

# UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

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## NATURAL TRACK NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

### Objective

To have it be comprised of athletes on the basis of their performance, dedication, and potential to win on the International level.

### Selection Process

- A) The two highest ranked men, the two highest ranked women, and the two highest ranked doubles team, from the Senior Seeding Races, will automatically qualify for the Natural Track National Team, provided that there is a minimum of twelve (12) men's singles competitors, and in the case of women, a minimum of ten (10) women's singles competitors, and in the case of doubles teams, a minimum of six (6) doubles teams, racing in each and every race in each respective discipline.

Should there be less than these numbers racing in each respective discipline in at least one race, only the highest ranked man, the highest ranked woman, and the highest ranked doubles team will automatically qualify for the Natural Track National Team, provided that there is a minimum of eight (8) men's singles competitors, and in the case of women, a minimum of six (6) women's singles competitors, and in the case of doubles teams, a minimum of three (3) doubles teams racing in each and every race in each respective discipline

- B) At the present time, these rules do not allow the team to be any larger than two men's singles competitors, two women's singles competitors and two doubles teams. Should there be less than 8 men or 6 women or 3 doubles teams, discretionary selections, subject to approval of the Executive Board, are permitted upon recommendation of a Natural Track Team Selection Committee composed of three individuals selected by the Chairman of the National Team Committee and the Executive Director.

### Conduct

The objective of the Natural Track National Team is to produce trained, competitive athletes capable of winning on the International level. All Natural Track National Team members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with USLA policies. They are also required to participate, to the best of their ability, in all activities including a physical evaluation test. During all trips, the Natural Track National Team Head Coach will remain in contact with the USLA and will have full authority over the Natural Track National Team members.

#### Vacancies

- A) If an athlete cannot attend a trip due to financial reasons (when the athlete must pay for the trip out of their own pocket) they will still retain their Natural Track National Team status for the remainder of that selection period.
- B) In the event an athlete qualifies in more than one discipline, i.e., singles and doubles, the vacancy will not allow for any additional members to be added to the team.

#### Discretionary Selections

Discretionary selections to the Natural Track National Team are made by the chairperson of the National Team Committee and the USLA Executive Director, based on recommendations from the Natural Track Head Coach, the National Team Committee member representing Natural Track, and one other person familiar with the Natural Track discipline who is designated by the National Team Committee Chairperson.

#### Candidate Status

A Natural Track athlete named to the status of National Team Candidate can earn National Team status during that year by demonstrating international competitiveness by meeting both of two standards:

- A) Finishing in the top half of his/her discipline in the North American Natural Track Championships; and,
- B) Finishing in the top half of the field at the World Championships, the European Championships, or at another international Natural Track race that has at least the same number of entrants, and a field of nations that is at least as large, as the lower attended race of either the World Championships or the European Championships.