

Actions of the USATT High Performance Committee (HPC)
November, 2013

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During November, 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 playing format for the adult national team trials was finalized and posted on the USATT website.
2. An issue was raised by the parent of an athlete who has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Canada. This athlete has represented Canada in international competition, and thus is not eligible to represent the U.S. at this time according to ITTF rules. In the upcoming Nationals, several of the events for young players also serve as the team trial for national teams, and the prospectus for playing in them requires ITTF eligibility to represent the U.S. in international competition. The question was whether the athlete could compete anyway, but simply not be eligible for team membership. Among other points, the parent stated that a citizen should be able to compete in a country's national championship.

Because the current rules under the published prospectus limits these particular events to ITTF-eligible athletes, HPC Chair Mr. Danner recommended that this player not be authorized to compete in 2013. However, the HPC may consider a rule change for future Nationals in light of the points raised by the parent, and especially if the team trial process is changed to reflect multiple events. Mr. Cavanaugh ultimately determined that the existing rules did not permit this athlete to participate in these events in the 2013 Nationals, while also offering the assistance of USATT should the family wish to register the athlete with the ITTF and undergo the waiting period to become eligible to represent the U.S.