

**USA BADMINTON**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**TOKYO PARALYMPIC GAMES, 2020**  
~~10/25/2019~~

**AMENDED 12/22/2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment 3/23/2021**

Following the IPC's announcement that the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games have been rescheduled to take place August 24- September 5, 2021, this notice, and the changes contained in this document, serve as the USA Badminton's amended Athlete Selection Procedures. Reference given to the "2020" Paralympic Games and related areas such as the Paralympic selection process, Paralympic qualification system, Paralympic Team, and Paralympic Trials will stay consistent through these procedures. USAB utilized best efforts to keep the general process outlined in these selection procedures intact as much as possible, however, there has been unavoidable, necessary changes. Specifically, upcoming dates/deadlines referenced in red within these selection procedures. The IPC has confirmed that all quota places already assigned for the Tokyo 2020 Games will remain unchanged.

**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 selection.

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), International Paralympic Committee (IPC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) 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), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 30.5-6)

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

- Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a fixed review date after ~~31 December 2021~~ ~~31 December 2020~~; and
- have participated in a minimum of three (3) designated qualifying tournaments counting towards the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May~~ ~~1-April 2021~~ ~~2-April 2020~~; and
- be ranked on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May~~ ~~1-April 2021~~ ~~2-April 2020~~.

1.1.4. Other requirements:

- Athletes must be a current member and be in good standing with USA Badminton.
- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.
- Athletes age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.
- Athletes 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.

Qualification is based on BWF Ranking. Athletes can obtain ranking points at BWF events per the calendar found here:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/para-badminton/calendar/>

Rankings are found here:

<https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/para-badminton/players/>

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).

Most events are open with the exception of the Parapan Am Games as well as World Championships. Information on how to qualify for those events can be found at: <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/para-badminton/>

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 qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete or Doubles pair, not to the NPC.
- Max Team size is 21 athletes: 11 males and 10 females. Exceptions may be granted via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method which is outlined under Section 2.

METHOD: Paralympic Doubles Ranking List Allocation

QUALIFICATION:

- Men’s Doubles WH1-WH2: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May 1-April 2021~~ ~~2 April 2020~~ each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.
- Women’s Doubles WH1-WH2: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May 1-April 2021~~ ~~2 April 2020~~ each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.
- Women’s Doubles SL3-SU5: The six (6) highest ranked Doubles pairs on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May 1-April 2021~~ ~~2 April 2020~~ each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC.
- Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5: The four (4) highest ranked Mixed Doubles pairs on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on ~~20 May 1-April 2021~~ ~~2-April 2020~~ each obtain two (2) qualification slots for their NPC. In case the female athlete in a Mixed Doubles pair has already obtained a slot via the Women’s Doubles SL3-SU5 allocation (above) the available slot will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

METHOD: Paralympic Singles Ranking List Allocation

QUALIFICATION:

- Following the Doubles Ranking allocation, further slots will be allocated to the highest ranked athletes (not yet qualified) on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Singles Ranking List published on ~~20 May 1-April 2021~~ ~~2-April 2020~~ according to the following matrix. Slots will only be allocated via this method to a maximum of one slot per athlete per NPC and event. If two or more slots have already been allocated to an NPC for a relevant gender and sport class via Doubles Ranking List allocation, no further slot will be allocated to the NPC via the Singles Ranking List allocation.

Class	Men	Women	Remarks
WH1	0-2	0-2	Exact number of slots per event allocated via this method depends
WH2	1-3	1-3	

			on the number of slots already allocated via the Doubles Ranking List Allocation
SL3	3	0	
SL4	3	2	
SU5	3	2	
SS6	5	0	

METHOD: Mixed Doubles Quota Allocation

QUALIFICATION:

- The two (2) highest ranked SL3-SU5 Mixed Doubles pairs on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published on **20 May** ~~1-April 2021~~ ~~2-April 2020~~ (not yet qualified) of which the male athletes have already obtained a slot via the Singles Ranking List allocation method (above) each obtain one female qualification slot. If one or both of these slots cannot be filled, the available slot(s) will be allocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation method.

## 2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

USAB reserves the right to not submit for Bipartite Commission Invitations.

Per the Qualification Guide, Bipartite slots will be allocated primarily to ensure event viability and according to the following matrix found within the Qualification Guide.

To be considered for a Bipartite slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to BWF by **16 June** ~~24-May 2021~~ ~~25-May 2020~~.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

- The athlete demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition.
- The athlete is capable of producing a medal-earning performance, based on past results from the last ~~2412~~ months. **All event performances that are counting towards the Road to Tokyo Rankings will be considered.**
- The athlete, despite age or competing a relatively short time in the sport, has a performance trajectory that is favorable to future international success.

- 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:

The Para-Badminton Director will forward the list of all applicants to the USA Badminton High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG):

- Coaching Director, Board of Directors
- ~~Technical Officials Director, Board of Directors~~
- **CEO of USA Badminton**
- Director, Para-Badminton
- Para-Badminton Athlete Representative
- USAB AAC Representative

The High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) will review the names selected by the BWF and forward to the CEO / Executive Director for approval.

- 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.

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the selection process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

### **3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES**

- 3.1. Prior to entry by name to the Local Organizing Committee by the USOPC, the NGB/HPMO has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NGB/HPMO CEO/Executive Director.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the NGB/HPMO, 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 NGB's/HPMO's Code of Conduct (<https://form.jotform.com/90927311984161>)
- 3.1.5. Not a current member of USA Badminton.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB's/HPMO's Bylaws <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/about/bylaws> 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 NGB/HPMO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC's Code of Conduct and 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)~~
  - <https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombudsman>
  - [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, Panam Sports, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, 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:

Any qualification slot that is not used by an NPC will be reallocated to the next highest eligible athlete or Doubles pair on the respective Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List.

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

see 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 links:

**USA Badminton Code of Conduct** (<https://form.jotform.com/90927311984161>)

## **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. NGB/HPMO 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.

## **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:

**21 July 2021** ~~July 10, 2020~~

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

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

## **10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS**

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, WADA, IF, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, WADA, IF, 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:

USA Badminton Para-Badminton Director – Steve Kearney  
USOPC Athlete Advisory Council Representative – Rena Wang

#### **12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

USA Badminton’s Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-badminton/about/bylaws>

#### **13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, as applicable, and/or your IF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, as applicable, and/or your IF 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)
- <http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

#### **15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES**






**I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) 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	Linda French		
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Steve Kearney		
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Rena Wang		

\* 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 the NGB/HPMO, 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, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/HPMO President or CEO/Executive Director	Linda French		3/23/21
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Steve Kearney		3/24/21
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Rena Wang		3/25/21

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