

**USA BADMINTON**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**April 3, 2019**  
**AMENDED March 5, 2021**

Note: Following the IOC's announcement that the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 have been rescheduled to take place July 23 – August 8, 2021, it was confirmed that these Games would still be referred to as the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Therefore, any references to the Olympic qualification system, Olympic Team and/or Olympic Games still reflect '2020' in these selection procedures.

**1. SELECTION SYSTEM**

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum International Olympic Committee (IOC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

An athlete must be eligible under Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules. Eligibility rules will be posted on the following website - BWF at <http://www.bwfbadminton.org>.

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes must have played in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in their respective event counting towards the World Ranking Lists during the Olympic qualifying periods (29 April 2019 – ~~26 April~~ 15 March 2020 and 4 January 2021 – 13 June 2021) and be registered in the ~~World Race to Tokyo~~ World Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

Athlete must be a current USA Badminton member in good standing at the time of nomination.

Athlete must successfully complete all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.

Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online training.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

In accordance with the BWF Qualification System for Tokyo 2020, the BWF ~~Race to Tokyo World~~ Ranking List for each respective event as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~ will be used to allocate Quota Places in Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles; Quota Places are allocated to athletes by name. Each list will be based on results achieved during the Olympic qualification periods of 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 ~~26 April 2020~~ & 4 January 2021 to 13 June 2021. Participation in any of the following events will count towards the respective ~~World~~ BWF Race to Tokyo Ranking Lists during the qualification periods:

For period 29 April 2019 to 15 March 2020 – any of the following tournaments, as applicable:

- ~~Thomas & Uber Cup – this event is not currently scheduled to fall within the Olympic qualification period but is listed on the BWF's Qualification System for Tokyo 2020 as an event counting toward the World Ranking Lists.~~
- **Sudirman Cup** – see 1.2.2. below
- **World Championships** – see [BWF Statutes](#), Section 5.3.9.
- **Grade 2 BWF tour tournaments** – Levels 1 to 6 (open entry / eligibility as defined in [BWF General Competition Regulations](#), Section 5.1)
- **Grade 3 BWF Continental tour tournaments** – International Challenge, International Series & Future Series (open entry / eligibility as defined in [BWF General Competition Regulations](#), Section 5.1)
- **Continental Championships** – Individual and Team (see various “Pan Am Championship” events listed in 1.2.2. below)

- **Continental Multi sports games** – for U.S. qualification purposes, the 2019 Pan American Games (see 1.2.2. below)
- Any other international event sanctioned by BWF and included in advance and with BWF approval as being part of the World Ranking Lists

Dates and locations for the above events can be found at <https://bwfbadminton.com/calendar/2019/all/remaining>.

For period 4 January 2021 to 13 June 2021 – See the detailed list of tournaments provided in the most up-to-date BWF Qualification System for Tokyo 2020 (go to Section 5.4.1. of the BWF Statutes). In general, the following eligible tournaments if hosted within the period\* will be included in the Race to Tokyo rankings:

- Grade 2 – Levels 3-6 tournaments (open entry / eligibility as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations, Section 5.1)
- Grade 3 – International Series, International Challenge and Future Series tournaments (open entry / eligibility as defined in BWF General Competition Regulations, Section 5.1)
- Continental Individual Championships – (see various “Pan Am Championship” events listed in 1.2.2. below)

\* Some of the listed eligible tournaments (see BWF Qualification System for Tokyo 2020) may not be hosted within the period 4 January to 13 June 2021, but no replacement tournaments will then be included. If they are hosted at a later date outside of the extended qualification period, they will not be included in the Race to Tokyo rankings. Tournaments hosted from 4 January to 1 March counted towards BWF World ranking that contribute to main draw and qualifying round criteria for future Race to Tokyo competitions, but the points accrued during this period are not included in the Race to Tokyo Rankings.

Dates and locations for the above events (in 2021) can be found at <https://bwfbadminton.com/calendar/2021/all/>.

For a detailed explanation of the BWF World Ranking System, please visit <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/#1513733528967-47d667b6-0737> (Section 5.3.3.).

- 1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

For the tournaments referenced in 1.2.1. that are open-invitation or based on qualification through BWF World Rankings, refer to the [BWF Statutes](#)

[and/or General Competition Regulations](#) found in Section 5 of the linked BWF web page.

USAB publishes selection procedures (<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/about/policies-and-procedures>) for fielding U.S. Teams to participate in the following events held during the 2020 Olympic qualification periods:

- Pan Am Individual Championships 2019 – April 25-28, 2019, Aguas Calientes, Mexico
- Sudirman Cup 2019 – May 19-26, 2019, Nanning, China
- 2019 Pan American Games – July 29 to August 2, 2019, Lima, Peru
- Male & Female Pan Am Team Championships 2020 – February 13-16, 2020, Salvador Bahia, Brazil
- ~~Pan Am Individual Championships 2020 – April 23-26, 2020, Guatemala~~
- ~~Thomas & Uber Cup 2020 – May 17-24, 2020, Aarhus, Denmark (as noted in 1.2.1., this event falls outside of BWF's defined qualification period but USAB does publish selection procedures for this event)~~
- [Pan Am Individual Championships 2021 – TBD](#)

- 1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process (include maximum Team size).

The BWF has established the selection system for Olympic qualification. USAB is required to follow the BWF selection system to qualify U.S. athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games. The entire BWF Olympic Qualification System can be viewed on the BWF website at <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/#1513733528967-47d667b6-0737> (Chapter 5, Section 5.4.1.1.).

The maximum team size for the U.S. for the 2020 Olympic Games is eight (8) men and eight (8) women across all five events but is dependent upon the number of quotas earned through the BWF Olympic Qualification System.

#### **Individual Quota Places for Men's and Women's Singles**

It is important to note that the only way for the U.S. to qualify the maximum of two (2) Quota Places in Men's or Women's Singles events is to have at least two (2) athletes ranked within the top-16 of the Race to Tokyo BWF World Ranking List of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~. However, an athlete ranked beyond the top-16 may earn a Quota Place due to the following principles:

- BWF will allocate quotas to reach a total of 38 entries per Singles event that will ensure the highest ranked individuals are selected while also fulfilling the

requirements for host country places, continental representation and invitation places that are awarded to eligible applicants (NOCs).

- 1.3.1. Pursuant to the BWF Olympic Qualification System, the BWF will use the [Race to Tokyo ~~World~~ Ranking List of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#) to allocate individual Quota Places for Men and Women to the highest ranked athletes, respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event (maximum team size for singles = 2 quotas per gender for a total of 4 athletes), while also satisfying the principles outlined in the bullet above.

If the United States has 2 or fewer players who qualify per gender (i.e., from the [BWF ~~World~~ Race to Tokyo Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#)), USAB will nominate each of those players who have qualified. If the United States has more than 2 players who qualify per gender (meaning these athletes are all within the top-16 from the [BWF ~~World~~ Race to Tokyo Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#)), USAB will nominate the two (2) highest ranked players based on [Race to Tokyo ~~BWF World~~ Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#).

#### **Pairs Quota Places for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles**

It is important to note that the only way for the U.S. to qualify the maximum of two (2) Quota Places (for pairs, meaning 4 athletes) in Doubles events is to have two pairs ranked within the top-8 of the [Race to Tokyo ~~BWF World~~ Ranking List of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#). However, a pair that is ranked beyond the top-8 may earn a Quota Place because the BWF will allocate quotas to reach a total of 16 pairs/entries per Doubles event that will ensure the highest ranked pairs are selected while also fulfilling the requirements for continental representation.

- 1.3.2. Pursuant to the BWF Olympic Qualification System, the BWF will use the [World ~~Race to Tokyo~~ Ranking List of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#) to allocate Quota Places to the 16 highest ranked pairs in each event (Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles), respecting the maximum quota allocation per NOC per event (maximum team size for doubles = 2 Pairs Quotas each for Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles for a total of 12 athletes/6 pairs). The Pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places.

If the United States has 2 or fewer pairs who qualify per event (i.e., from the [BWF ~~World~~ Race to Tokyo Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#)), USAB will nominate each of those pairs who have qualified. If the United States has more than 2 pairs who qualify per event (meaning these pairs are all within the top-8 from the [Race to Tokyo ~~BWF World~~ Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#)), USAB will nominate the two (2) highest ranked pairs based on [Race to Tokyo ~~BWF World~~ Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~](#).

- 1.3.3. The BWF Qualification System states that no NOC can qualify athletes/pairs in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system (refer to the Qualification Event tables for Singles and Doubles in Section D of the BWF Qualification System). If U.S. athletes/pairs qualify in more than two (2) events through the Continental Representation Place system, USAB will nominate the athlete(s)/pair(s) for the two (2) events in which the U.S. has the highest ranking according to the ~~BWF World Race to Tokyo~~ Ranking List as of 15 June 2021 ~~28 April 2020~~.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee: N/A
  - 2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A

## 3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, USA Badminton has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Badminton may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Badminton:

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Badminton CEO.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Badminton. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Badminton, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 3.1.4. Violation of the USAB's Athlete Code of Conduct:  
[www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A](http://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A)

- 3.1.5. ~~Violation of USAB's SafeSport Policy: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/about/safesport>~~
- 3.1.6. BWF rules can remove athletes through competition regulations, including [Player Code of Conduct](#) and disciplinary regulations based on the BWF Judicial Procedures (<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/#1513733398008-92654146-33dc>).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USA Badminton's Bylaws, Section 15.12 Complaints Involving Selection to Participate in a Competition, and the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable **USA Badminton** Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct is included in the Games Forms made available prior to the respective Games; and the USOPC's Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
~~[www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct](http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-Info/Athlete-Conduct)~~  
[www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents](http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents)
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, WADA, BWF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USAB's SafeSport Policy, as applicable.

#### 4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

- 4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

If an athlete/pair qualified for the 2020 Olympic Games needs to be replaced, the BWF will be responsible for replacing the athlete/pair with the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the Race to Tokyo World Ranking List of 15 June 2021 28 April 2020, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games. See Section F: Reallocation of Unused Quota Places of BWF Qualification System found here: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/#1513733528967-47d667b6-0737> (Chapter 5, Section 5.4.1.1.)

- 4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Refer to 4.1.1.

**5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Badminton will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

**6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic, ~~Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American~~ Games and are included as attachments:

USAB’s Athlete Code of Conduct:

[https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA\\_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A](https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/USA_Badminton/Documents/2018/Policies-and-Procedures/USAB-ATH-Code-of-Conduct.pdf?la=en&hash=B99CCA9439B83D4338A7AC0459A58439344DB86A)

**7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Badminton in the following locations:

7.1. USA Badminton’s Web site: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Badminton>

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7.2. Other: N/A

**8. DATE OF NOMINATION**

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

~~May 17, 2020~~

June 18, 2021

**9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION**

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

At this time, there is no mandatory training for the 2020 Olympic Games. Should those plans change, affected athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to commencement of



any mandatory training. ~~Training camps are mandatory unless excused in advance, in writing, by the Director of Coaching & High Performance.~~

## 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, PASO, WADA, BWF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, PASO, WADA, BWF, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

## 11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

- Jeff Dyrek – Previous USAB CEO
- Linda French – CEO (involved in amending procedures only)
- Rena Wang – USAB AAC Representative
- Nibu Paul – Coaching Director, USAB Board of Directors

## 12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Badminton Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/usab/bylaws>

## 13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or BWF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, PASO, as applicable, and/or BWF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Badminton. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

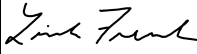


## 14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Badminton may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman by:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)
- <https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombudsman>

**15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES**

**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Badminton.**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NGB/HPMO President or CEO/Executive Director	<del>Jeff Dyrek</del> <u>Linda French</u>		Mar 12, 2021
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Nibu Paul Coaching Director	 <u>Nibu Paul (Mar 23, 2021 13:59 CDT)</u>	Mar 23, 2021
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	<del>Rena Wang</del> <u>Richard Alcaraz (Alternate AAC)</u>	 <u>Richard G Alcaraz (Mar 16, 2021 12:23 MDT)</u>	Mar 16, 2021

\* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

\* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by USA Badminton, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

\* If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, USA Badminton must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Given that my sibling is an actively competing athlete, currently in pursuit of Olympic qualification, I am recusing myself from approving 2020 Olympic selection procedures for USA badminton to avoid any real, potential or perceived conflict of interests. As a result, I have delegated authority to Richard Alcaraz, the alternate USOPC AAC representative, to serve as the athlete representative that will approve the USA Badminton Athlete Selection Procedures and Staff Selection Procedures for the 2020 Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rena Wang', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Rena Wang  
USOPC AAC representative