



2016 Selection Procedure - Cadet and Junior Teams

There will be two versions of each National & Cadet and Junior Teams for 2016: First half, and second half of the year.

For the first half of the 2016 year the team will be selected based on two criteria: (1) World rankings, and (2) the finishing order at the Trials to be held during US Nationals on December 14 -19, 2015.

The second selection of National Cadet and Junior Teams will be based on:

- 1- World ranking
2. a-The points accumulated at the first Trials held on December 14 -19, 2015;
b- The points accumulated at 2016 US Nationals in Cadets and respective Junior Singles events; and
c- The ITTF WR in the respective category (see point system chart).

The teams for the first half of 2016:

Each National Team will be composed of 4 athletes/team/gender and will be selected as follows:

I - World Ranking

- * US athletes eligible for the 2016 Cadet Team, ranked in the top 10 of the 2015 ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list issued in November (including October results), will directly qualify to the Cadet National Team.
- * US athletes eligible for the 2016 Junior Team, ranked in the top 20 of the 2015 ITTF Under 18 World Ranking list issued in November (including October results), will directly qualify to the Junior National Team.

The athletes who qualify for the first half team through the World Ranking list will also receive 100 points that will count towards their final standing for the second half team after the 2016 US Nationals. In other words, those directly-qualified players will be treated as if they had achieved 100 points in the 2015 US Nationals trial.

II - US Trials for Cadet and Junior Teams

The remaining spots for the first half team will be determined at the US Junior and Cadet Team Trials to be held in Las Vegas during the US Nationals, December 14 -19, 2015.



Playing system for 2016 First Half Team Trials

1. First Stage – Players who do not directly qualify for the Second Stage round robins will be snaked into six groups. Each group will play in a single elimination competition, with the winner of each group advancing to the Second Stage.
2. Second Stage - Two Round Robins of up to 6 people each. Six players will be directly qualified in the second stage of their respective age group. These six shall consist of all 2015 National Junior and Cadet National Team members as of December 1st, 2015 who enter the Trials, with any remaining direct qualifiers being filled by the top players/gender and age category based on the USATT ratings as of December 1st, 2015.

In case of an exact tie by rating for the last direct qualifying position, reference will be made to the November 1st, 2015 USATT ratings list and the higher-rated player will qualify. If the players are still tied, reference would be made to the October 1st, 2015 USATT ratings list and so on until the tie is broken.

NOTE: the Second Stage of the competitions may be composed of fewer than twelve athletes.

The Round Robins shall be seeded using USATT ratings, as published on December 1, 2015, using the “snake” method as commonly used by tournament directors. Geographic separation shall not be taken into consideration in preparing the Second Stage draws:

- a. The top two finishers from each RR shall cross-over and play for 1st-4th place. The third and fourth finishers of each RR shall cross over and play for 5th-8th place.
- b. In the event that a player is unable to play a given match in the Second Stage, he or she will be disqualified from the Trials and removed from the competition. All matches which were played will stand. Within seven (7) days from the close of competition, the withdrawn player must submit a written notice from a certified medical doctor stating the nature of illness or injury that prevented the player from completing the Trials. In the event that the withdrawal was without justified basis such as illness or injury, or the athlete fails to provide the High Performance Directory with an acceptable doctor's note, that athlete shall, without any further notice, become ineligible for placement on the 2016 USA National Team.



All matches will be played best of five.

Schedule conflicts for the Trials will be solved per regular procedure for Nationals by the control desk.

In case the conflict cannot be solved the players must forfeit their match in the other US Nationals event.

Eligibility

- **Athletes must be US Citizens**
- **Juniors and Cadets must be eligible to represent USA at World Events**
- **Athletes must be members in good standing of USA Table Tennis for the entire year 2016; signing up for the year in advance is highly recommended.**
- **For the junior event- players born on or after January 1, 1998.**
- **For the cadet event – players born on or after Jan 1, 2001.**
- **Players must sign and abide by the USATT code of conduct.**

The Teams for the second half of 2016:

Will be selected as follows:

I - World Ranking

* US athletes eligible for the 2016 Cadet Team who are ranked in top 10 of the June 1st, 2016 ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list, will directly qualify to the Cadet National Team.

* US athletes eligible for the 2016 Junior Team who are ranked in top 20 of the June 1st, 2016 ITTF Under 18 World Ranking list, will directly qualify to the Junior National Team.

II- The remaining spots of the team will be selected based on the points accumulated at US Team Trials held in December 2015, points accumulated at 2016 US Nationals and ITTF WR list in the relative category, per the following chart:



National team selection-Points System:				
<i>pos</i>	US Trials/December	<i>Pos</i>	US Trials/2016 Nationals	ITTF World Ranking List
1	100	1	100	The highest rating points in the past 4 months/30. April, May, June, July, 2016 ranking lists will be considered
2	75	2	75	
3	55	3	55	
4	40	4	40	
5	28	5	28	
6	24	6	24	
7	20	7	20	
8	16	8	16	
9	14	9	14	
10	12	10	12	
11	10	11	10	
12	8	12	8	

Except for players who qualify directly by ITTF World Ranking, athletes must participate in both the US Trials held at 2015 US Nationals and 2016 US Nationals in order to be considered for the National Team.

If there is a tie between two players (i.e. for 2015 US Nationals Trials + 2016 US Nationals Trials + ITTF ranking), the tie-breaker will be the results at the **2016 US Nationals Trials.**

The Playing system for Trials to be held at 2016 US Nationals will be the same as the playing system used for 2016 First Half Team Trials held at 2015 Nationals (see above).

The date to be used for selection of the top 6 direct qualifiers in the second stage and the ratings for seeding and draw purpose is June 1st, 2016.

Any changes/additions to this selection procedure will be announced in due time in the Prospectus for each Trials.

General Notes and Replacement Procedures

Participation in all National Team Programs is mandatory for all National Team members! In the unlikely circumstance that a Junior or Cadet National Team



member is unavailable to participate in a sponsored event, the following shall apply:

- If a Junior or Cadet National Team member is unavailable to participate in a sponsored event, and if a replacement is necessary for that event, the USATT High Performance Director, in consultation with the relevant National Team Coach, shall use objective criteria to nominate a replacement athlete to the High Performance Committee. The objective criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the finishing order in the Trials, the current world ranking, the current rating, recent national and international performance, and the athlete's recent training regimen. The High Performance Committee may accept or reject the nominated athlete for replacement, however cannot itself nominate a replacement. (Note: Both Cadets and Juniors will be considered as candidates as replacements for Juniors who are unavailable for Junior sponsored events). Replacements are for the specific event only.
- Players not available to participate in one of the events included in the National Team program will not be eligible for funding for the rest of the year, and may be removed from the National Team at the discretion of the High Performance Director. Athletes may submit a request to the High Performance Committee to approve the funding for the rest of the year and not be removed from National teams; the request will be approved only if special circumstances are found.
- Once an athlete has been removed from a Team he/she will be ineligible to be selected for any future events until the end of the year, regardless of a subsequent Trials result, unless Team membership is explicitly restored by the High Performance Committee.