



## Selection Procedure - 2014 Cadet and Junior Teams

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 2014 Cadet Team, ranked in top 10 of the October 2013 ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list, will directly qualify to the Cadet National Team.
- \* US athletes eligible for the 2014 Junior Team, ranked in top 20 of the October 2013 ITTF Under 18 World Ranking list, will directly qualify to the Junior National Team.

### II - US Trials for Cadet and Junior Teams

The remaining spots will be determined at the US Junior and Cadet Team Trials to be held in Las Vegas during the US Nationals, December 17 -21, 2013.

#### **Playing system for 2014 Team Trials**

1. First Stage - Single elimination until up to 6 competitors remain. Those remaining competitors will progress 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 2013 National Junior and Cadet National Team members as of December 1st, 2013, who enter the Trials, with any remaining direct qualifiers being filled by the top six players/gender and age category will be filled out based on the USATT ratings as of December 1st, 2013.

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, 2013, using the “snake” method as commonly used by tournament directors. Geographic separation shall not be taken into consideration in the Second Stage

- a. The top two finishers from each RR shall cross-over and play for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place. The third and fourth finishers of each RR should cross over and play for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place.
- b. In the event any player is unable to finish all matches in this Second Stage, all of his or her matches in the Stage shall be vacated and not taken into account for final results, and the individual will be deemed as disqualified from the event. However, the match results shall count for USATT ratings. Within seven (7) days from the close of competition, the withdrawn player(s) must submit a written notice from a certified medical doctor stating the nature of illness or injury that prevented the player from completing the event. In the event the withdrawal from event was without justified basis such as illness or injury, or the athlete fails to provide the High Performance Director with an acceptable doctor’s note that athlete shall, without any further notice, become ineligible from for later placement on the 2014 USA National Team.

**All matches will be played best of five.**

Schedule conflicts for 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 event.

**Eligibility**

- **Athletes must be US Citizens**
- **Juniors must be eligible to represent USA at World Events and Olympic Games**
- **Athletes must be members in good standing of USA Table Tennis for the entire year 2013; signing up for the year in advance highly recommended.**
- **For the junior event- born on or after January 1, 1996.**
- **For the cadet event – born on or after Jan 1, 1999.**
- **Sign and abide by the USATT code of conduct.**

## **Replacement of Players for Events or as National Team Members –**

If a Junior or Cadet National Team member is unavailable to participate in a sponsored event, the USATT High Performance Director, in consultation with the particular National Team Coach involved shall use objective criteria in nominating a replacement athlete to the High Performance Committee if a replacement is necessary for that tournament. The objective criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the finisher order from the Trials, the current world ranking, the current rating, the recent national and international performance, and the recent training regimen. The High Performance Committee may accept or reject the nominated athlete for replacement, however cannot nominate a replacement. (Note: Both Cadets and Juniors will be considered as candidates as replacements for Juniors who are unavailable for Junior sponsored events).

### **2013 Youth Olympic Games selection:**

Per 2014 Youth Olympic Game Selection Procedure posted at:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Features/2013/May/20/2014-Youth-Olympic-Games-Selection-Procedure> ,

USATT will select its athletes participating at the 2014 Road to Nanjing Series and the Continental Qualification based on the following criteria:

1. US athlete(s) ranked among Top 20 ITTF Junior World Ranking (WR) list issued on November, 2013.
2. Finishing order at the 2014 US Junior Trials held in December 2013 at the US Nationals in Las Vegas, NV among those eligible for 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

**NOTE:** Athletes finishing 5-8 will be named as “B Team”. However, they have no rights, privileges, benefits or obligations unless promoted to the National Team and have executed a code of conduct. Athletes must be members in good standing of USA Table Tennis for the entire year 2014; signing up for the year in advance highly recommended.