

## Selection Process for ITTF Universality Allocation Slots

ITTF notified USATT on March 24, 2015 that slots are available for participation through a universality selection process, determined in the discretion of the ITTF. ITTF invited USATT to recommend athletes for consideration. The total number of available slots for all nations are (10) for men and (7) for women. There is no guarantee that the US will receive any universality slots. Deadline for submission of recommend athletes to the ITTF is April 10, 2015.

In response to the ITTF communication, the USATT has developed the following procedure to recommend athletes for ITTF consideration.

Based on the ITTF requirement, slots will be allocated taking into consideration universality and viability, USATT will submit the names of (4) men and (1) women ranked on a priority basis. A selection committee comprised of USATT Para Program Director, USATT High Performance Director, and a Paralympic Table Tennis elite athlete shall recommend athletes to USATT for submission to the ITTF.

The following criteria will be utilized:

1. USATT will not recommend athletes already nominated to participate in the Parapan American Games.
2. Classes will only be considered if they have not already met the maximum quota of athletes allowed.
3. More than one athlete may be recommended per class.
4. Athletes must be internationally ranked for consideration.
5. Athletes in those classes that have the best opportunity to medal at the Parapan American Games.
6. ITTF ranking as of April 1, 2015.
7. Athlete's recent performance at national and international competitions in 2014 and 2015 to include trend of improvement.
8. Para USATT National Team coach input as to athlete capabilities.
9. Consideration of the following criteria that the ITTF will utilize when selecting athletes for the universality slots:
  - a. Placement at World Championships
  - b. Placement at Regional/Zonal Championships or Regional Games
  - c. Placement in other IF sanctioned Competitions or Qualifiers

- d. Rank on a World or Regional Ranking List
- e. Rank on a specific Parapan American Qualification Ranking List
- f. Achievement of a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) with or without subsequent Quota Allocation Formula

If the ITTF selects any U.S. athletes for the universality allocation slots, USATT shall notify those athletes.



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