

USA BADMINTON
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
Pan American Games, Santiago, Chile 2023
Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles
February 6, 2023

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](#).
- All participating athletes must be at least 14 years old.

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:

The Badminton Pan Am Confederation (BPAC) Executive Committee approved that the BWF Ranking List as of 2 May 2023 for each respective event (Men's and Women's Singles, and Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles) would be utilized to allocate Quota Places to countries for the Pan American Games.

As announced on April 28, 2022, USA Badminton will use the 2 May 2023 BWF Ranking List to nominate athletes by name for singles and pairs based on the number of quotas awarded. Doubles players are selected as a pair.

Individuals will be ranked based on results achieved during the Pan Am Games qualification period of 2 May 2022 to 2 May 2023.

- 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 4 and/or General Competition Regulations found in Section 5 of the linked BWF web page: BWF Statutes 4 and/or General Competition Regulations
[Section 5.1 - General Competition Regulations - 24 November 2022 V3.1.pdf \(bwfbadminton.com\)](#)

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

The Badminton Pan Am Confederation (BPAC) will determine the number of female and male slots per country per the May 2, 2023 BWF World Ranking for each Country.

Country ranking is determined by adding up the points of the highest ranked player/team from each country in the Men's singles, Women's singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles. (a maximum total from the five rankings) using the May 2nd (week #18), 2023 BWF World Ranking. The higher the number of total points, the better the country ranking.

By this procedure, USA may be allotted a maximum of 4 female and 4 male slots and a minimum of 2 female and 2 male slots. BPAC will confirm to NOCs places/slots obtained before May 10th, 2023 (week #19).

If the USA is allotted 4 female and 4 male slots, the best ranked athlete / pair in each of the five events on the BWF Ranking on May 2, 2023 will be named to the Pan American Games Team to equal 4 female athletes & 4 male athletes unless an athlete or multiple athletes are the best ranked in more than one event (see section on duplicates below).

If the USA is allotted 3 female and 3 male slots, the best ranked athlete / pair in each of the singles events and the female and male doubles events (not mixed) on the BWF Ranking on May 2, 2023 will be named to the Pan American Games Team to equal 3 female athletes & 3 male athletes unless an athlete or multiple athletes are the best ranked in more than one event (see section on duplicates below).

If the USA is allotted 2 female and 2 male slots, the best ranked athlete / pair in each of the singles events and the mixed doubles (not men's or women's doubles) event on the BWF Ranking on May 2, 2023 will be named to the Pan American Games Team to equal 2 female athletes & 2 male athletes unless an athlete or multiple athletes are the best ranked in more than one event (see section on duplicates below).

This will conclude the selection unless one or more players has qualified in one or more events.

If an athlete(s) is/are the best ranked in multiple events, athletes will be selected according to the below up to the total number of quotas per gender awarded.

Duplicates - Athlete Addition Procedure:

- Additions will be based on the following criteria:

A. If there is one duplicate (female or male) the next best ranked eligible singles player of the same gender will be added.

B. If there are two female and/or two male duplicates, the next best ranked eligible doubles pair (female and/or male but not mixed) will be added. Exception: If USA was allotted three spots and there is a duplicate female player AND a duplicate male player the next best ranked eligible mixed team will be selected.

Note:

If in the initial allocation, USA did not receive the maximum quota of 4 men and 4 women, and is awarded an additional quota slot, additional athletes will be named according to these procedures.

To determine which Pan American Games athletes will play in which events at the Pan Am Games the following criteria will be used to select the maximum allowed entries (Each NOC may register a maximum of three (3) players for Singles events and two (2) couples (pairs) for the Doubles events)

The best ranked players and pairs, selected for the Pan Am Games using the procedures above, in each event as of the qualifying date (May 2, 2023) will be entered first.

The remaining players can form partnerships in women's and men's doubles.

The additional women's and men's singles slots will be filled in the order the players are listed on the BWF singles ranking as of May 2, 2023 or if none listed, the USAB singles ranking of the same date. If no singles ranking the players in the BWF mixed ranking will be added to the singles entries first by BWF ranking and then by USAB ranking order. If none ranked, the players listed in doubles will be added as singles entry in ranking order as above.

The second mixed position will be filled by the best ranked man and the best ranked woman in the BWF mixed doubles rankings of May 2, 2023 who will form a pair. If no pair is formed, the next best ranked man and best ranked women in the men's and women's doubles ranking will be entered as a pair.

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, 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](#).
- 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>).
- 3.1.6. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1 of these selection procedures.

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 USA BADMINTON 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:
 - A. If a singles player is removed, declines an invitation or withdraws from the event the next best ranked singles player will be added to the Pan Am Games Team. This will be repeated until a replacement player is selected.
 - B. If a doubles or mixed doubles player is removed, declines an invitation or withdraws from the team, the pair will be deselected and the next best ranked doubles or mixed doubles pair will be named to the team. This will be repeated until a replacement pair is selected.
- 4.1.1. prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:

Provided replacements are still accepted, USAB will replace according to the process stated in section 4.1.
- 4.1.2. after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee: Refer to 4.1.

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 Pan American 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 BPAC by 22 May 2023 and to USOPC on or before July 20, 2023.

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 2023 Pan AM 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
- Richard Alcaraz – USAB AAC Alternate 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: [Grievance-Procedures USAB 113022.pdf \(usa badminton.org\)](#)

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, APC, as applicable, and/or BWF/BPAC rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, Panam Sports, 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		2/6/23
Coaching Chair USAB Board of Directors	Nibu Paul		2/6/23
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Alternate Representative*	RICHARD G. ALVAREZ		02/07/23

* 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.