



2014 National Men and Women's Team Selection Procedure:

The Men and Women's National Teams will consist of four athletes each, with the exception of the teams sent to compete at the World Championships (see below). Only athletes eligible to represent the USA at the World Championships will be eligible for National Team membership. USATT will fully fund up to four (4) athletes/gender for National Team Program activities, depending upon USATT's needs for an event. All athletes earning a position on the National Teams must sign the Code of Conduct before their selection is final.

USATT will select the 2014 National Team as follows:

- **Direct Qualification:** US eligible athletes listed among the top 30 in the 2014 ITTF World Ranking list #1 (January) will directly qualify for the Men's or Women's National Teams.
- **Trials:** After the athletes ranked in the ITTF top 30, the remaining positions will be given to the top athletes at the 2014 National Team Trials in order of finish.
 - In the event that an athlete declines a position on the National Team, or is otherwise deemed ineligible for the Team, the next highest finishing player at the Team Trials will be granted that position until all 4 positions per gender are filled.
 - The date and location of the Trials, along with any entry fees and entry deadlines, will be announced separately.
- **Coach's Picks:** The USATT World Team will consist of the National Team of 4 athletes per gender, plus a 5th athlete per gender who will be selected by the respective National Team Coach. The Men and Women's National Team Coaches respectively will each select, at their discretion, one athlete/gender to join the National Teams at the 2014 World Championships. Should the National Team Coach propose to select one of that Coach's personal students, the Coach shall instead make a recommendation for the selection to the USATT High Performance Committee (HPC). The HPC will evaluate potential candidates, including the one recommended by the Coach, and the HPC will make the final selection. The Coach's Picks will self-fund their participation at the World Championships.

All selected players must sign the code of conduct before being nominated as National Team members.

2014 National Team Trials Playing System:

Unless otherwise specified, the latest available USATT ratings at the time of the draw will be used. If players have equal ratings, the tie will be broken by lot.

The Trials will be held over 3 days for each gender as follows:
Geographical separation will be used to construct the draw.

First day:

- Single elimination tournament. The winner will secure No. 1 position on the respective National Team.
- Players will be seeded based on USATT most recent ratings available at the time of the draw.
- The top 8 seeded players will receive direct entries into the round of 16.
- All players who reach the round of 16 automatically qualify for the 2nd and 3rd day of the Trials.
- Players who fail to reach the round of 16 have the option of playing in a single elimination qualification tournament for a place in the 2nd and 3rd day of the Trials.
- The 1st place finisher of the qualification tournament will qualify for the 2nd and 3rd day of the Trials.
- The 2nd place finisher of the qualification tournament will qualify for the 3rd day of the Trials.
- Prior to the Round of 16, and in the subsequent qualification tournament, all matches will be the best 3 out of 5 games.



- Starting with the Round of 16 all remaining matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.

Second day:

- Single elimination tournament. The winner will secure No. 2 position on the respective National Team.
- The losing finalist of the first day tournament will be seeded #1.
- Of the losing semifinalists of the first day tournament, the player with the higher rating will be seeded #2, and the player with the lower rating will be seeded #3.
- Of the losing quarterfinalists of the first day tournament, the player with the highest rating will be seeded #3, and the remaining players will be seeded #5.
- Of the remaining qualifying players as specified above (in the description of the first day), the player with the highest rating at the time of the draw will be seeded #5, and the remaining players will be seeded #9.
- All matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.

Third day:

- Single elimination/Progressive knockout tournament. The winner will secure No. 3 position on the respective National Team and the runner-up will secure No. 4 position on the respective National team.
- The semifinalists will play one match to determine the 5th and 6th positions in the Trials (1st and 2nd alternates for the Teams).
- The losing quarterfinalists will play the progressive knockout to determine 7th and 8th positions in the Trials and team alternates.
- The losing finalist of the second day tournament will be seeded #1.
- Of the losing semifinalists of the second day tournament, the player with the higher rating will be seeded #2, and the player with the lower rating will be seeded #3.
- Of the losing quarterfinalists of the second day tournament, the player with the highest rating will be seeded #3, and the remaining players will be seeded #5.
- Of the remaining qualifying players as specified above (in the description of the first day), the player with the highest rating at the time of the draw will be seeded #5, and the remaining players will be seeded #9.
- All matches will be best 4 out of 7 games.

Players defaulting on the First day and the Second day are still eligible to compete on subsequent days of the Trials. Players defaulting on the last day of the Trials for any reason other than injury will not be considered for the National Team.

A player who withdraws due to injury must submit a written notice from a certified medical doctor stating the nature of illness or injury which prevented the player from completing the event. The notice must be received within seven (7) days from the close of competition.

In the event that a doctor's note is not submitted to the High Performance Director in time, the athlete will be ineligible for the 2014 USATT National Team without further notice.

Members of the National Team are expected to participate in all mandatory team activities. Any athlete who fails to attend a mandatory event may, at the discretion of the HPC, per recommendation of respective team coach, be removed from the National Team.

Note: Details regarding the event location, dates, and draw will be announced in the Trials Prospectus.

The playing system may be changed depending upon the number of entries. Any such changes will be announced within 4 days after the entry deadline.