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INTRODUCTION

The goal of this document is to outline the selection and approval procedures for the Pan Am Junior Championships (PAJC) and World Junior Championships (WJC). For other procedures and administrative information, please refer to the U.S. Junior Selection Event prospectus.

SECTION A- PAJC SELECTION PROCESS

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PAJC Approval Process

1. The final selection of an athlete's participation at PAJC shall be approved by USAB High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG).

PAJC Team Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

1. USA Badminton reserves the right to revoke selection of an athlete at USA Badminton's sole discretion.
2. Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event in the tournament.
For example, player A meets player B for the 3rd/4th place. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are no show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded.
3. Team Size: 4 boys and 4 girls
4. Top placed doubles pairs accepting entry are selected as a pair/team. If one player of the top placed doubles pairs accepting entry is unable to compete, the other player is consequently not selected (but may be selected by the steps below – "PAJC Rank Order").
5. The top placed finisher accepting entry in each U.S. Junior Selection event (MS, WS, MD, WD, and MXD) shall be selected.
6. **PAJC Rank Order** – Once the top placed accepting entry of each event have been selected to the team as described above, the following rank order procedure ("PAJC Rank Order") shall be used to determine additional member(s) for the team:
7. The Selection Process for the remaining "Male Players" (the same process will be applicable to Female Players) from the top 8 finishers are as follows:
 - The next best finishers accepting entry in all U.S. Junior Selection events will be considered and placed into a pool.

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- From the pool, the next best finishers accepting entry will be ranked in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second), and Mixed (third).
 - Rank Order Tied Situations:
 - i. If athletes' rank orders are tied, the eligible athletes will be ranked based on their respective highest U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result.
 - ii. If there is no U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result and athletes' rank order remains tied, they will be ranked based on the U.S. Junior Selection Event doubles result.
 - iii. If there is no doubles result and athletes' rank order remains tied, they will be ranked by the U.S. Junior Selection Event mixed doubles result.
 - If athletes are still tied, then the eligible athletes will be ranked based on the highest USAB Junior Ranking (on the date as specified in the U.S. Junior Selection Event prospectus for qualification and entry into the U.S. Junior Selection Event) in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second) with any partner, and Mixed Doubles (third) with any partner.
 - In a very unlikely scenario, if there is still a tie, the rank order will be determined by HPAG, based on but not limited to, past results, playing skills, attitude and etc.
 - This process will be continued for next place finishers accepting entry until 8th place U.S. Junior Selection Event finishers have been exhausted.
8. If slot(s) remain open, the slot(s) will be filled by the HPAG at its sole discretion, from any top U19 or U17 players in the USAB Junior Ranking.
9. For example, two boys, D1 and D2 partner each other in Boy's Doubles and win 2nd place; D1 is 5th in Boy's Singles and D2 is 7th in Boys Singles. Both D1 and D2 will be placed in the 2nd place finishers pool. Since D1 has a higher U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result than D2, D1's rank order will be higher than D2 in the 2nd place finishers pool. The final 2nd place finisher's rank order will be:
- 1 – Boy's Singles 2nd place finisher
 - 2 – D1 (as he is ranked 5th in Boy's Singles)
 - 3 – D2 (as he is ranked 7th in Boy's Singles)
 - 4 – Mixed Doubles 2nd place finisher

PAJC Individual Event (U13, U15, U17 & U19) Selection Process

1. USA Badminton reserves the right to revoke selection of an athlete at USA Badminton's sole discretion.
2. Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event in the tournament.
For example, player A meets player B for the 3rd/4th place. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are no show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded.
3. Team members will not be given priority/preference with regards to their entries into the individual competition.



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4. Doubles pairs are selected as a pair/team. If one player of a Doubles pair/team rejects selection or is unable to compete, then that player's partner is consequently de-selected in that event.
5. For (individual event) Boy's Singles and Girl's Singles, the top 4 (may vary based on availability of the slots) Singles finishers of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected. If there are any slots available, then players will be selected according to their Singles rank order based on the top 8 (eight finishers) of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results. If all top 8 ranked players from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been exhausted, then the selection for Singles event shall be deemed as completed.
6. For (individual event) Doubles and Mixed Doubles events, the top 2 Boy's Doubles and Girl's Doubles pairs (may vary based on availability of the slots), as well as the top 4 Mixed Doubles pairs (may vary based on availability of the slots) from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected. If there are still any slots available, then players will be selected according to their rank (as a pair) order based on the top 8 (eight finishers) of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results for the specific event. If after all the top 8 ranked players from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been selected, then the selection for Singles event shall be deemed as completed.

SECTION B- WJC SELECTION PROCESS

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (PAJC) SELECTION PROCESS

WJC Approval Process

1. The final selection of an athlete's participation at WJC shall be approved by USAB High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG).
2. All top 8 (eight) U19 U.S. Junior Selection Event results winners in each event will be asked to express an interest to participate. Expression of intention to participate does not guarantee final selection for participation in the event.

WJC Team Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

1. USA Badminton reserves the right to revoke selection of an athlete at USA Badminton's sole discretion.
2. Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event in the tournament.
For example, player A meets player B for the 3rd/4th place. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are no show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded.
3. Team Size: 4 boys and 4 girls



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4. Top placed doubles pairs accepting entry are selected as a pair/team. If one player of the top placed doubles pairs accepting entry is unable to compete, the other player is consequently not selected (but may be selected by the steps below – “WJC Rank Order”).
5. The top placed finisher accepting entry in each U.S. Junior Selection event (MS, WS, MD, WD, and MXD) shall be selected.
6. **WJC Rank Order** – Once the top placed accepting entry of each event have been selected to the team as described above, the following rank order procedure (“WJC Rank Order”) shall be used to determine additional member(s) for the team:
7. The Selection Process for the remaining “Male Players” (the same process will be applicable to Female Players) from the top 8 finishers are as follows:
 - a. The next best finishers accepting entry in all U.S. Junior Selection events will be considered and placed into a pool.
 - b. From the pool, the next best finishers accepting entry will be ranked in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second), and Mixed (third).
 - c. Rank Order Tied Situations:
 - i. If athletes’ rank orders are tied, the eligible athletes will be ranked based on their respective highest U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result.
 - ii. If there is no U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result and athletes’ rank order remains tied, they will be ranked based on the U.S. Junior Selection Event doubles result.
 - iii. If there is no doubles result and athletes’ rank order remains tied, they will be ranked by the U.S. Junior Selection Event mixed doubles result.
 - d. If athletes are still tied, then the eligible athletes will be ranked based on the highest USAB Junior Ranking (on the date as specified in the U.S. Junior Selection Event prospectus for qualification and entry into the U.S. Junior Selection Event) in the following order: Singles (first), Doubles (second) with any partner, and Mixed Doubles (third) with any partner.
 - e. In a very unlikely scenario, if there is still a tie, the rank order will be determined by HPAG, based on but not limited to, past results, playing skills, attitude and etc.
 - f. This process will be continued for next place finishers accepting entry until 8th place U.S. Junior Selection Event finishers have been exhausted.
8. If slot(s) remain open, the slot(s) will be filled by the HPAG at its sole discretion, from any top U19 or U17 players in the USAB Junior Ranking.
9. For example, two boys, D1 and D2 partner each other in Boy’s Doubles and win 2nd place; D1 is 5th in Boy’s Singles and D2 is 7th in Boys Singles. Both D1 and D2 will be placed in the 2nd place finishers pool. Since D1 has a higher U.S. Junior Selection Event singles result than D2, D1’s rank order will be higher than D2 in the 2nd place finishers pool. The final 2nd place finisher’s rank order will be:
 - a. 1 – Boy’s Singles 2nd place finisher
 - b. 2 – D1 (as he is ranked 5th in Boy’s Singles)
 - c. 3 – D2 (as he is ranked 7th in Boy’s Singles)

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- d. 4 – Mixed Doubles 2nd place finisher

WJC Individual Event (U19 Only) Selection Process

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2. Any player who forfeits (gives a walk-over) will lose his/her spot in the Rank Order for that event in the tournament.
For example, player A meets player B for the 3rd/4th place. Player A shows up but player B gives a walk-over. Player A will be awarded 3rd place but the 4th place spot will not be awarded. If both players are no show, both spots (3rd and 4th) will not be awarded.
3. Team members will not be given priority/preference with regards to their entries into the individual competition.
4. Doubles pairs are selected as a pair/team. If one player of a Doubles pair/team rejects selection or is unable to compete, then that player's partner is consequently de-selected in that event.
5. The allocation on the number of slots per event at the WJC is strictly determined by the Badminton World Federation.
6. For (individual event) Boy's Singles and Girl's Singles, the top 3 (may vary based on availability of the slots) Singles finishers of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected. If there are any slots available, then players will be selected according to their Singles rank order based on the top 8 (eight finishers) of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results. If all top 8 ranked players from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been exhausted, then the selection for Singles event shall be deemed as completed.
7. For (individual event) Doubles and Mixed Doubles events, the top 2 Boy's Doubles and Girl's Doubles pairs (may vary based on availability of the slots), as well as the top 3 Mixed Doubles pairs (may vary based on availability of the slots) from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results will be selected. If there are still slots available, then players will be selected according to their rank (as a pair) order based on the top 8 (eight finishers) of the U.S. Junior Selection Event results for the specific event. If after all the top 8 pairs from the U.S. Junior Selection Event results have been selected, and there are still available open slots, then the HPAG has the discretion to select re-formed pair(s) from the pool of players who are already committed to participate at the Individual Event.
8. Reformed Doubles and/or Mixed pairs
 - a. Reformed pairs will be decided by HPAG
 - b. Reformed pair shall be prioritized for selection in that event based on the "WJC Rank Order".
 - c. Once the reformed pair has been approved by HPAG, the decision is final. Should one or both players in the reformed pair decide not to play together, then he/she would forfeit the right to be considered for any other reformed pair for the particular event. The next player in line will be selected to fill the slot.
 - d. If no new reformed Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles can be created, then the selection of the Doubles and Mixed Doubles pairs shall be deemed completed.

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SECTION C: EXPECTATIONS AND REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETE

1. USAB Team Documents

- Parents of athletes who qualify to be on the USAB Teams are responsible to respond to correspondences by the Team Leader and/or Team Head Coach in a timely manner.
- Parents of athletes who qualify to be on USAB Teams are expected to read the Information Pack, complete and email the signed acknowledgement and/or approval documents for PAJC and WJC in a timely manner.
- Parents of the selected athletes are responsible that their children are aware of the content of the Information Pack and/or signed documents.

2. On Site PAJC and WJC & Rules

- USAB Staff: The Team Manager is the defacto representative of the USAB at the event. He/she is charged with the authority to make all formal decisions for the USAB Teams, including overseeing and verifying the final line-up with the tournament referee and/or his/her representatives.
- The Team Head Coach, in consultation with assistant coaches and the Team Manager shall make the final strategic decision(s) in determining the Team Line-Up.
- The Team Head Coach will consult with the Team Manager should a controversy arise.
- The Team Manager and/or the Head Coach as well as the Coaching Staff may solicit input from players.
- Team Line-Up: Being selected into the USAB Teams for the PAJC and the WJC means representing the “United States Team.” The selected athlete/athletes are expected to work together as a “team”.
- In PAJC and WJC Inter-Team Events, the “Team Performance and Strategy” will be given priority over an “individual athlete” or a “doubles pair”. An athlete on USAB Team must expect that he/she may not be fielded in every tie based on their ranking (in U.S. Junior Selection Event results, Adult World Ranking, Junior World Ranking or National ranking) which may be higher than other athletes on the USAB Teams, or because the athlete or his/her parent believes that he/she should ply in a tie or every tie.
- **Grievances:** All initial grievances involving the tournament or event shall be made through the USAB Team Manager of the PAJC and WJC Teams. If further action needs to be taken, it is recommended that they should contact the USAB CEO/Secretary General, Linda French at linda.french@usabadminton.org and/or USAB Athlete Advisory Council representative, and USAB Athlete Advisory Council rep for the USOPC.
- **Athletes Roles & Responsibilities:**
 - Athletes selected to the USAB Teams are deemed as the official representatives of the “United States” and will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to the athlete

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- himself/herself, his/her teammates, USA Badminton, the United States and the respective sponsor(s); and at all times act as the ambassador for badminton, the USA and the Olympic Movement.
- o All athletes shall arrive at the official hotel 48 hours prior to the commencement of the respective tournaments (PAJC and WJC).
 - o Athletes will attend all formal functions as requested by the Team Manager unless excused for specific reasons as approved by Team Manager.
 - o Athletes shall be dressed in the agreed attire approved by the Team Manager for all formal functions.
 - o Athletes shall display professionalism and be dressed in the Official USAB Team Gear (attire, footwear, etc.) at all award ceremonies and shall be expected to display the sportsmanship and respect to the Team and also the opponents.
- **Rules: The athletes on the Team competing at PAJC and WJC are bound by the following:**
 - o USAB Code of Conduct for Athletes <https://form.jotform.com/90927311984161>
 - o USAB International Team Policy <https://usabadminton.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/USAB-International-Teams-Policy-v17-Draft.pdf>
 - o USAB Safe Sport Policy <https://usabadminton.org/safesport-overview/>
 - o BWF General Competition Regulations & Policies – Players’ Code of Conduct, Offenses and Penalties, Anti-Doping Regulations, Code of Conduct of Participants in relation to Betting, Wagering and Irregular match results <https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/statutes/>

3. Accommodation, Shuttle Service & Accreditation

- The PAJC and WJC are international events unlike the Junior Nationals or the Junior Selection Event. These events are not planned as induction events for athletes. The focus of PAJC and WJC is “performance”. Hence, service by the host, such as shuttle allocation and accreditation is planned for athletes and staff of Teams.
- Accommodation: For the WJC Team Event, it is mandatory that athletes selected to the team shall stay and room with their teammates at the Official WJC Team Hotel to promote team spirit and communication. The rooming arrangement / roommate assignment for the Team Event players will be at the discretion of USAB team staff.
- As for the PAJC (Team and Individual events) and the WJC Individual event, it is mandatory the athletes selected shall stay at the Official PAJC and WJC Hotels.
- Parents need to be aware that the accommodation rates are set based on the agreement between the BPAC/BWF and the host. The rates may sometimes be higher than that is advertised on the website. The rates usually also cover transportation to the venue and airport pick up / drop off. This is the usual practice in all international badminton tournaments. Please note that neither the National Office nor the USAB Management Team / Team Manager will question the organizers

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and/or BPAC/BWF regarding the rates as these rates are applicable to all participating countries as approved by BPAC/BWF>

- **Accreditation:** Accreditation will only be for the USAB appointed Team Manager, Coaching Staff and/or as those appointed by the USAB. USAB will not accept accreditation requests for personal coaches and non-staff.
- **Shuttle Service:** It is the norm that the shuttle service from the hotel and the venue is for the Team. Parents accompanying USAB players must be prepared to self-organize travel to the venue if the shuttle service is inadequate and is only prepared for athletes and coaches. Any requests for assistance can only be made through the Team Manager without affecting the relationship between the organizing host, BPAC, BWF and USAB.

4. Anti-Doping Requirements

- Athletes must adhere to all IOC, BWF, PASO, WADA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, BWF, PASO, WADA, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.
- There is a possibility especially for the WJC that anti-doping information may be circulated before the Team departs for the competition. Parents are responsible to ensure that their child/children are aware of the updates sent to them.

5. Social Media & Electronic Media

- USAB encourages athletes to maximize social media for the publicity and marketing of the event, badminton and its community, USAB and the athlete himself/herself at all times.
- However, USAB strongly advises that posting, comments and remarks should adhere and respect the fellow athletes, staff, and their families, as well as the policies and regulations of the host, USAB, USOPC, BWF, BPAC, PASO, USADA and sponsors.

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

An athlete who is nominated to PAJC and/or WJC by USAB may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USAB:

- Voluntary withdrawal – Athlete must submit a written letter to USAB CEO
- Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- If a selected athlete for a Team Event is injured prior to departure for the PAJC and/or WJC, the HPAG reserves the right to revoke selection of the athlete if the HPAG views that the injured athlete may affect the team performance.

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- The HPAG reserves the right to select a player/pair based on the selection process to replace the injured athletes
- Athlete Rights to Petition
An injured player who has been removed by the HPAG because of injury, may petition (1 month before the registration of PAJC and WJC with the organizer) to be reinstated provided he/she is able to:
 - Show proof of continued extraordinary results/performance after the injury;
 - Provide a certified medical doctor's certificate attesting to his/her full recovery;
 - Provide written support by the athlete's personal coach confirming that the athlete has recovered and able to perform to full performance capacity;
 - Show conclusive evidence and proof that they would surpass other potential candidates.
- Violation of the USAB's Code of Conduct for Athletes and Policies.
- Athletes may be declared ineligible through competition regulations by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- BWF Rules can remove athletes through its General Competition Regulations and Policies.
- An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USAB's Constitution and Bylaws, Article 12, or USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.
- An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, BWF, WADA, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

SECTION D: OTHER INFORMATION

TRAINING

PAJC Preparation Training (U19)

- It is mandatory for athletes who have been selected to compete in PAJC to attend the USAB Team Training Camp, if PAJC Training Camp is offered.
- If the PAJC training camp is not announced at the U.S. Junior Selection Event, USAB reserves the right to announce the PAJC training camp 4 weeks before the camp begins.

WJC Preparation Training (U19)

- It is mandatory for athletes who have been selected to compete in WJC to attend the USAB Team Training Camp, if WJC Training Camp is offered.
- Attendance/participation of less than 80% at the planned training camps will have an impact on concerned athlete's inclusion at the USAB team Line-UP at the WJC.



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- If the WJC training camp is not announced at the U.S. Junior Selection Event, USAB reserves the right to announce the WJC training camp 4 weeks before the camp begins.

Funding

Currently USAB does not anticipate any funding availability for the PAJC, WJC, and/or the respective preparation training camps. However, should funding become available, the distribution of such funding will be determined by USAB based on recommendation by the HPAG.

USAB GRIEVANCE PROCESS

The USAB Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

<https://usabadminton.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/USAB-Bylaws-Updated-Feb-11-2022.pdf>

