



USATT High Performance

2019 Points System for Designated Qualifying Tournaments for TTTeam USA Effective January 1, 2019

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As per the approved selection procedures for TTTeam USA, the following system will be used for the qualifying tournaments for 2019 to determine the players earning guaranteed places on TTTeam USA from the beginning of the following year by finishing in the top two places in each age category in the final annual ranking of all qualifying competitions (National Ranking Tournaments and US Nationals), and to rank other players who may be selected by the USATT HPD and National Team Coaches.

Note that while it is not mandatory for players to participate in all of these events listed below to be considered for TTTeam USA, it is strongly encouraged and these results will be given weight in selections of players for the team and for particular international competitions.

- Every athlete who seeks a place on the TTTeam USA should plan to compete in at least 2 out of the 3 qualifying events for his or her primary age group (i.e. adults should play men's or women's, juniors should play juniors, cadets should play cadets, and mini-cadets should play mini-cadets). Athletes selected for the team will usually come from those who have met this requirement.
- In addition to playing 2 out of the 3 qualifying events for their primary age group, athletes can also "play up" to older age groups to help demonstrate their qualifications at a higher level. Athletes who play up will help themselves the most in selection by also participating in at least 2 out of 3 events at the older age level as well.
- Athletes who decide to compete only in older age group(s), e.g. a junior who might play the adult but not the junior qualifying events, need to be exceptionally strong for their own age group and have to prove this by their results. They also need to be already competitive in the older age group, to be considered for being selected. It might be only a small number of athletes, at most, for whom this makes sense, as the intent is for the age level qualifying events to feature most or all of the strongest players in that category. This is to promote frequent, meaningful competition among our top athletes.

For each of the four age categories (adult, junior, cadet, mini cadet), one qualifying tournament will be designated in the spring and another in the fall/winter. The third qualifying tournament will be the US Nationals, and the specific qualifying events will be designated on the entry blank. For the adult men and women, the ITTF World Cup (Singles event) from the prior year and for the youth boys and girls, the ITTF World Junior Circuit Finals (Singles event) from the prior year are also considered a substitute qualifying event for an individual player who has competed in it.

Only athletes eligible, according to the rules and regulations of the ITTF, to represent the USA at **Olympic**, Continental **or** World title events will be eligible for the USATT National

Ranking Tournaments and TTTeam USA.

The following procedures will be used:

1. The first designated qualifying competition for the adults is designated as the 1st USATT Adult National Ranking Tournament. Seeding will be done based first on ITTF world ranking, second by USATT rating. The Top twenty-four (24) players will earn between 80 and 5 points each.
2. The first designated qualifying competition for the youth is designated as the 1st USATT Youth National Ranking Tournament. Seeding will be done based first on ITTF world ranking, second by USATT rating. The Top twenty-four (24) players will earn between 80 and 5 points each.
3. Participants of the last Men's and Women's World Cups (Singles) and the World Junior Circuit Finals (Singles) in the previous year will have the option of not participating in the first designated qualifying competition of their corresponding age category, but will receive 80 points instead. This reflects the high level of continental accomplishment represented by qualifying for the World Cup or the World Junior Circuit Finals.
4. At the second designated qualifying tournament for the adults and youth, the US Nationals, the top thirty-two (32) players in each specific qualifying event will earn between 80 and 5 points each.
5. The third designated qualifying tournament for the adults and the youth will be the 2nd USATT National Ranking Tournaments. The Top ten (10) point winners from the combination of the previous two designated qualifying tournaments will be qualified for the main draw, other places will be determined by qualifying rounds at the event. Up to two (2) additional places for the main draw may be determined by the HPD for players who either missed one of the prior qualifying events, or had disadvantages due to illness or injury, or had an excuse authorized by the HPD. Players placed into the event on this latter basis will be given the greater of the points they actually earned from performance in prior qualifying events, or the same points as the last player qualified for the main draw (or round of 32 finishers in the Nationals). Any remaining places (up to 2) will be given to point winners 11 and 12 from the prior qualifying tournaments. In the event that players who are eligible by points from their prior performances do not participate, the HPD will go further down the list to determine which players are eligible. For example, if point winners ranked 5 and 7 decline to participate, then point winners 11 and 12 will be invited and point winners 13 and 14 may be eligible for additional places if they are available.
6. Any ties between players with regard to points or seedings will be broken first by reference to the most recent ITTF world rankings; second by the most current USATT rating; and third (if necessary) by a single qualifying match if both players agree to it, or by a coin flip if they do not.

Finally, players should note that the majority of positions on TTTeam USA will be awarded by the HPD and NT coaches to players who did not win guaranteed positions through these competitions. Thus, it is important to compete well and finish as strongly as possible in each tournament.

Points System designated qualifying competitions

1. The HPC issues a point-by-point list every season.
2. For the points system points for results in designated qualifying competitions will be awarded in the different age categories.
3. The score for the points ranking is determined by the HPC as follows:

Adults

Top 16 I		Nationals		Top 16 II	
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	80	1	80	1	80
2	75	2	75	2	75
3	70	SF	65	3	70
4	65			4	65
5	60	QF	45	5	60
6	55			6	55
7	50			7	50
8	45			8	45
9	40	8ths	25	9	40
10	35			10	35
11	30			11	30
12	25			12	25
13	20			13	20
14	15			14	15
15	10			15	10
16	5			16	5
Qu.5-8	5	16ths	5	Qu.5-8	5

Youth

Top 24		Nationals		Top 16	
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	80	1	80	1	80
2	75	2	75	2	75
3	70	SF	65	3	70
4	65			4	65
5	60	QF	45	5	60
6	55			6	55
7	50			7	50
8	45			8	45
9	40	8ths	25	9	40
10	35			10	35
11	30			11	30
12	25			12	25
13	20			13	20
14	15			14	15
15	10			15	10
16	9			16	5
17	8	16ths	5	Qu.5-8	5
18	7				
19	6				
20-24	5				

4. If two or more players have the same number of points in the points ranking, the better ranking in the current World Ranking counts first, next then would be a decision by current USATT rating.
5. Players qualified for the last World Cup or World Junior Circuit Final are not forced to participate in the first designated qualifying competition, but will receive the highest score for the respective competition, same for the ones who are exempted by USATT.
6. Players who are qualified or nominated for the main draw of designated qualifying competitions, but have not participated due to injury or illness, or have not finished the tournament due to injury / illness will receive the same points as the last player qualified for the main draw.