



Selection Procedure - 2013 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 eligible athletes for 2013 Cadet Team, ranked in top 10 of the October 2012 ITTF Under 15 World Ranking list will directly qualify to the Cadet National Team.
- * US eligible athletes for 2013 Junior Team, ranked in top 20 of the October 2012 ITTF Under 18 World Ranking list will directly qualify to the Junior National Team.

NOTE: Based on selection criteria, **I- World ranking**, Ariel Hsing and Lily Zhang qualified to the 2013 National Junior Girls Team. Therefore only top 2 finishers at the Junior Girls Trials will qualify to the 2013 National Junior Girls 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 18 -22, 2012.

Playing system for 2013 Team Trials

1. First Stage - Single elimination until 12 competitors remain.
2. Second Stage - Two Round Robins of up to 6 people each. The Round Robins shall be seeded using ratings, through snake method as commonly used by tournament directors. Geographic separation shall not be taken into consideration this Second Stage
 - a. The top two finishers from each RR shall cross-over and play for order 1-4. The third and fourth finishers of each RR should cross over and play for 5th-8th place.
 - b. In the event any player is unable to finish all matches in this Second Stage , all of his or her matches shall be vacated and not taken into account for final results, and the individual deemed disqualified from the event. However the match results shall count for ratings. In the event of such withdrawal, the player must submit within seven (7) days from the close of competition, 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 a doctor's note stating so, then that athlete shall become ineligible from the 2014 USA National Team without any further notice.

All 2012 National Junior and Cadet National Team members as of December 1st, 2012, who enter the Trials, will directly qualify to the second stage of their respective age group Trials.

Example: All 2012 Cadet National Team members who are still eligible for the Cadet Team in 2013 will be directly qualified in the second stage of the Cadet Team Trials. If a player was in National Cadet Team in 2012 but is no longer eligible for the cadet team in 2013 he/she must play in the qualification stage for the Junior Trials, unless he/she was a Junior Team member in 2012.

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**
- **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, 1995.**
- **For the cadet event – born on or after Jan 1, 1998.**
- **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).

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 2013; signing up for the year in advance highly recommended.