.

1.3.2 Confirmation of Intent to Represent the United States

To accept their qualification, athletes must confirm in writing to USA Badminton (internationalentry@usabadminton.org) no later than November 12, 2026 (11:59 PM Malaysian – BWF HQ Time), their intention to represent the United States at ~~both the 2027 Sudirman Qualification Tournament and~~ the 2027 Sudirman Cup. An athlete who does not confirm by this deadline will be considered to have declined their qualification, and the resulting open position will be filled through the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships selection process. Any Doubles Teams that qualify via ranking, both athletes must accept and indicate so via email otherwise this position will be filled through the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships selection process.

1.3.3 Selection Through the Adult National Championships

Following the BWF World Rank qualification process described above, 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships will be used to fill remaining positions on the 2027 Sudirman Cup Team, up to a maximum of eight (8) men and eight (8) women, filling team slots by the top two (2) in each discipline

earning selection with up to one (1) slot in each discipline being awarded to any automatic qualifiers as described in Section 1.3.1 followed by the top ranked finishers in each discipline at Adult National Championships. For each discipline with an open position, or doubles pair finishing within the performance threshold at the 2026 YONEX US Badminton Adult National Championships will be considered for selection, subject to the duplicate-qualification provisions set forth in Section 1.3.4 and all applicable eligibility requirements. Slots will be filled according to finish at the 2026 USAB Adult Nationals.

The performance threshold for Adult Nationals selection and for any replacement determined using Adult Nationals results will be the top four (4) finishing positions in each applicable discipline. An athlete or doubles pair finishing below the applicable threshold will not be eligible for selection through Adult Nationals or for replacement based on Adult Nationals results.

USA Badminton will proceed through the eligible results within the established threshold until the available position is filled or no additional eligible athlete or doubles pair remains.

Once notified of qualification, athletes will have up to 48 hours from notification to confirm their intent to compete otherwise the next highest finishing athlete/doubles team will be notified via email and will also have up to 48 hours from notification to confirm their intent to compete.

1.3.4 Duplicate Qualifications/Multiple Disciplines

An athlete may qualify for more than one discipline. A doubles qualification is treated as a qualification of the entire doubles pair, not as two independent individual qualifications.

When an athlete's qualification in one discipline overlaps with a qualification in another discipline, the athlete remains selected in all disciplines in which the athlete has qualified. When a duplicate qualification results in an open Team position becoming available, those positions will be filled using the results of the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships and the following selection priority:

a. One open position: The next eligible singles athlete may be selected.

b. Two open positions of the same gender: The next eligible doubles pair in that gender may be selected.

c. One open male position and one open female position: The next eligible mixed doubles pair may be selected.

d. Existing Team membership: An athlete who is already selected in one discipline may also be selected as part of an eligible doubles or mixed doubles pair in another discipline. When evaluating a doubles or mixed doubles pair, only the athletes who would be newly added to the Team will count toward the applicable Team size limit.

e. Eligibility and performance threshold: Selection under this section is limited to athletes and pairs who meet all applicable eligibility requirements and fall within the Adult Nationals performance threshold established in Section 1.3.3.

f. Next eligible result: If the next eligible athlete or pair cannot be selected because of eligibility, Team size, duplicate participation requirements, or the performance threshold, USA Badminton will proceed to the next eligible result consistent with the applicable priority above.

1.3.5 Doubles

Doubles athletes will be selected as a pair. All selected athletes must continue to meet the applicable BWF, Badminton Pan Am, and USA Badminton eligibility requirements through the completion of the Sudirman Cup.

1.3.6 Walkovers

Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will be subject to the applicable USA Badminton tournament regulations and will not be awarded a finishing position for purposes of Sudirman Cup selection.

1.4 Required Training and Competition Commitments

1.4.1 Required Competition

~~Athletes selected to the 2027 Sudirman Cup Team through the qualification and selection process outlined in these Selection Procedures are required to participate in the 2027 Sudirman Cup Preliminary Competition (Pan Am Cup), currently scheduled for February 2027, with the exact dates and location to be determined.~~

~~Participation in the 2027 Sudirman Cup Preliminary Competition is a condition of selection to the Team.~~

~~If an athlete withdraws or is removed from the Team following completion of the Preliminary Competition, USA Badminton will not select a replacement. The resulting position will remain vacant for the Sudirman Cup.~~

1.4.2 Team Qualification

~~The 2027 Sudirman Cup Preliminary Competition (Pan Am Cup) will serve as the qualification competition for the 2027 Sudirman Cup.~~ The United States will qualify for the 2027 Sudirman Cup only if the U.S. Team achieves the **BWF World Team Ranking** placement required under the applicable Badminton Pan Am and/or BWF qualification criteria and satisfies all applicable BWF entry and eligibility requirements.

2. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

2.1 Prior to Submission of Entries

An athlete who has been selected to the Team may be removed from the Team for any of the following reasons:

2.1.1 Voluntary Withdrawal

An athlete may voluntarily withdraw by notifying USA Badminton in writing. If the withdrawal creates a vacancy in the Team, a replacement will be selected under Section 3 and in accordance with the applicable BWF, Badminton Pan Am, and event rules.

2.1.2 Injury or Illness

An athlete may be removed for injury or illness if the athlete is unable to participate in the 2027 Sudirman Cup or otherwise cannot meet applicable competition requirements. USA Badminton may request appropriate medical information to confirm availability.

2.1.3 Failure to Participate

An athlete who fails to participate in required selection activities, fails to accept the Team invitation by the stated deadline, or otherwise fails to meet required participation commitments may be removed from the Team.

2.1.4 Violation of USA Badminton Code of Conduct

An athlete may be removed for violation of the USA Badminton Athlete Code of Conduct or other applicable USA Badminton policies and procedures.

2.1.5 Loss of Eligibility

An athlete who loses eligibility to represent the United States or otherwise fails to satisfy BWF, Badminton Pan Am, or USA Badminton eligibility requirements may be removed from the Team.

2.1.6 Other Requirements

An athlete may be removed for failure to complete required documentation, anti-doping requirements, SafeSport requirements, or other applicable team requirements by the deadlines established by USA Badminton.

2.2 After Submission of Entries

Following submission of entries, athlete removal and replacement will follow applicable BWF, Badminton Pan Am, and USA Badminton rules and regulations.

3. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

3.1 Replacement Process

3.1.1 Prior to Submission of Entries

If a selected athlete or pair withdraws or becomes ineligible prior to submission of entries, USA Badminton will make every reasonable effort to fill the open position in accordance with the selection process outlined in Section 1.3 and any applicable BWF, Badminton Pan Am, and USA Badminton rules and regulations. Replacement efforts will continue until the BWF entry deadline assuming the performance threshold has been met.

3.1.2 Automatic Qualifiers

If a BWF World Rank automatic qualifier withdraws or becomes ineligible before the applicable discipline at the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships is completed, the open position may be filled through the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships selection process. If the withdrawal or ineligibility occurs after the applicable Adult Nationals discipline has been completed, USA

Badminton will make every reasonable effort to fill the position through the applicable roll-down process, using the Adult Nationals results and the duplicate-qualification provisions in Section 1.3, until the BWF entry deadline

3.1.3 Adult Nationals Qualifiers

If an athlete or pair selected from the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships withdraws or becomes ineligible prior to submission of entries, USA Badminton will notify the next eligible athlete or pair in that discipline, as outlined in Section 1.3. This process will continue through the Adult Nationals results until the position is filled, there are no additional eligible athletes or pairs, or the BWF entry deadline is reached.

3.1.4 Doubles & Mixed Doubles Replacement

If one member of a selected doubles pair withdraws or becomes ineligible prior to submission of entries, the doubles selection will be vacated. If the other member of the pair is selected in another discipline, that athlete will remain on the Team through their selection in that discipline.

The next eligible doubles pair in the same discipline will be selected based on the results of the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships, subject to the performance threshold established in Section 1.3.3 and the maximum of eight (8) men or eight (8) women. When evaluating a replacement doubles pair, only athletes who are not already selected to the Team will count toward the applicable Team size limit.

If selecting the next eligible doubles pair would cause the Team to exceed the applicable eight-athlete limit, the vacancy will instead be filled by the next eligible singles athlete of the applicable gender, based on the results of the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships and subject to the performance threshold established in Section 1.3.3 and all applicable eligibility requirements.

A vacancy created by the withdrawal or removal of a selected mixed doubles pair will be filled by the next eligible mixed doubles pair based on the results of the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships, subject to the performance threshold established in Section 1.3.3 and the applicable Team size limits. When evaluating a replacement mixed doubles pair, only athletes who are not already selected to the Team will count toward the applicable Team size limits.

Replacement efforts will continue until the position is filled, no additional eligible athlete or pair remains within the established performance threshold, or the applicable BWF entry deadline is reached.

3.1.5 Replacement Response Period

USA Badminton may provide a potential replacement athlete or pair with twenty-four (24) hours to confirm acceptance of the available position. If the athlete or pair declines, does not respond within the stated period, or becomes ineligible, USA Badminton will notify the next eligible athlete or pair. The response period may be shortened where necessary to meet an applicable BWF entry deadline

3.1.6 BWF Entry Deadline

USA Badminton will make every reasonable effort to complete the replacement process before the applicable BWF entry deadline. Once the applicable BWF entry deadline has passed, no further replacement will be made. If a replacement cannot be secured before the deadline, the position may remain unfilled.

4. Required Documents

The requirements include, as applicable:

- Current USA Badminton Athlete Code of Conduct;
- 2027 Sudirman Cup/team registration and required event registration;
- BWF registration and any applicable player-transfer documentation;
- Valid U.S. passport/citizenship or other documentation establishing eligibility to represent the United States;
- Medical documentation reasonably required to confirm fitness/availability, if requested;
- USA Badminton waivers and releases;
- Anti-doping requirements, including any required testing or whereabouts obligations;
- Current SafeSport training and any required background check, where applicable, plus other team/event-specific documents.

5. DATE OF SELECTION

The initial selection of athletes will be announced as soon as reasonably possible following the conclusion of the 2026 YONEX USA Badminton Adult National Championships.

6. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all applicable BWF, WADA, USADA, Badminton Pan Am, USA Badminton, and 2027 Sudirman Cup anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.

This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by applicable rules.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

USA Badminton - High-Performance Committee

- Jamie Subandhi – Chair
- Eva Lee – Athlete Representative
- Paula Lynn Cao Hok – Athlete Representative
- Yuko Kawasaki – Paralympic Manager

- Justin Rogers – Committee Member – Designated Staff
- Katie Baker - USA Badminton – Athlete Services Director

8. USA BADMINTON BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Badminton Bylaws and Grievance Procedures apply to these Selection Procedures. Athletes who believe these Selection Procedures have not been properly applied may utilize the applicable USA Badminton grievance process. The USA Badminton Bylaws and Grievance Procedures are available on the USA Badminton website, here.

9. GOVERNING RULES AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

These procedures are based on the BWF, Badminton Pan Am, USA Badminton, and applicable 2027 Sudirman Cup/event rules and regulations as presently known and understood. **USAB received communication from BPAC on October 21, 2026, regarding the cancellation of the Pan Am Mixed Team Championships, originally scheduled as a qualifying event for the 2027 Sudirman Cup Finals. Consequently, qualification for the 2027 Sudirman Cup Finals will be determined based on the World Team Rankings, in accordance with the criteria established by BWF.**

Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in applicable governing-body rules will be communicated to affected athletes as soon as reasonably practicable.

The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Badminton. However, the selection process may be affected by unforeseen or intervening circumstances that are not reasonably anticipated when these procedures are approved.

If circumstances outside USA Badminton's reasonable control cause the alteration, postponement, or cancellation of any selection event or otherwise materially affect the selection process, USA Badminton may revise these procedures as reasonably necessary.

Any revision shall, to the extent reasonably possible, preserve the original intent of the published selection criteria.

10. APPROVED BY (OCTOBER 7, 2026)/ UPDATED DOCUMENT APPROVED OCTOBER 28, 2026/ UPDATED DOCUMENT APPROVED NOV. 23, 2026:

USA BADMINTON CEO AND HPC