

USA BADMINTON
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
OLYMPIC Games, Paris, France 2024
Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
20 July 2022

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), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Pan American Sports Organization (Panam Sports) 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), the Panam Sports Constitution (Article 34.4-7), or the Americas Paralympic Committee bylaws (Chapter 2.4.12 of the IPC Handbook).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) and/or Continental Federation (CF) 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>.

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 remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, competitions, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

In accordance with the BWF Qualification System for the 2024 Olympic Games, the BWF Race to Paris Ranking List for each respective event as of 30 April 2024 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 Games qualification period of 1 May 2023 to 28 April 2024

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed in 1.2.1.:

For the BWF ranking tournaments in the period referenced in 1.2.1. that are open-invitation or based on qualification through BWF World Rankings, refer to the BWF Statutes in Section 4 and/or General Competition Regulations found in Section 5 of the linked BWF web page:[Microsoft Word - 2022-04-01 - Olympic Games Paris 2024 qualification system - Badminton - v1 - English \(bwfbadminton.com\)](#)

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The BWF and the IOC establish the selection system for Olympic Games qualification. USAB is required to follow the BWF and the IOC selection system to qualify U.S. athletes for the 2024 Olympic Games.

The maximum team size for the U.S. for the 2024 Olympic Games will be determined by the BWF and the IOC across all five events and is eight women and eight men

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

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 Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024. If the United States has more than 2 players who qualify per gender (meaning these athletes are all within the top-16), USAB will nominate the two (2) highest ranked players based on the Race to Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024.

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

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 Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024. The Pairs Quota Places will include the allocation of Continental Representation Places. 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 Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024), USAB will nominate the two (2) highest ranked pairs based on Race to Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024.

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 Continental Representation spots in the two (2) events in which the U.S. has the highest (best) ranking according to the Race to Paris Ranking List of 30 April 2024. If players/pairs have the same number ranking, the player/pair with the higher (best) ranking point total will be selected.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

- 2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A
- 2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): N/A
- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles: N/A
 - 2.3.1. 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, the USA BADMINTON has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

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

- 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Badminton CEO/Secretary General.
- 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the USA Badminton. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by the 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 USA Badminton's Code of Conduct, **CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT**
- 3.1.5. 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 15.1 Complaints Involving Selection to Participate in a Competition, and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. Once athlete entries have been submitted to the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable NGB/PSO Code of Conduct, the USOPC's Delegation Conduct Requirements apply, contained in the USOPC Games Delegation Terms. The USOPC Games Delegation Terms are specific to each Games and made available during the Games registration process; the USOPC's Grievance Procedures and Hearing Process are found within the Delegation Terms. See "Delegation Events" at <https://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Dispute-Resolution> for more information.
- 3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, WADA, IF, 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 USA Badminton's SafeSport policies, 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 2024 Olympic Games needs to be replaced, the BWF/IOC will be responsible for replacing the athlete/pair with the next best ranked eligible athlete/pair according to the World Ranking List of 30 April 2024, who has not yet qualified for the Olympic Games.

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 Games (include as attachments or provide links):

[USA Badminton Athlete's Code of Conduct](#)

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

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

7.1. USA BADMINTON Web site: <http://www.usabadminton.org>

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

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

11 May 2024

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 2024 Olympic Games. Should those plans change, affected athletes will be notified at least 30 days prior to commencement of any mandatory training announced on the USA Badminton website,

<http://www.usabadminton.org/>
[Home - USA Badminton.](#)

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, 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, APC, 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:

- Linda French –USAB CEO
- Steve Kearney – USAB Para Director
- Rena Wang – USOPC AAC Representative
- Amy Burnett – Para Athlete, USAB Board of Directors
- Nibu Paul – Coaching Director, USAB Board of Directors

12. USA BADMINTON BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Badminton Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: [Bylaws - USA Badminton](#)

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or BWF/IOCC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, APC, 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, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their USA BADMINTON.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:



PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. USA BADMINTON SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF 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.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USA BADMINTON CEO	Linda French		7/24/2022
Coach Member USAB Board of Directors	Nibu Paul		7/26/2022

USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Alternate Representative*	Richard Alcaraz		7/24/22
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* 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 USA BADMINTON, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her USOPC Sport Performance Team.

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

Recusal Statement

Given that my sibling is an actively competing athlete, currently in pursuit of Olympic qualification, I am recusing myself from approving 2024 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 Abled- Body Athlete Selection Procedures and Staff Selection Procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

Rena Wang

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RW' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

