

Actions of the USATT High Performance Committee (HPC)
October – November 2014

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During October – November 2014, the HPC did not hold any formal meetings or conference calls. However, the following summary of its actions and discussions is offered to inform USATT members about the HPC's activities conducted by email, and through participation in the other USATT activities.

1. The USOC informed USATT that no funding would be provided to support our High Performance program for 2015. Although the USOC's support in recent years has tended to be targeted for particular athletes, this was a significant financial loss to the program. The USOC explained that it is focusing on sports with more immediate potential for medals.
2. The HPC reviewed and approved selection criteria for the adult national teams to the World Singles Championships and Pan American Games. The approved system will continue to use the multiple knockout draw format, with geographical separation to be applied during the first day's draw only. Another significant change involved the coach's pick, which will be an option intended only for a case of illness or injury to an exceptional candidate for the team. The applicable and controlling language regarding these modifications is contained in the posted selection procedure.
3. An initial discussion took place regarding selection criteria for 2015 Para national teams.
4. An announcement was prepared to solicit applications from players for the new direct support program, but was not posted yet pending a further discussion about the potential availability and level of funding for 2015.